

## Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

**Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency  
Situation Report # 3**

**Incident Commander: Aaron Lande  
Operational Period: January 2024**

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

NONE

### **Emergency Operations Center**

- Working with CRESA, VPD and VFD on data collection/tracking for ED purposes
- We've lost 8 people since the Homeless Memorial in December
  - Housed in Supportive Housing Program: 1 OD death
  - Unsheltered: 3 OD deaths + 1 suspected OD
  - We're already on track to surpass 2023 numbers

### **HART Activities**

- Corporal Metevia officially joined HART as second officer.
- Conducted recruitment for second HART Outreach Specialist.
- HART conducted clean-ups around Share House, along the Mill Plain sound wall, and on Campus Drive.
- Conducted HART training at VPD New Sgt. Academy (training for newly promoted sergeants in dept.)
- Participated in annual Point in Time Count – our team covers BBC and adjacent/connected trails (Ellen Davis, Discovery, Arnold Park, Cold Creek, etc.), much of which is off-limits to camping due to being within a fire impact area. For that reason, we counted very few people in the portion of our counting zone where camping is not allowed...less than a handful.
- Severe Weather response:
  - HART picked up cold weather supplies from CFTH to distribute during snow and ice...many outreach teams were unable to conduct outreach due to road conditions.
  - Helped people access shelter and/or obtain motel vouchers
  - Assisted River City Church when they were short on volunteers

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

- Safe Stay 4 has a name! They really wanted to establish themselves as neighbors and a new part of that community, so residents and staff have decided on Kiggins Village.

### **Community Court**

- City staff continue to work with community partners to identify a new location for the Community Court program.

### **Property Closures**

- Under Emergency Order 2023-003, the City Manager has declared two additional publicly owned sites closed to outdoor habitation.

### **CRT Dec. 22 through Jan. 25:**

- **Updates**
  - Incoming calls that were screened: 14
  - Outreach engagements: 13
  - Number of business contacted: 34
  - Additional Public Engagement: 16
- **Partnerships**
  - St Vincent de Paul – CRT on site twice a week
  - The Lord’s Gym – CRT on site once a week
  - Recovery’ Café – CRT on site once a week
  - The Giving Closet – CRT on site once a week
  - The Center, Adventist Community Services – CRT on site twice a week starting this week
  - Fourth Plain Forward – Partnership with CRT for an upcoming Community Forum
- **Success Story**
  - CRT was on-site at River City Church for two days during the winter snow and ice storm. The HART team had identified a need for support and requested CRT’s presence and assistance. The team talked with individuals to identify immediate needs and provided phone numbers to local resources. They also provided emotional support to the staff that had been running the shelter for the last week. There were several situations that the team was able to de-escalate. They worked on developing trust with the individuals seeking shelter at the Church.