

Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande

Operational Period: November 2025

Situation Report # 25

New Emergency Orders

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

Emergency Response

- We have lost 33 people since December 2024 Homeless Memorial
 - 4 in the month of November
- **Vancouver Fire data:** Reporting quarterly – next update in January for 4th quarter.
- **Vancouver Police data:**

Police Events and Time on Events with Unsheltered Homelessness Involvement

	November 2025	Year to Date
# of Events* (percentage of all events)	670 (7.8%)	10,229 (9.8%)
Hours spent on events** (percentage of all police event hours)	1,404.8 (14.7%)	20,829.8 (17.4%)

*Total number of events officers indicated were related to unsheltered homelessness in the month of November and year to date (YTD), as well as the percentage of all events relative to all police events in November and YTD.

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HART Activities

- HART conducted clean-ups at the following locations:
 - Area around W 11th, 12th, 13th, and Jefferson, King, Lincoln streets
 - Several scattered sites addressed by Sheila's rapid response crew
 - 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	12.25
HART Encampment Response Coordinator – rapid response crew	8.54
Year-to-date	283.47

- Handed out 24 naloxone kits and provided awareness on overdose response to 10 individuals through our partnership with WA State Dept. of Health's Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program.
 - 1 overdose was reversed by HART members using these naloxone kits in November, who also began CPR and called for EMS (ambulance). The person survived!
 - OEND 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.
- HART's WSU Intern, Michael, wrapped up the work he has been doing analyzing data and interviewing prior Safe Stay participants. We are looking forward to his full report and will have him share what he has learned at a later date.

Community Engagement

- HART's very own Lon Klugman, an Army Veteran, shared his "Story of Hope" and was featured on local news, KATU's "Operation: Helping Heroes". He appeared in two news segments sharing his own story and providing information on how the Clark County Veterans Assistance Center supports veterans and their families, including veterans living unsheltered.
- Shout out to Jerry Baer and the local knitting guild with 112 members. They meet once per month to knit. This year they knitted more than 50 winter hats and scarves which they decided to donate to our Safe Stay Community members, and to those who walk up to the Safe Stays seeking assistance. Thank you!

Safe Stays/Safe Park

- **The Outpost:**
 - 1 resident transitioned into housing, reuniting with family
 - 1 resident obtained employment and is maintaining their sobriety.
 - 1 resident graduated from Community Court which was huge for them
 - In partnership with Recovery Café, this community enjoyed a wonderful Thanksgiving meal.
 - "November reminded us that progress isn't linear, support doesn't always look like being nice, and showing up matters, even when it's messy."
- **Hope Village:**
 - No move-outs this month, but several residents made significant strides that set them up for housing in the near future.
 - 4 residents are slated to move into housing in December—3 to PSH; 1 to permanent housing through the Everybody In Pilot.
 - 1 resident obtained their birth certificate and ID after 10 years without either!
 - 1 resident obtained their Social Security Card
 - 1 resident had a job interview
 - 1 former resident graduated from a treatment program and will be entering a long-term sober housing support program, a huge step for them!
 - HV supported 1 former senior resident with getting their social security benefits reinstated, connected with health insurance and medical care, finally being assigned a guardian to help manage their care, and move into an Adult Family Home, which is the safest and most stable option for them.
 - 1 resident celebrated 7 months of sobriety!
 - 1 resident engaged in mental health care for the first time
 - 1 resident had their first clean UA in months and has reengaged with meetings and recovery work, determined to maintain their recovery.

- Hope Village “gate activity” was more than 300 contacts again in November, by individuals stopping at their front gate for assistance with food, water, and sometimes safety or peer support. These interactions continue to build trust, offer warmth on cold nights, and connect people to services when they’re ready.
- Housing & Retention Program Manager, that built solid relationships, walked alongside site residents, and contributed to so much of the good work and outcomes here, is moving out of state; new staff to fill that role begins 12/15.
- “The community spirit was really felt on Thanksgiving when the community gave so much food to both the safe stay and safe park. Thank you to Mayor Anne and Bleu Door Bakery for bringing our residents Thanksgiving meals. Our residents really felt loved and full.”
- **Kiggins Village:**
 - 1 resident transitioned into housing.
 - Several residents are in process for moving into Lincoln Place 2, PSH
 - 7 residents obtained IDs and 3 obtained Social Security Cards.
 - 4 residents participated in detox services.
 - 1 resident entered long-term inpatient treatment.
 - Kiggins Village saw a huge increase in food donations this month from the community.
 - They enjoyed multiple Thanksgiving meals over the holiday weekend.
- **415 West:**
 - 2 residents transitioned to housing; 1 youth (18-24) veteran through HUD-VASH; 1 to LP2 PSH through Share/VHA.
 - 2 residents obtained their ID cards
 - 1 resident completed detox, and 2 residents have the goal of going to inpatient treatment.
 - 3 residents are working towards reunification with their children/families. Since being stabilized at 415, all 3 have been able to visit with children, one for the first time in 6 months.
 - 3 former residents have regained custody of their children, and all are now employed by Outsiders Inn and working as Peers. “The peer support that comes from that lived experience is unmatched.”
 - 4 residents are currently engaged with Community Court and pursuing graduation; 2 residents have taken care of warrants and 1 completed 8 hours of community service.
 - There are currently 14 dogs on site. 415 is grateful for I Paw’d It Forward, and Dave and Judy for their pet food donations and weekly check-ins with their furry friends.
 - The community enjoyed a large Thanksgiving feast with plenty of leftovers, because most of their community was able to spend time with family or loved ones for the holiday—not a bad problem to have.

- **Homeward Bound – Safe Park:**

- 42 total individuals served – including 4 children and 22 pets.
- 1 resident transitioned to housing
- 4 residents have been referred to permanent supportive housing programs
- 1 of the 4 referred to housing has significant medical issues which doctors were reluctant to move forward on without permanent housing. Moving into housing soon will provide stability for the medical care they need.
- Staff completed several transports to SSA, housing appointments, medical visits, and legal meetings to remove barriers.
- As it's now getting colder there were a few residents without working heaters and staff distributed extra winter gear, coordinated donations, and checked in closely with anyone reporting medical concerns.
- "Thanksgiving was a major part of the month. Blue Door Bakery prepared and delivered a full meal for the entire site, and residents were able to sit down together and share a holiday dinner. The Mayor stopped by during Thanksgiving week, helped hand out warm drinks, and spent time talking to residents about their goals and needs. Because SNAP benefits were paused during the federal shutdown, many neighbors and local restaurants stepped up and brought food throughout the month, helping us cover gaps for residents who ran out of groceries."

Bridge Shelter

- Community Open House on Bridge Shelter construction/project on Nov 19th at Walnut Grove Elementary

Community Court

Community Court outcomes	Total individuals
Newly cited/referred to Community Court	47
Opted into Community Court	7
Graduations (successful completion)	3
Community Service hours completed	22.5
Obtained Temporary Housing	1

Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed	3
Accessing/participating in treatment services	3

- Due to less Court days in session during November the numbers reported are lower than usual. We expect the backlog to show up in December reporting.
- Clark County Food Bank provided a special holiday meal to participants and staff, and the Court provided pumpkin pie for dessert.
- St. Vincent DePaul has begun making brown bag lunches each week for participants to take with them. Many participants count on these as an evening meal after court on Fridays.

Property Closures

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

Appreciation

This month, we recognize the Communications team—especially Sophie, Andrew, William, and Paul—for their outstanding storytelling, videos, photos, social media, and coordination of community engagement forums. Their work on the City's homelessness-related web pages, interviews and storytelling, and event support has been exceptional. Their efforts elevate awareness, deepen understanding, reduce stigma, dispel misconceptions, and reflect the City's values of Collaboration, Inclusion, Innovation, Compassion, and Empowerment. We're grateful for their leadership in City Communications and the positive light they bring to such a complex issue.

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

- Economic Prosperity and Housing Department
- Public Works
- 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