



Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande

Operational Period: April 2026

Situation Report # 30

New Emergency Orders

No new orders this month. The list of existing emergency orders can be found on the City’s [Homelessness Emergency Declaration](#) page.

Emergency Response

- We have lost **11** people since December 2025 Homeless Memorial
 - **1** in the month of April
- Vancouver Fire data reported quarterly: calls related to or involving homelessness.
*Next update in for 1st quarter 2026 has been delayed due to new software implementation. Fire hopes to have ability to report by end of the 2nd quarter of 2026.
- Vancouver Police data:

Police Events and Time on Events with Unsheltered Homelessness Involvement

	April 2026	Year to Date
# of Events* (percentage of all events)	817 (9.0%)	3,067 (8.6%)
Hours spent on events** (percentage of all police event hours)	1,632.0 (14.9%)	6,239.6 (14.8%)

*Total number of events officers indicated were related to unsheltered homelessness in the month of April and year to date (YTD), as well as the percentage of all events relative to all police events in April 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
 - Arnold Park area, BBC Trail near Divine, Bagley Park area
 - Fourth Plain West of I-205
 - 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; updated agreement coming to Council in May.

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	25.24
HART Encampment Response Coordinator – rapid response crew	5.94
Year-to-date	133.1

- Handed out **36** naloxone kits and provided awareness on overdose response to **12** individuals through our partnership with WA State Dept. of Health's Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program.
 - A HART team member reported that they used naloxone to reverse **1** overdose 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

- Kidspace Child Enrichment Center owner Cathy Stanley welcomed members of HART to receive care packages thoughtfully assembled by the children for individuals in our unsheltered community. During the visit, the children also performed several songs for team members.

Safe Stays/Safe Park

- **The Outpost:**
 - 2 residents transitioned into housing
 - 1 resident obtained their Social Security card, a necessary next step for housing
 - DSHS Mobile truck was onsite and served multiple residents and a few of our gate visitors
- **Hope Village:**
 - 4 residents obtained their ID, and 1 resident obtained their Social Security cards
 - 1 resident has been accepted into a housing program and is awaiting a move-in date
 - 4 residents had a job interview
 - Staff were able to connect 2 people who came to the gate to detox services
 - 2 residents completed a COPES assessment, which will help individuals secure housing that is appropriate to their needs
- **Kiggins Village:**
 - 1 transitioned into housing
 - 3 residents obtained their ID cards, and 2 residents obtained their Social Security cards
 - 5 residents engaged in detox and/or treatment services
- **415 West:**
 - 2 residents transitioned into housing
 - 2 residents obtained their ID cards, and 1 resident obtained their Social Security card
 - 415 welcomed 6 new participants during the month
 - The Couve Collective has continued to hold weekly support circles
 - The community is excited about this year's garden area at 415, which was made possible in part through a generous soil donation from Lynn Radke and her husband from Messiah Lutheran
- **Homeward Bound – Safe Park:**
 - 58 participants including 12 children and 26 pets
 - 4 residents transitioned to housing: 3 without ongoing subsidy, 1 HUD/VASH voucher
 - 1 resident utilized detox services

- Multiple organizations visit the site each month to support residents, such as- SeaMar/CSNW, Our Lady of Lourdes, Bunkas, Retired Veterans Group, Serving Hands Medical, Outsiders Inn, Fish of Orchards, Chainbreakers, CRMH Mobile, among others.

Mobile Health – Columbia River Mental Health

Staffing Updates:

- Current staff include a Nurse Practitioner, Peer Support Specialist, and Program Coordinator
- Positions still in recruitment are the Mental Health Professional team lead, Therapist, Case Manager and Registered Nurse

Training Updates:

- Motivational Interview Trainings
 - Scheduling introductory MI training in fall for Bridge Shelter staff and any Safe Stay/Safe Park staff that missed the February training.
 - Anticipate another introduction to Motivational Interviewing and an advanced Motivational Interviewing skills training in Spring 2027
- Pro-ACT de-escalation and debriefing
 - Mobile staff will complete the train-the-trainer process in June. With this certification, staff can train others to avoid escalation, assault and prevent program exits.

Mobile Health Activities:

- Weekly presence at 415W, Outpost, HB Safe Park, Hope Village and Kiggins Village.
- Resuming medical pop-ups in partnership with Couve Collective

Service Data for the month of May:

- Current caseload of 34 clients
- Completed 77 site visits within city limits
- Provided 98 services including medical, mental health intakes, therapy and peer support
- Completed 11 mental health assessments for new clients
- Average length of service for a client is 44 days
- 80% of current clients were seen in the last two months
- One discharge to outpatient services after successful treatment

Community Court

Community Court outcomes	Total individuals
Newly cited/referred to Community Court	64

Opted into Community Court	14
Graduations (successful completion)	7
Community Service hours completed	51
Obtained Temporary Housing	0
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed	3
Accessing/participating in treatment services	0

- The court continues to encourage participants to be good neighbors to the surrounding community around Community Court location.
- The court recognized that there are community partners that are unable to attend, therefore the court has taken proactive measures for participants to document work being done externally and be presented at court. The court has also installed a pamphlet and information fixture inside of the building for providers and participants.

Bridge Shelter (See Q2 Situation Report)

Property Closures

No new closures this month. The list of properties closed by emergency orders can be found on the City's [Homelessness Emergency Declaration](#) page.

Appreciation

This month, we proudly recognize Kimbra Ledbetter for her exceptional work as a Financial Analyst for the City of Vancouver. Kimbra's work supports fiscal responsibility, accountability, and effective grant management while helping advance the City's response to homelessness. Through collaboration with budget analysts, program staff, policy advisors, and coordinators, she helps ensure resources are used efficiently and effectively. We are grateful for Kimbra's dedication and the important contributions she brings to this work and 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