



Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency
Situation Report # 5

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande
Operational Period: March 2024

New Emergency Orders (if any)

NONE

Emergency Operations Center

- **We've lost 15 people since the Homeless Memorial** in December; **5 of those just since 3/25**
- Working with CRESA, VPD and VFD on data collection/tracking for emergency declaration purposes.
 - Completed the law enforcement reporting system portion of this work — new buttons for call clearance codes have been added to CAD. Currently working on protocols and definitions before rolling out to law enforcement for implementation (all local jurisdictions in Clark County opted to utilize the new call clearance code)
 - VFD reporting mechanism in place and operational.

HART Activities

- Conducted interviews for second HART Officer
- HART conducted clean-ups at Burnt Bridge Creek, around Share House and along the Mill Plain sound wall
- Community engagement and tours:
 - City of Fort Lauderdale, FL
 - City of Muskegon, MI
 - Shumway Neighborhood Association
 - Columbia River Mental Health Community Forum on Mental Health, Substance Use and Policing in Fourth Plain Corridor
 - Pierce County
 - Open House Ministries

- WA State Department of Commerce and Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH): Case study for STEP (Shelter, Transitional, Emergency, and Permanent) Housing
- Senator Patty Murray's office

Safe Park/Safe Stays121101

- **The Outpost:**
 - Welcomed 4 new residents
 - Residents attended interviewing skills class at YMCA
 - 1 resident celebrated 4 months of sobriety and a promotion from part-time to full-time at his position
 - 2 went to detox
 - Seeds have been planted, and everyone's excited for some flowers to pop up
- **Hope Village:**
 - Welcomed 6 new residents
 - 1 person exited to housing
 - Received first direct referral from new partnership with Lifeline Crisis Triage and Stabilization Center
 - Developed new partnership with YWCA focusing on referrals for residents who have experienced domestic violence
- **415 West:**
 - 4 people exited to housing, and 6 new residents were welcomed in
 - 3 people obtained employment
 - SWWA Victory Garden was awarded a grant to assist residents with gardening and cooking classes
- **Kiggins Village:**
 - 4 people exited to housing
 - 1 went to detox
 - Partnered with Home Builders Foundation to build a fenced dog run on-site
- **Road2Home-Safe Park:**
 - 2 residents transferred from vehicle to more substantial shelter
 - 1 resident exited to transitional housing program in Portland
 - They've partnered with Ashby Family Services and Key Bank for financial wellness and education classes.
 - Received some funding from the Healthcare Authority to provide rental assistance for folks with behavioral health barriers

Community Court

- Property has been identified and property use agreements are being developed.

**Columbia River Mental Health Services Community Response Teams (CRMHS- CRT)
February 23 – March 21**

- **Outreach**

Incoming calls screened:	10
In-Person Responses:	10
Number of businesses contacted:	81 (5 new)
Public Engagement:	36 locations, 167 individuals

- **Partnerships**

- St Vincent de Paul – twice a week
- The Lord’s Gym – weekly
- Recovery’ Café – weekly
- The Giving Closet – weekly
- Community Court – weekly
- The Center, Adventist Community Services – twice a week
- Fourth Plain Community Commons - weekly

- **Updates**

- The CRMHS Community Response Team partnered with Fourth Plain Community Commons and the NAACP Vancouver Branch for Community Forum on March 15th from 4-7pm at the Fourth Plain Commons meeting room.
 - Around **40 attendees** participated in community conversation about substance use, mental health, and policing in corridor.
 - Fourth Plain Community Commons sponsored the event and provided coffee and NAACP Vancouver Branch provided food.
 - Dr. Kevin Fischer (CRMHS NorthStar Chief Medical Officer) gave presentation regarding Fentanyl, including local trends and data.
 - Police Officer Jeremy Vanroyce and HART Officer Sean Metevia with VPD provided updates and answered community questions regarding calls for service related to substance use and violence in the Fourth Plain corridor.
 - Panel discussion that included, Dr. Kevin Fischer, Lester Griffin - Executive Director of The Foundation, Amy Ruge - CRMHS SUD Clinical Supervisor, Lauryn Sanders - CRMHS Mobile Services Manager, Jamie Spinelli – COV Homeless Response Manager, and Jeremy Vanroyce - VPD District 2 NPO

Property Closures

None