



Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency
Situation Report # 18

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande
Operational Period: April 2025

New Emergency Orders (if any)

None. The list of existing emergency orders can be found on the City’s [Homelessness Emergency Declaration](#) page.

Emergency Response

- We have lost 13 people since December 2024 Homeless Memorial
 - 2 in the month of April
- VFD Data: Reporting quarterly – Next update in July for second quarter.
- VPD Data:

Police Events and Time on Events with Unsheltered Homelessness Involvement

| | April 2025 | Year to Date |
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| # of Events | 975 (10.1%) | 3,927 (10.4%) |
| Time Spent on Events (hours) | 2,123.6 (19.2%) | 7,941.7 (18.1%) |

- The blue row provides the **total number of events** officers indicated were related to unsheltered homelessness in the month of April and year to date (YTD), as well as the **percentage of all events these events represent relative to all police events** in April and YTD.
- The green row provides **total number of officer hours spent on events** officers indicated were related to unsheltered homelessness in the month of April and year to date (YTD), as well as the **percentage of time spent on these events** relative to all events in April and YTD.

HART Activities

- HART conducted clean-ups at the following locations:
 - Area around W 11th, 12th, 13th, and Jefferson, King, Lincoln streets
 - Burnt Bridge Creek Trail system near Andresen Rd
 - Leverich Park, Ellen Davis, and Discovery Trail areas
 - Regular coordination with WSDOT for outreach and cleanup on their properties along the freeway system in the City of Vancouver

| HART Encampment Cleanups and Solid Waste Removal | |
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| Type of Operation | Tons Removed |
| Coordinated health & sanitation encampment cleanups | 30.67 |
| HART Encampment Response Coordinator – rapid response crew | 9.97 |
| Year-to-date | 99.35 |

- Responded to 107 My Vancouver app submissions in April; YTD: 422
 - Handed out 53 naloxone kits and provided awareness on overdose response to 21 individuals through our partnership with WA State Dept. of Health's Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program.
 - **2 overdoses were reversed** by the use of these naloxone kits in March
- * This program supports access to naloxone for people who are likely to experience or witness an opioid overdose by providing free naloxone to organizations and community groups for distribution to clients and community members.*

Community Engagement

- Downtown Stakeholders meeting – update on the City's homelessness response
- Community Court's 2-year anniversary celebration
- Hope Village's 3 Year Anniversary where we celebrated with current residents, past participants who are now housed, Hope Village staff, other service providers and many other neighbors and community members who support their efforts
- Clark County Homeless Action Plan – Steering Committee

Safe Stays/Safe Park

- The Outpost:
 - 4 residents transitioned to housing in April
 - 1 resident obtained ID
 - 2 residents have attained employment
 - 4 residents engaged in mental health services
 - The YWCA sponsored a breakfast for residents and staff

- Recovery Café is holding Saturday circles on-site, supporting residents and community building
- Hope Village:
 - This site celebrated its 3-year anniversary, a reminder of the long-term positive impact and stability the site has brought to many lives.
 - 1 resident transitioned to housing
 - 5 other residents are in-process for housing and should move in over the coming month.
 - 2 prior residents are receiving housing retention case management for success beyond Safe Stay as part of the Everybody In pilot project in partnership with CFTH and VHA.
 - 1 resident obtained their Social Security Card.
 - 3 residents interviewed for employment.
 - 1 resident participated in detox services.
 - Partners in Careers and Key Bank conducted resource presentations to residents.
- Kiggins Village:
 - 7 residents transitioned into housing!
 - 1 resident has a signed lease and will transition to housing in May
 - 3 residents obtained IDs
 - 2 residents obtained Social Security Cards
 - 2 residents participated in detox services
 - This has been their most successful month to date, and they look forward to building relationships and community with new residents as they move towards housing
- 415 West:
 - 2 residents transitioned into housing
 - 1 resident obtained their Social Security Card
 - 1 resident participated in detox services
 - Prior residents are supported by the new Housing Stability Team (part of the Everybody In pilot project in partnership with CFTH and VHA)
 - Victory Garden Project visited twice to prep the raise gardens and build community with residents
 - Other community support came from Meals on Wheels, Free Hot Soup, the Humane Society, and Messiah Lutheran Church who donated food, care, and resources
- Homeward Bound – Safe Park:
 - 85 total individuals served
 - 2 residents moved to transitional programs
 - 1 resident is celebrating 50 days of sobriety, bought a car, and obtained employment
 - Another resident has also obtained employment

- After 30 years a resident obtained his DD214 opening the door to full VA benefits
- 1 resident who has battled addiction for 30 years is now more than 40 days sober!
- Homeward Bound has enjoyed community participation and volunteerism as follows-
 - Fircrest Neighborhood Association
 - Partners in Careers
 - Key Bank
 - Retails – in support of weekly art sessions to inspire expression, creativity, and connection
 - Onsite medical supports by a local Naturopathic Doctor and US Digital
 - Crossroads Church bimonthly coffee and donut community events

Bridge Shelter

- **Phase 2 – Design Development:** 100% design anticipated in May; Construction Documentation to begin following approval of Design Development documents
- **Clark County funding** – Eligibility determination of fund uses completed and legislative updates passed. Working with County staff and Carelon to draft interlocal agreements for each funding source.
 - Mental Health Sales Tax: \$2.1M
 - County Opioid Settlement: \$2.75M
- **PeaceHealth funding** – Funding request approved, and the fiscal sponsorship agreement will be coming to Council for approval in May.
 - \$800,000 for Bridge Shelter kitchen

Community Court

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| Newly cited/referred into Court | 51 |
| Opted into Community Court | 10 |
| Graduations (successful completion) | 12 |
| Community Service hours completed | 76 |
| Obtained Temporary Housing | 4 |
| Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed | 14 |

Court Highlights for April:

- Community Court, one of the most successful collaborative efforts between the City and County, celebrated its 2-year anniversary! Many were in attendance to hear success stories from program graduates, and several partners were recognized by the Court in categories of Everyday Hero, Champion, and Hall of Fame. All of HART was mentioned several times for its efforts in support of the Community Court's success, and two team members (Sheila and Tiffini) received awards. CVTV put together a fantastic recap of the event: <https://youtube.com/shorts/bzJTOMQdTPg>
- In addition to the monthly reporting, **2-year highlights shared by the Court** include:
 - 446 total referrals to Community Court (some individuals have been referred more than one time)
 - 222 individuals opted into the Community Court program
 - 118 have graduated from the program
 - 778 community restitution hours were completed by participants

Property Closures

None. The list of properties which have been closed by emergency orders can be found on the City's [Homelessness Emergency Declaration](#) page.

Our Appreciation

This month, we recognize Parking Services for their collaboration with HART in addressing the needs of individuals living in vehicles on public streets. When their team encounters someone sheltering in their vehicle they go above and beyond—providing information about available resources, engaging HART for outreach support, and taking a compassionate approach to enforcement when necessary. We applaud their dedication and collaborative spirit in support of HART's mission and the City's response to the homelessness crisis!

In recognition that the City's Homelessness Response team could not accomplish what it does alone, especially during this declared emergency, HART would like to express its appreciation for the many departments and individuals who partner in the work:

- Economic Prosperity and Housing Department
- Public Works – grounds, streets, greenways, parks, environmental services, transportation, and more
- Vancouver Police Department
- Vancouver Fire Department
- Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

- Code Compliance
- Parking Services
- General Services
- Information Technology
- Planning
- Budget
- Legal
- Procurement
- Administrative Assistants
- And countless others who are critical to our mission