

Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande

Operational Period: May 2026

Situation Report # 31

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 **13** people since December 2025 Homeless Memorial
 - **2** in the month of May
- **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

	May 2026	Year to Date
# of Events* (percentage of all events)	923 (9.1%)	3,990 (8.7%)
Hours spent on events** (percentage of all police event hours)	1,844.9 (16.7%)	8,084.4 (15.2%)

*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 relative to all police events in May 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; 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	15.43
HART Encampment Response Coordinator – rapid response crew	8.64
Year-to-date	157.17

- Handed out **37** naloxone kits and provided awareness on overdose response to **17** individuals through our partnership with WA State Dept. of Health's Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program.
 - Community members reported using naloxone to reverse **6** overdoses this month, and **1** overdose was reversed by a HART team member.
 - 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

- As part of the City Attorney's Office experiential learning, several HART members met with the Prosecuting Attorneys to discuss the City's response to homelessness, related concerns, and how prosecution plays a role in addressing the impacts of homelessness in our community. As part of discussing systems gaps both teams agreed closer collaboration would benefit unsheltered defendants and the community as a whole.

Safe Stays/Safe Park

- **The Outpost:**
 - The Outpost welcomed 6 new participants to the community
 - 1 resident obtained an ID card, and 1 resident obtained their Social Security card, a necessary next step for housing
 - 1 resident completed drug court after 20 years, and another resident advanced to phase 4 in drug court
 - 2 residents graduated treatment
- **Hope Village:**
 - On May 6th Hope Village celebrated 4 years of being open and serving the homeless
 - 13 residents are document ready for housing
 - 1 resident has been accepted into a housing program and is awaiting a move-in date
 - 1 resident had their past debt paid off, allowing her to start looking for housing
- **Kiggins Village:**
 - 2 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 successfully moved into permanent housing
 - 1 resident obtained their Social Security card
 - 415 welcomed 3 new participants during the month
 - OI staff, including those at 415, attended Peerpocalypse, completed CPR Training, and completed Training to manage aggressive behaviors (SWACH)
 - 415 west held a few events for residents this month including: a tie dye party, Bingo and BBQ, Mother's Day BBQ, and a game night
- **Homeward Bound – Safe Park:**
 - 60 participants including 15 children and 29 pets
 - 3 residents transitioned to housing – 1 having been a resident of Homeward Bound for nearly 2 years
 - 4 residents obtained ID cards, and 1 resident obtained their birth certificate
 - 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

Mobile Activities:

- Weekly presence at 415W, Outpost, HB Safe Park, Hope Village and Kiggins Village
- The Mobile team has resumed medical pop-ups in partnership with Couve Collective – the first one was held on 5/28/26. Three people were seen for medical needs; two additional individuals were opened into MH services

Service Data:

- The Mobile Health Team saw 36 clients
- Completed 80 site visits within city limits
- Provided 87 services including medical, mental health intakes, therapy and peer support
- Completed 3 mental health assessments for new clients.
- Average length of service for a client is 48 days. This number has been increasing each month, demonstrating longer engagement as the program continues and onboards new clients.

Community Court

Community Court outcomes	Total individuals
Newly cited/referred to Community Court	64
Opted into Community Court	28
Graduations (successful completion)	5
Community Service hours completed	25
Obtained Temporary Housing	4
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed	9
Accessing/participating in treatment services	1

- The court administration along with representatives from the City of Vancouver Facilities and HART met with several neighbors in the building where Community Court is held each Friday to address concerns regarding court participants behaviors, their pets, and related matters.
- During a court policy meeting held at the end of May the court developed a “Good Neighbor” agreement to share with participants. The court also covered court etiquette and expectations for service partners. The feedback from building neighbors is that they have noticed a positive change. The court strives to be an example in the neighborhood and has taken the lead on making positive changes based on feedback the neighbors.

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 are pleased to recognize Kerry Peck for her work as Program Coordinator in the City Manager’s Office. Kerry’s experience, problem-solving approach, and strong organizational skills have been invaluable in supporting the City’s homelessness response and the work of the Homeless Response Manager. Kerry has played an important role in the creation and ongoing coordination of Safe Stay Communities, the Safe Park program, and the Bridge Shelter Project, among many other efforts. Kerry connected HART with team-building support that continues to positively impact staff collaboration. Kerry’s steady leadership has helped keep this work coordinated and moving forward.

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