

Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande

Operational Period: February 2026

Situation Report # 28

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 **7** people since December 2025 Homeless Memorial
 - **1** in the month of February
- Vancouver Fire data reported quarterly: calls related to or involving homelessness.
*Next update in April for 1st quarter 2026.

	4 th quarter 2025	Year to Date 2025
# of Fire events	80	449
# of emergency medical events	499	2,478

- Vancouver Police data:

Police Events and Time on Events with Unsheltered Homelessness Involvement

	February 2026	Year to Date
# of Events* (percentage of all events)	672 (8.4%)	1,482 (8.5%)

Hours spent on events** (percentage of all police event hours)	1,377.6 (15.1%)	3,029.9 (15.1%)
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*Total number of events officers indicated were related to unsheltered homelessness in the month of February and year to date (YTD), as well as the percentage of all events relative to all police events in February and YTD.

**Total number of officer hours spent on events officers indicated were related to unsheltered homelessness in the month of February and year to date (YTD), as well as the percentage of time spent on these events relative to all events in February and YTD.

HART Activities

- HART conducted clean-ups at the following locations:
 - Area around W 11th, 12th, 13th, and Jefferson, King, Lincoln streets
 - Pearson Airport
 - Arnold Park and Discovery Trail area
 - 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	21.19
HART Encampment Response Coordinator – rapid response crew	9.36
Year-to-date	76.25

Community Engagement

- In coordination with Columbia River Mental Health, HART members and several staff from our Safe Park and Safe Stay programs attended a 2-day Motivational Interviewing course. Students

learned and practiced communication skills which are proven to help people overcome obstacles and engage in meaningful change. Many attendees have since reported success in employing these skills when engaging with unsheltered clients.

Safe Stays/Safe Park

- **The Outpost:**
 - 1 resident transitioned into housing
 - 3 residents are participating in substance use treatment services
 - 1 resident received their dentures
 - A resident who was unable to receive medical care until stabilized in a safe place was able to begin those medical treatments
- **Hope Village:**
 - 2 residents transitioned into housing
 - 2 residents obtained their birth certificates
 - 2 residents have Social Security cards on the way
 - 1 resident obtained employment
 - 1 resident engaged in detox services
- **Kiggins Village:**
 - 3 residents transitioned into housing
 - 1 resident obtained their ID card
 - 5 residents engaged in detox services
 - Site highlights for February included staff observing residents assisting one another and supporting each other, outside of community building activities. With participants having diverse backgrounds and personalities it is heartwarming to see individuals reintegrating into community and growing through voluntary collaboration.
- **415 West:**
 - 3 residents transitioned to housing; 1 of those reunited with family
 - 3 residents obtained their ID cards, and 1 resident obtained their Social Security card
 - 1 resident obtained employment, for a total of 4 working residents on site
 - 1 resident engaged in detox services
 - 2 residents are celebrating 3 months, and 1 resident 30 days of sobriety and recovery
 - 4 residents are engaged in substance use treatment services, and some attend recovery circles on site
 - Site is collaborating with other agencies to support participants who are faced with new SNAP (food stamps) benefit requirements.
 - Partners In Careers held a workshop for participants interested in paths to employment.
 - Spring planting of flowers and vegetables in their raised garden beds has begun. Everyone is looking forward to spring and all it will bring.

- **Homeward Bound – Safe Park:**
 - 3 residents transitioned to housing
 - 1 resident moved to inpatient treatment
 - 2 residents transferred to shelter programs, a better fit for their individual needs
 - 2 residents obtained their ID cards
 - Congresswoman Marie Gluesenkamp Perez toured the site. Both the need for improved Safe Park services and the great work by LiveLove Outreach with our Homeward Bound community were highlighted to our Congresswoman.

Community Court

Community Court outcomes	Total individuals
Newly cited/referred to Community Court	34
Opted into Community Court	11
Graduations (successful completion)	6
Community Service hours completed	40
Obtained Temporary Housing	5
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed	10
Accessing/participating in treatment services	6

- Columbia River Mental Health’s Substance Use Disorder (SUD) team will be partnering with Community Court on a regular basis, attending each week to support participants.
- The Court is developing more community restitution sites to expand opportunities for participants to complete their community service hours.

Bridge Shelter

- Dormitory building delivered to site on 3/25/26 and construction of it began immediately

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's Community Liaison, Anna Quintrell. Anna dedicates countless hours assisting individuals who contact the City for a wide range of needs. She serves as a true liaison to our community— connecting residents, businesses, neighborhoods, and leaders with the City Manager's Office, city staff, and other city services. Anna frequently engages with both concerned residents and members of our unsheltered community. In every interaction, she goes above and beyond to treat people with dignity, respect, and care. She takes the time to understand each person's situation and works diligently to identify the most meaningful resources and support. Anna exemplifies our City values through her collaboration, inclusion, innovation, empowerment, and compassion. We applaud her for the outstanding work she does on behalf of our community!

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