



## Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

**Incident Name:** Homelessness Emergency  
**Situation Report #** 2

**Incident Commander:** Aaron Lande  
**Operational Period:** December 2023

### **New Emergency Orders (if any)**

NONE

### **Emergency Operations Center**

- Homelessness Emergency Action Plan (HEAP) has been drafted and circulated to staff section leaders.
- Vancouver Homeless Persons' Memorial was December 21<sup>st</sup>. In 2023 the community lost 45 people. That includes 1 advocate, 13 who were housed but previously homeless, 31 who were homeless. Of the 31 who were homeless at time of death, 23 were unsheltered and 8 were sheltered. 13 of these deaths were confirmed overdoses.

### **HART Activities**

- HART conducted clean-ups throughout the Burnt Bridge Creek trail system, including along the Ellen Davis Trail, Discovery Trail, Arnold Park and in Leverich Park. These clean-ups resulted in multiple referrals into Safe Stay Community 4, as some of those areas fall within the no-camping buffer for that site.
- Additional cleanups conducted along Mill Plain soundwall, W. 16<sup>th</sup>, and the blocks around Share House (W. 13<sup>th</sup>- W. 11<sup>th</sup> & Lincoln – Jefferson)
- HART is participating in Point in Time Count planning for the January 25<sup>th</sup> PIT Count. In preparation for annual count, all local jurisdictions halt encampment removals a week or two prior so as to not move people around right before the count and lose track of them.

### **Safe Park/Stay Safe**

- The City's fourth Safe Stay Community opened on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4611 Main Street. This site is being operated by Do Good Multnomah.

- Shower/restroom facilities were added to Safe Stay Communities 1 & 2 and Safe Park.
- Thrive 2 Survive began operating the Safe Park site on January 1<sup>st</sup> and changed the name of the community to Road 2 Home.

### **Community Court**

- City staff continue to work with community partners to identify a new location for the Community Court program.
- The Community Court program team presented to the Clark County Law and Justice Council on 12/8/23. Some takeaways from that presentation:
  - 5 individuals have accessed detox and/or inpatient treatment without being mandated to do so;
  - 52% of Community Court graduates have obtained shelter and/or housing through participation in the program;
  - 7 participants are housed (6 of those graduated from Community Court);
  - 15 participants are in shelter (8 of those graduated from Community Court).

### **Community Response Teams (CRT)**

- Through November 2023: Columbia River Mental Health (CRMH)'s Fourth Plain CRT screened 40 calls. 20 of these calls resulted in an in-person response with resolution.
- December 1-22, 2023: 22 calls screened, 17 resulted in an in-person response with resolution.
- Fourth Plain CRT spoke with more than 100 businesses in the corridor about the team and the work they can perform.

### **Property Closures**

- Under Emergency Order 2023-003, the City Manager has declared three publicly owned properties closed to outdoor habitation. The list of properties can be found on the City's [Homelessness Emergency Declaration](#) page.