Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande

Operational Period: Quarter 3, 2026 (July, August, September)

New Emergency Orders

No new orders this quarter. The list of existing emergency orders can be found on the City's Homelessness Emergency Declaration page.

Emergency Response

- **People we have lost since December 2025 Homeless Memorial**

July	August	September	3nd Quarter	Year to Date
4	1	1	**7**	23

- **Vancouver Fire data reported quarterly:** calls related to or involving homelessness. *Updates have been delayed due to new software implementation. Fire hopes to have ability to report by end of the 3rd quarter of 2026.

- **Vancouver Police data:**

Police Events and Time on Events with Unsheltered Homelessness Involvement

	July	August	September	Year to Date
# of Events* (percentage of all events)	946 (9.3%)	838 (8.5%)	786 (8.4%)	**7,435 (8.7%)**

Hours spent on events** **(percentage of all police event hours)**	2,001.7 (17.8%)	1,611.3 (14.7%)	1,647.2 (16.0%)	**15,167 (15.6%)**

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

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HART Activities

- HART clean-up activities throughout the City, including:
  - Areas 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 Homeless Encampment Response Coordinator'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 September.

HART Encampment Cleanups and Solid Waste Removal

Type of Operation	Tons Removed July	Tons Removed August	Tons Removed September	Tons Removed 3rd Quarter	Tons Removed Year to Date
Health & sanitation encampment cleanups coordinated between HART, Public Works, and Vancouver Police Department	9.0	17.42	13.35	**39.77**	151.58

HART Encampment Response Coordinator – rapid response crew	15.17	9.49	11.3	**35.96**	90.57
Year-to-date	**203.83**	**230.74**	**242.65**	**75.73**	**242.65**

Partnership with WA State Department of Health's Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program.

	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Number of kits handed out	18	49	245	**312**
Provided awareness on overdose response to individuals	5	15	96	**116**
Overdoses reversed by HART team members	1	0	0	**1**
Reported overdoses reversed by others	0	6	2	**8**

- 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

- HART connected with dozens of community members at the annual Open House Ministries Block Party, providing information about HART services. The event was featured in the Columbian newspaper on August 13th. 'It really is about relationships': Open House Ministries' annual block party reaches out to those in need - The Columbian
- Vancouver Defenders hosted an experiential learning session where HART met with 10 defense attorneys and staff to discuss the intersection of criminal justice, housing, homelessness, community court, and other challenges experienced by our mutual clients.
- Butler County, Ohio Commissioner Cyndi Carpenter visited the City of Vancouver and met with members of the City's Homeless Response program to learn how Vancouver is supporting our unsheltered community and working to improve local conditions.

- 2026 Veterans Stand Down & Expo: HART connected with hundreds of Veterans and their family members through our outreach table. Outreach Coordinator Lon Klugman was also featured in The Columbian's coverage of the event. https://www.columbian.com/news/2026/sep/25/annual-stand-down-event-provides-veterans-clothing-services-camaraderie/
- Annual Youth Forum & Future Civic Leaders Event: Hosted at Rooted School with students in grades 9–12, the event brought together the City of Vancouver, City Council members, and students for civic engagement. HART joined grades 9–11 for an interactive discussion about homelessness, inviting students to share their ideas for strengthening our community.

Safe Stays/Safe Park

The Outpost

Number of	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Transitioned to Housing	4	0	0	**4**
Obtained Employment	0	0	0	**0**
Obtained ID, SS, birth certificate	2	1	0	**3**
Participating in detox or treatment	1	1	4	**6**

Hope Village

Number of	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Transitioned to Housing	0	2	2	**4**
Obtained Employment	0	0	0	**0**
Obtained ID, SS, birth certificate	1	6	1	**8**
Participating in detox or treatment	0	0	0	**2**

Kiggins Village

Number of	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Transitioned to Housing	1	0	0	**1**
Obtained Employment	0	1	0	**1**
Obtained ID, SS, birth certificate	4	5	0	**9**
Participating in detox or treatment	6	1	0	**7**

415 West

Number of	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Transitioned to Housing	2	0	1	**3**
Obtained Employment	0	1	0	**1**
Obtained ID, SS, birth certificate	4	3	4	**11**
Participating in detox or treatment	2	2	3	**7**

Homeward Bound – Safe Park

Number of	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Transitioned to Housing	2	7	8	**17**
Obtained Employment	0	0	0	**0**
Obtained ID, SS, birth certificate	4	1	4	**9**
Participating in detox or treatment	0	0	0	**0**

Mobile Health – Columbia River Mental Health

Number of	July	August	September	3rd Quarter
Clients Outreached in COV	37	52	57	**145**
COV Site Visits (Safe Stays)	100	100	68	**268**
MH Assessments completed	19	8	5	**32**
Clients Discharged to Outpatient services	2	4	4	**10**

Community Court

Community Court outcomes	July participants	August participants	September participants	3rd Quarter
Newly cited/referred to Community Court	74	63	62	**235**
Opted into Community Court	27	18	20	**65**

Graduations (successful completion)	27	9	5	**41**
Community Service hours completed	51	66.5	31	**148.5**
Obtained Temporary Housing	3	1	3	**7**
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed	11	12	14	**37**
Accessing/participating in treatment services	3	5	5	**13**

Bridge Shelter

- Substantial completion - winding up finishings, landscaping and punch list items
- Temporary Certificate of Occupancy
- Call to artists for murals complete, artist selected, and he's already started on the interior mural
- Furniture delivery and install in October
- Community partner and stakeholder coordination meetings and tours
- Community open house scheduled for October 28th 4-7pm

Property Closures

No new closures this quarter. The list of properties closed by emergency orders can be found on the City's Homelessness Emergency Declaration page.

Appreciation

We are proud to recognize the Information Technology Department for their exceptional partnership and ongoing support of the City's response to homelessness. The work of responding to homelessness increasingly depends on technology, communication, mobility, and the ability to adapt quickly in the field. IT consistently meets those demands by providing outstanding technical support, managing and updating equipment, and developing solutions specifically tailored to the needs of our team. Their contribution goes beyond technology. IT demonstrates the City's commitment to innovation by approaching challenges not simply as problems to solve, but as opportunities to improve. They repair bridges when necessary, but more importantly, they build bridges— between departments, between people, and between the challenges we face and the solutions we need. Their professionalism, creativity, and "can-do" spirit are an example of what effective partnership looks like. We thank the Information Technology Department for the important work they do every day and for helping empower our team to serve our community and advance the City's mission.

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