

# Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

**Incident Name:** Homelessness Emergency

**Incident Commander:** Aaron Lande

**Operational Period:** January 2026

**Situation Report # 27**

## 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 **6** people since December 2025 Homeless Memorial
  - **2** in the month of January
- Vancouver Fire data reported quarterly: calls related to or involving homelessness

	4 <sup>th</sup> quarter 2025	Year to Date 2025
<b># of Fire events</b>	80	449
<b># of emergency medical events</b>	499	2,478

- Vancouver Police data:

### Police Events and Time on Events with Unsheltered Homelessness Involvement

	January 2026	Year to Date
<b># of Events*</b> <b>(percentage of all events)</b>	810 (8.6%)	810 (8.6%)

<b>Hours spent on events** (percentage of all police event hours)</b>	1,652.3 (15.1%)	1,652.3 (15.1%)
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\*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 relative to all police events in January and YTD.

\*\*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

- Participated in Clark County’s annual Point-in-Time Count
- HART conducted clean-ups at the following locations:
  - Area around W 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, and Jefferson, King, Lincoln streets
  - Bagley Park – undeveloped area
  - Burnt Bridge Creek area near 112<sup>th</sup> Ave
  - 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
Health & sanitation encampment cleanups coordinated between HART, Public Works, and the Vancouver Police Department	27.61
HART Encampment Response Coordinator – rapid response crew	5.33
<b>Year-to-date</b>	<b>32.94</b>

- Handed out 48 naloxone kits and provided awareness on overdose response to 29 individuals through our partnership with WA State Dept. of Health’s Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program.

- Unsheltered individuals reported to HART they used the naloxone HART distributed to reverse 2 separate overdoses this month
- 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.

## Community Engagement

- In December and January, the HART was contacted by several community members who wanted to know how best to support our unsheltered neighbors with clothing, bedding, toiletries, and other necessities, to include items for pets. We were overwhelmed by their generosity and shared the donations with our outreach partners to get the donations to those who needed them the most, especially during the extended cold weather we experienced.

## Safe Stays/Safe Park

- **The Outpost:**
  - 1 resident transitioned into housing
  - 3 residents are document ready for transitioning to housing
  - 1 resident obtained their Social Security Card
  - 1 resident graduated outpatient treatment
  - 1 resident has been employed for 90 days and purchased a car.
  - Several residents have reached milestones in their sobriety and recovery, 60 to 180+ days, and 1 has over a year!
- **Hope Village:**
  - 1 resident transitioned into housing
  - 2 residents have been approved for FCS housing units, Feb move in date
  - 3 residents obtained their ID cards
  - 1 resident obtained employment
  - 1 resident began treatment services
  - 1 resident was able to see a medical specialist (depending on the need, some medical providers will not see or treat someone until they have stable shelter or housing)
  - Hope Village recorded 681 non-resident contacts at their gate by individuals seeking assistance with food, water, coffee 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.
- **Kiggins Village:**
  - 2 residents transitioned into housing

- 2 residents obtained Social Security Cards
- 3 residents obtained employment
- 3 residents are accessing MAT services
- **415 West:**
  - 2 residents transitioned to housing
  - 2 residents have been approved for housing and await their move-ins
  - 4 residents obtained their ID cards and 1 obtained their birth certificate
  - 2 residents are celebrating 2 months of sobriety and recovery
  - 6 residents are engaged with MAT services, and some attend recovery circles on site
  - Many residents completed vision and dental appointments; two obtained dentures and one received a much-needed wheelchair.
  - Residents continue rebuilding family connections through on- and off-site visits with children and are working with family court on visitation and custody matters.
  - Community members are also progressing through court requirements, including two engaged at Community Court, one with a court date to quash warrants, and three in other stages of the court process.
  - On Thursday, Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at 3pm the community will hold a service remembering 3 residents who passed in 2025, saying goodbye to loving friends
- **Homeward Bound – Safe Park:**
  - 1 resident transitioned to housing
  - 2 residents who are Veterans accepted into programs are apartment searching
  - 1 resident moved to inpatient treatment with plans to transition to sober housing after
  - 1 resident obtained employment
  - 1 resident obtained their ID card and Social Security Card
  - 2 residents are actively engaging in mental health services, one is inpatient treatment
  - Challenges included helping individuals and families stay warm in their vehicles during the extremely cold weather
  - Staff took on more complex needs, helping families with children who experience autism
  - Pleased to receive a grant from the Fircrest Neighborhood Association for \$300, as well as great feedback regarding the condition of the site. “This feedback reflects ongoing efforts of staff and participants to maintain a respectful, clean, and positive presence in the neighborhood.”

## Bridge Shelter

- Foundation slabs for both buildings have been poured, and most underground work is complete.
- Pre-engineered metal buildings are being manufactured off-site and are scheduled to arrive and be erected in March/April.

## Community Court

Community Court outcomes	Total individuals
Newly cited/referred to Community Court	61
Opted into Community Court	31
Graduations (successful completion)	5
Community Service hours completed	16
Obtained Temporary Housing	1
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed	7
Accessing/participating in treatment services	4

- With the addition of a full-time position to conduct assessments, the Court is able to address more people more efficiently, speeding up the opt-in process.
- Community Service opportunities were curtailed in January due to the severe cold weather we experienced.

## 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 City Manager's Office administrative staff. They initiated a donation drive within City Hall to provide winter clothing, bedding, housewarming supplies for those leaving shelter and moving into housing, pet supplies, food, and more. City Hall staff went above and beyond, filling the City Manager's Office collection area to the brim! Administrative staff separated, categorized, and organized the donation into 5 groups for delivery in late January to our Safe Stays and Safe Park programs. The site providers were all overjoyed by the generosity and shared how

touched the recipients of the donations were. We appreciate our community at City Hall for all of their care and support and wanted to thank them publicly.

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
- Engagement and Access
- 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