



Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency Incident Commander: Aaron Lande

Situation Report # 16

Operational Period: February 2025

New Emergency Orders (if any)

NONE

Emergency Response

- We have lost 4 people since the Homeless Memorial in December 2024
 - 3 in the month of February
- VFD Year to Date: VFD was unable to pull the stats for February
- VPD Data: Data collection began 7/8/24

Police Events and Time on Events with Unsheltered Homelessness Involvement

	February 2025	Year to Date
# of Events	867 (9.9%)	1,840 (10.0%)
Time Spent on Events (hours)	1,713 (17%)	3,574.5 (16.7%)

- The blue row provides the **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 these events represent relative to all police events** in February and YTD.
- The green row provides **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:
 - Burnt Bridge Creek trail area both east and west of Andresen (NE 92nd Ave to Thunderbird Village)
 - Regular coordination with WSDOT for outreach and cleanup on their properties along the freeway system in the City of Vancouver
- 15.74 tons of solid waste removed from public property in February by contracted crews during large-scale health and sanitation cleanups (Note: fewer than normal cleanups occurred due to severe weather)
- 6.9 tons of solid waste removed from public property in February by HART's internal Encampment Response Coordinator crew outside of scheduled cleanups
- Year-to-date: **58.62 total tons** of solid waste removed from public property.
- Responded to 101 My Vancouver app submissions in February; YTD: 205
- Handed out 14 naloxone kits and provided awareness on overdose response to 6 individuals through our partnership with WA State Dept. of Health's Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program. *
** This program 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

- Connected a volunteer from Molina Healthcare with our winter shelter and warming centers to provide basic healthcare
- Some HART members participated in the 2025 National Alliance to End Homelessness Conference bringing back best practices, evidence-based ideas for enhanced service delivery, and more

Winter Shelter

- Chkalov SOS **served 39 individuals** – 29 adults and 10 children
 - Veterans: 1
 - Chronically Homeless: 8
 - Youth (18-24 years old): 2
- Arts Hub **served 76 individuals** –56 adults, 17 children, 3 unknown ages
 - Veterans: 6
 - Chronically Homeless: 27
 - Youth (18-24 years old): 1
 - 9 individuals transferred to non-seasonal shelter
 - 2 found other temporary accommodations with family or motel without a voucher
- March will be the last month of winter shelter operations

Safe Stays/Safe Park

- The Outpost:
 - No residents moved on to housing in February
 - 3 residents approved for housing through the Everybody In pilot partnership with CFTH and VHA and will likely move in during March
 - 1 resident obtained ID
 - 1 resident completed their community service hours for Community Court
 - 2 former sound wall encampment residents are still in shelter and doing very well; 2 others opted to leave shelter after a few days.
 - Recovery Café will soon be coming to the site for weekly Recovery Circles and making Recovery Coaches available for individuals desiring more one-on-one engagement
- Hope Village:
 - 1 resident moved transitioned to permanent housing at VHA's new housing development for seniors; This participant was previously referred to Hope Village from Safe Park where they were living in their vehicle and had come to believe and accept that they would probably always need to live in their vehicle.
 - The first person referred from the sound wall encampment last fall, as part of the Everybody In pilot partnership with CFTH and VHA, has been referred to permanent supportive housing and is expected to move in soon. Their time at the Safe Stay has allowed them to stabilize and adjust to living in a more structured community setting, address some legal barriers, and connect with regular medical care and medications for chronic health challenges prior to moving into their apartment.
 - Live Love Outreach staff arranged a collaboration with the Humane Society of Southwest Washington and the other Safe Stay/Safe Park sites to develop new/additional pet policies and arrange for dog training through HSSW partnership. To support this effort, Retails has offered toys for furry Safe Stay residents!
- Kiggins Village:
 - 2 residents transitioned to permanent housing. One of these participants (one of KV's very first participants) had experienced homelessness for more than 10 years and was able to address many significant barriers at the Safe Stay including a hip replacement and some behavioral health challenges, feeling "hopeless" and believing that having their own home was not a possibility for them. This participant moved into their own apartment able to walk without a walker and drug and alcohol free.
 - 6 former sound wall encampment residents have moved into this site; 1 opted to leave shelter
 - 2 residents are in process to receive birth certificates
 - 1 of the residents that transitioned to permanent housing (a combat veteran) also obtained full-time employment and reunited with their children, who are now able to stay with them in their new apartment.
- 415 West:
 - 2 residents transitioned to VHA's new housing development for seniors; each had experienced homelessness for more than 10 years.

- 4 residents approved for housing through Everybody In pilot partnership with CFTH and VHA and will likely move in during March; 2 other residents were referred to Permanent Supportive Housing programs
- 1 resident obtained ID; 2 obtained Social Security cards
- 2 residents participated in detox services
- 15 former sound wall encampment residents (11 individuals and 2 couples) lived at this site in February; 1 opted to leave shelter
- Couve Collective has partnered with 415 West to hold weekly support circles on-site; Couve Collective also supports residents by providing transportation to their MAT programs.
- SW Washington Victory Garden Project will be collaborating with residents again this year on their garden, and everyone is excited for gardening season.
- 3 current residents and 1 graduate shared their stories of homelessness and recovery at a City Council meeting
- Homeward Bound – Safe Park:
 - 94 total individuals served; 82 adults and 12 children
 - 1 senior resident moved into transitional housing
 - 1 senior resident and their dog transitioned to more substantial shelter at Bertha’s Place
 - Staff implemented a morning coffee meet-up on-site to bring residents together, connect with staff, and foster a sense of connection.

**As the contracted operation of Safe Park transitioned to Live Love Outreach in February, the normal statistics were not available for this report. With more than 50 parking spaces assigned to cars and RVs, the program serves an average of 80 people including children. Restrooms, shower facilities and trash services are available to ensure a healthy environment. Live Love Outreach provides peer-to-peer support and case management to help move residents into stable housing.*

Bridge Shelter

- Finalizing Phase 1 – Concept Development, and preparing for Phase 2 – Design Development
- Clark County Council funding request was approved pending funding-use eligibility review and potential legislative update
 - County found a path forward for \$2.1M from the Mental Health Sales Tax
 - County is reviewing options for accessing \$2.75M from their Opioid Settlement funds

Community Court

Newly cited/referred into Court	21
Opted in to Community Court	8
Graduations (successful completion)	7

Community Service hours completed	32
Obtained Temporary Housing	1
Mental Health/Substance Use Disorder evaluations completed	11
Accessing/participating in treatment services	1

Court Highlights for February:

- Graduate completed SUD (Substance Use Disorder) inpatient treatment while in the court, obtained housing at Open House Ministries, and brought his baby to graduation!
- Closed due to inclement weather: For the first time, we had to cancel court 02/14/2025 due to inclement weather. This is reflected in lower opt-ins, cancelled community restitution, etc. for the month of February 2025.

Property Closures

- No new properties were closed in February. The list of properties which have been closed by emergency orders can be found on the City’s [Homelessness Emergency Declaration](#) page.

Our Appreciation

- Highlighted for February is the City Shop who expedited putting chains on vehicles so HART outreach could continue its critical mission to provide necessities to those living unsheltered during the severe weather experienced this winter (water, hand warmers, blankets, coats, hats, etc.).

In recognition that the City’s Homelessness Response team could not accomplish what it does alone, especially during this declared emergency, HART would like to express its appreciation for the many departments and individuals who partner in the work:

- Public Works – grounds, streets, greenways, parks, environmental services, transportation, and more
- Vancouver Police Department
- Vancouver Fire Department
- Economic Prosperity and Housing
- Vancouver Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services
- General Services
- Planning
- Budget
- Legal

- Procurement
- Administrative Assistants
- And countless others who are critical to our mission