



Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency
Situation Report # 19

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande
Operational Period: May 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 15 people since December 2024 Homeless Memorial
 - 2 in the month of May
- VFD Data: Reporting quarterly – Next update in July for second quarter.
- VPD Data:

Police Events and Time on Events with Unsheltered Homelessness Involvement

	May 2025	Year to Date
# of Events	953 (9.6%)	4,880 (10.3%)
Time Spent on Events (hours)	1,886.9 (17.0%)	9,828.7 (17.9%)

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

HART Activities

- HART conducted clean-ups at the following locations:
 - Leverich Park, Ellen Davis, and Discovery Trail areas
 - Area around W 11th, 12th, 13th, and Jefferson, King, Lincoln streets
 - Burnt Bridge Creek Trail system near Andresen Rd
 - 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	
Type of Operation	Tons Removed
Coordinated health & sanitation encampment cleanups	14.83
HART Encampment Response Coordinator – rapid response crew	11.57
Year-to-date	125.75

- Responded to 93 My Vancouver app submissions in May; YTD: 515
- Handed out 43 naloxone kits and provided awareness on overdose response to 18 individuals through our partnership with WA State Dept. of Health's Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program.
 - **2 overdoses were reversed by HART** using these naloxone kits in May
- * *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.*
- Began annual HART survey to count all unsheltered people in the City and inquire about their individual barriers to shelter, housing, services.
- Began Burnt Bridge Creek Trail encampment decommissioning process
- Recruiting for additional outreach members to expand the HART. Interviews in June.

Community Engagement

- Presented on the City's homelessness response and HART team to 80 5th grades from Fisher's Landing Elementary School during a field trip to City Hall – when asked what they thought we might do as a community to help those who are unsheltered they offered the following for consideration: food, clothing, water, shelter, showers, jobs, education, affordable housing, community focused housing, medical care, transportation, etc.
- Provided a Safe Stay tour to local Mormon church group volunteering to paint shelter units, among other potential projects to support the Safe Stay program
- Presented on the City's response to homelessness and the bridge shelter project to the Vancouver Neighborhood Alliance (VNA) at their monthly meeting
- Presented on City's response to homelessness and provided updates for NOW volunteers

Safe Stays/Safe Park

- The Outpost:
 - 2 residents transitioned to housing in May
 - 1 resident obtained employment
 - Several residents received essential medical care including glasses, dental work, and mental health services.
- Hope Village:
 - 5 residents transitioned to housing—2 FCS-PSH and 3 as part of the Everybody In pilot project in partnership with CFTH and VHA
 - 4 residents have active housing referrals and are anticipated to transition to housing in the next month or two
 - 4 prior residents are being supported by the Live Love's new Housing Stability Team (part of the Everybody In pilot project in partnership with CFTH and VHA, and supported by Vancouver's Affordable Housing Fund)
 - 1 resident is engaging with mental health services
 - 2 residents have celebrated over a month of sobriety after many years of addiction
- Kiggins Village:
 - 2 residents transitioned into housing in May
 - 1 resident with housing voucher actively applying for apartments starting in June
 - 2 residents with a June move-in date for housing
 - Since opening (Dec. 2023), Kiggins Village has assisted a total of 25 individuals moving into housing
 - 5 residents obtained IDs
 - 6 residents obtained Social Security Cards
 - 1 resident obtained their birth certificate
 - 2 residents obtained employment
 - 5 residents participated in detox services
- 415 West:
 - 2 residents transitioned into housing – these participants self-resolved and needed no ongoing subsidy
 - 3 residents referred to housing programs with June move-in dates
 - 3 residents are being considered for new VHA housing opening soon, a “best fit” for them
 - 2 residents obtained IDs
 - 3 residents have enrolled in treatment services

- In partnership with the City Urban Forestry, residents are caring for 21 baby ponderosa pine trees which will be re-planted throughout the city in the fall
- Homeward Bound – Safe Park:
 - 81 total individuals served – 17 under 24 yrs, 8 over 65 yrs, 6 Veterans
 - 4 residents transitioned to permanent housing in May
 - 2 residents moved to transitional programs
 - 1 resident who has not had a bank account in many years opened one after recently obtaining ID
 - Homeward Bound has enjoyed community participation and volunteerism as follows-
 - Seamar/CSNW case management
 - CRMH Mobile Health Team – basic medical and mental health assessments
 - Bunkus, Xchange Recovery, Church of the Rock, Prayer and Pastries, Mother Teresa's food truck all offer food and community fellowship throughout the week
 - Dr. Dave Slocum and his wife Judy offer weekly veterinary services and hot meals
 - CFTH – housing assessments

Bridge Shelter

- **Phase 2 – Design Development:** 100% design anticipated soon
- **PeaceHealth funding-** fiscal sponsorship agreement coming to Council for approval June 16.
 - \$800,000 for Bridge Shelter kitchen

Community Court

Newly cited/referred into Court	78
Opted into Community Court	29
Graduations (successful completion)	8
Community Service hours completed	27
Obtained Temporary Housing	3
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed	10
Accessing/participating in treatment services	2

Court Highlights for May:

- During a Community Court policy meeting outreach mentioned they often receive positive feedback from current participants and previous graduates. Court Coordinator also added a prior graduate showed up in the morning just to say he was grateful for the program (Community Court), and he was doing much better since graduating.
- Battle Ground visited our court as they prepare for launching starting their own similar therapeutic/Community Court program

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 Information Technology (I.T.) for their collaboration with HART in addressing unsheltered homelessness concerns in our City. HART's primary work is out in the field, sometimes in remote areas and often under unpredictable circumstances. We sincerely appreciate I.T.'s mission-critical work of ensuring HART is effectively equipped so we can operate safely and communicate effectively, securely, and reliably. When faced with the challenge of collecting monthly reports from several different providers across different platforms, I.T. was instrumental in helping us streamline the process. We thank I.T. for being a valuable partner in this important work!

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