



Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency
Situation Report # 15

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande
Operational Period: January 2025

New Emergency Orders (if any)

NONE

Emergency Response

- We have lost 2 people since the Homeless Memorial in December 2024
 - 1 in the month of January
- VFD Year to Date: VFD was unable to pull the stats for January
- VPD Data: Data collection began 7/8/24

Police Events and Time on Events with Unsheltered Homelessness Involvement

	January 2025	Year to Date
# of Events	973 (10.1%)	973 (10.1%)
Time Spent on Events (hours)	1861.5 (16.5%)	1861.5 (16.5%)

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

HART Activities

- HART conducted clean-ups at the following locations:
 - NE 87th Ave and 20th Street
 - NE 127th Ave and NE 59th Street
 - Leverich / Arnold parks area along the trail system to Petticoat Lane
 - The Mill Plain sound wall area west from Esther to Lincoln, and around the blocks of W. 11th, 12th, 13th Streets near Jefferson, King, and Lincoln.
 - Burnt Bridge Creek trail area both east and west of Andresen (NE 92nd Ave to Thunderbird Village)
 - Regular coordination with WSDOT for outreach and cleanup on their properties along the freeway system in the City of Vancouver
 - 36.87 tons of solid waste removed from public property in January by contracted crews during large-scale health and sanitation cleanups
 - 6.01 tons of solid waste removed from public property in January by HART's internal Encampment Response Coordinator crew outside of scheduled cleanups
 - Year-to-date: 42.88 total tons of solid waste removed from public property.
 - Responded to 104 My Vancouver app submissions in January; YTD: 104
 - Handed out 57 naloxone kits and provided awareness on overdose response to 19 individuals through our partnership with WA State Dept. of Health's Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program. *
 - Besides handing out naloxone kits, HART used naloxone to reverse 1 overdose in January
- * *[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

- HART met with Keller Williams partner group who is starting a program to assist youth aging out of foster programs into potential homelessness
- Community Policing Information Session at the Firstenburg. HART attended to field questions about the City's homelessness response by community members.
- City Waste Reduction Specialist partnered with HART for dispersal of leftover foods from MLK Day events to Safe Stay Communities and Safe Park

Winter Shelter

- Chkalov SOS; served 28 individuals – 19 adults and 9 children
- Arts Hub; served 64 individuals – 45 adults, 17 children, 2 unknown age

Safe Stays/Safe Park

- The Outpost:
 - 2 residents moved on to housing
 - 2 additional residents approved for housing and several more are in application status for housing
 - 2 residents obtained IDs
- Hope Village:
 - While no residents moved on to housing in January, 13 residents are projected to move out to housing soon based on program and document readiness.
 - 3 residents obtained ID cards, 2 obtained Social Security cards, and 2 birth certificates
 - 2 residents completed job interviews in their search for work
 - 3 residents achieved clean and sober milestones of 60, 105, and 150 days respectively
- Kiggins Village:
 - 2 residents moved on to housing
 - 1 resident obtained employment
 - 1 Social Security card and 2 IDs obtained
 - 1 resident received detox services
- 415 West:
 - 2 residents moved on to housing
 - 3 residents are housing approved and others are in the process of approval
 - 1 resident obtained ID; 2 obtained Social Security cards
 - 2 residents received detox services
 - Couve Collective has partnered with 415 and holds weekly support circles there
- Homeward Bound – Safe Park:
 - 4 residents moved on to housing
 - 87 total individuals served; 72 adults and 15 children

**As the contractor for operations of Safe Park transitioned in January from one organization to another, the normal statistics were not available for this report. With more than 50 parking spaces assigned to cars and RVs, the program serves an average of 80 people including children. Restrooms, shower facilities and trash services are available to ensure a healthy environment. Live Love Outreach provides peer-to-peer support and case management to help move residents into stable housing.*

Bridge Shelter

- Phase 1 Concept Design work underway
- Presented update on project (Jan. 22) and updated funding partnership options (Feb. 7) to Clark County Council at their request.
- Submitted updated proposal/funding request to PeaceHealth (1/27)

Community Court

Newly cited/referred into Court	35
Opted in to Community Court	42
Graduations (successful completion)	13
Community Service hours completed	88
Obtained Temporary Housing	6
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed	21
Accessing/participating in treatment services	5

Property Closures

- No new properties were closed in January. The list of properties which have been closed by emergency orders can be found on the City's [Homelessness Emergency Declaration](#) page.

Our Appreciation

- 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:
 - Public Works – grounds, streets, greenways, parks, environmental services, transportation, and more
 - Vancouver Police Department
 - Vancouver Fire Department
 - Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
 - General Services
 - Planning
 - Budget
 - Legal
 - Procurement
 - Administrative Assistants
 - And countless others who are critical to our mission