



Homelessness Emergency Situation Report

Incident Name: Homelessness Emergency
Situation Report # 8

Incident Commander: Aaron Lande
Operational Period: June 2024

New Emergency Orders (if any)

NONE

Emergency Response

- **We've lost 25 people since the Homeless Memorial in December 2024; 5 deaths in the past month; 13 of those deaths were due to overdose**
- Year-to-date reporting from **VFD shows 1,301 unique calls related to homelessness:**
 - **167 Fire & 1,134 Rescue/EMS**

HART Activities

- In addition to the regular clean-ups noted in previous Situation Reports, HART conducted clean-ups at the following locations:
 - Discovery Trail
 - Other smaller pop-up jobs/locations as needed
 - Regular coordination with WSDOT for outreach and cleanup on their properties
- Removed **22.55 tons of solid waste from public property in June; YTD: 203.61 tons**
- Responded to **113 My Vancouver app submissions in June; YTD: 683**
- Similarly to VFD, HART has partnered with the WA State Dept. of Health's Opioid Education and Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program, which 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. Recipients also assist by sharing data on monthly naloxone usage, overdoses, etc. with DOH.

Community engagement and tours:

- Individual neighbors
- Association of Washington Cities Annual Conference – Tour of 415 West & Safe Park
- WA State Dept. of Commerce
- Retails Thrift Store – establishing partnership for low-barrier employment and volunteering opportunities, household items for move-ins, etc.
- Sakura 39ers – established partnership for culturally specific outreach
- City of Minneapolis
- Ideal Option – Medication Assisted Treatment Clinic

Safe Stays/Safe Park

- **The Outpost:**
 - No exits to housing this month, but 6 people are on deck for July/August housing
 - **2 residents approved for SSI/SSDI** after waiting for more than 3 years for approval
 - A lot of health and wellness activity this month – 1 resident had eye surgery and received hearing aids, others got glasses, dentures, and long-awaited Medicaid/Medicare approval.
 - **1 resident passed her Certified Peer Counselor** course and is now able to support others on their journey
 - **1 resident reconnected with children** for first time in over 5 years
 - YMCA hosted a jewelry craft day at the Y that some residents attended and enjoyed
- **Hope Village:**
 - No exits to housing this month, but **1 couple has been approved for an apartment**, and upon moving in at the end of July, their children will be reuniting with them
 - 2 residents have applied for long-term care and toured assisted living facilities
 - **2 residents obtained employment**
 - 1 resident finally received approval for a surgery that's been needed for a long time; and another resident connected with primary care and began needed medications
 - **1 resident celebrated 3 months clean and sober**
- **415 West:**
 - **3 residents exited to housing**, and 4 new residents moved in

- 1 resident was approved to transition to Open House Ministries to reunite with her children
 - **2 residents celebrated 30 days clean and sober; 1 resident entered inpatient treatment**
 - **1 resident obtained employment**
 - Victory Food Project continues to visit the site to garden with residents; residents are taking great pride in maintaining the garden boxes and the site as a whole.
 - DSHS Mobile visited for quarterly event to help residents access services they are eligible for
 - SWACH facilitated a Narcan training, and 5 residents received certificates
 - Humane Society provided spay/neuter services for one of the furry residents, along with a generous donation of cat food and litter
 - Site staff hosted a tie-dye event, and everyone enjoyed making their own t-shirts
- **Kiggins Village:**
 - **1 resident exited to housing**, and 1 is on deck for early July
 - **2 ID's, 2 Social Security cards, and 1 birth certificate** obtained this month
 - **1 resident went to detox**
 - **50%** of residents at this site are **veterans**
- **Road2Home-Safe Park:**
 - **3 residents exited to housing**
 - **1 resident transferred from vehicle to more substantial shelter** at one of our Safe Stays
 - **1 resident obtained employment**
 - Key Bank Volunteer Day cookout

Community Court

- Space use agreement approved for 5107 E. Fourth Plain Blvd, Suite 105, which is one of the units in the City-owned Zhen building.; Last day at Recovery Café was 7/1, and first day in the new space will be this Friday, 7/12.

Columbia River Mental Health Services – Community Response Team (CRMHS – CRT)

May 24 – June 21

| | May 24 – June 21 | 10/1/23 – 6/21/24 |
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| Calls that were Screened | 14 | 136 |
| In Person Interventions and Outreach | 54 | 203 |
| Public Engagements | 28 | 233 |

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| Public Engagement Contacts / Individuals | 61 | 859 |
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- **Ongoing and New Partnerships**

- St Vincent de Paul –twice a week
- The FISH of Vancouver – twice a week
- The Center, Adventist Community Services – twice a week
- Recovery’ Café – weekly
- Fourth Plain Community Commons – weekly
- River City Church on Fourth Plain - weekly

- **Update on Progress**

CRT recently visited Safe Park – Road2Home and met with the Thrive2Survive team who operate the site. This meeting was particularly fruitful as they expressed a strong interest in collaborating with us to help connect individuals at Safe Park – Road2Home to essential resources. This partnership could enhance our efforts in providing comprehensive support to the community.

The team also met with the staff at the Living Water Church and was asked to engage with an individual on the Church’s property. The individual’s tent and sleeping bag had been stolen. The team was able to replace these items with donations that have been made to CRT. The individual was also open to discussing their drug use and they accepted referrals for mental health and SUD services. The team appreciated this opportunity and look forward to additional encounters to assist community members in need.

CRT and HART are also engaging to discuss resources and services in the area. This has recently been for Community Court members and identifying community partners to assist specific individual’s needs.

Property Closures

None