

# Weekly Report

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Link:

- Homelessness Response Blog - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>

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## **MISSION UPDATES:**

### **Mission 1: Make an additional 200+ safer living spaces available**

*Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director*

- Navigation Center – (Continuing planning for opening)
  - Construction build out continued this week.
- We announced the location of the new 100-bed shelter that will be operated by Compass Housing. This shelter will be located at the First Presbyterian Church on First Hill.
- The overnight shelter for men, known as Operation Nightwatch, will move to its new temporary location at the Seattle Municipal Tower beginning on Monday, April 17. Work to secure a permanent location is happening concurrently.

### **Mission 2: Reduce Trash**

*Lead: Ken Snipes, Seattle Public Utilities Solid Waste Director*



- The clean-up of areas underneath the Spokane Street Viaduct followed outreach to people that were camping in this location.
- Areas in Ravenna Park were cleaned this week.
- The clean-up of several areas around the city since the activation of the Emergency Operations Center has resulted in about 1,700 tons of trash being collected by crews. This is equivalent to a football field sized area at a depth of four feet in height.

- The hard-working crews come from the **Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, as well as the Washington Department of Transportation.**

**Mission 3: Connect people with services and mitigate most hazardous encampments**

*Lead: Scott Lindsay, Navigation Team, Mayor's Public Safety Advisor*

- The Navigation Team continues its daily contact with dozens of people at several sites spread across the city. This team is made up of outreach staff including a dedicated team from the Seattle Police Department and professional outreach providers.
  - Offering full range of options that include specific resources and a continuum of care, tailored to the specific needs of the client.
    - This week the Navigation Team was a component of the clean-up and closure of the areas under the Spokane Street viaduct.
    - 39 total contacts with individuals
    - Services Accepted:
      - 9 Vehicle towing, repair and relocation to another site
      - 9 moved to alternate living conditions in safer and secure conditions
      - 2 being currently assisted with moving vehicles and packing
      - 1 referred to detox with the plan to enroll in long-term inpatient treatment
      - 1 referred to MID Outreach for employment & case management
      - 1 referred to REACH for case management
      - 1 Reconnected with case manager onsite
    - 15 declined offers for various services with human service professionals

**Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs**

*Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director*

- The new system for the delivery of personal belongings to people seeking to retrieve them has been implemented. Two individuals have used this process for arranging the delivery of their items.

**Mission 5: Incubate Housing Resource Center (HRC) to Increase Housing**

*Leads: Miriam Roskin & Robin Koskey, Office of Housing*

- Contact with operator of Atlanta's Open Door program to learn of their design and operational models.
- Design work continues for the program for a smooth transition from the prior contract provider (YWCA).
- Continued design of an outreach strategy to property management companies based upon past, successful placements.

**Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response**

*Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office*

- Continued planning to engage both business communities and neighborhood organizations as well as initial outreach to philanthropic organizations.
- Department of Neighborhoods staff created look-ahead calendars of community meetings across the city that can be used for planning and coordination of our homelessness response outreach efforts in specific neighborhoods.
- Planning continues for two upcoming meetings with representatives of the business community. The meetings are scheduled for later this month and in June.
- Relationship building continues with community volunteers supporting residents of various unauthorized encampments.

**Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness**

*Leads: Daniel Kirk & Katy Tassery, City Budget Office*

- Works continues updating the Dashboard that tracks metrics from the missions.
- Budget work continues to capture current and future costs.

**Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication**

*Lead: Cassandra da Costa, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations*

- Design work for the Safety Plan for the Field Coordinators that are assigned by City departments.
- Aligning messaging for staff use for Seattle Center and Seattle Public Library.
- Continued planning for scheduled training in May for staff from those departments.

**Mission 9: Communications**

*Leads: Julie Moore, Communications Team, FAS and Meg Olberding, Communications Team, HSD*

- Communications and responses to media inquiries on the creation of the work zone and discontinuation of camping under the Spokane Street viaduct.
- Prepping for the announcement of the new 100-bed shelter on First Hill.
- Creation of communication materials for the briefing before the City Council committee.
- Prepping for Catherine Lester's interview with the Wall Street Journal on Seattle's homelessness response.
- Published blog postings on the Homelessness website (see link above).