

# Weekly Report

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Links:

- **Homelessness Response Blog** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>
  - **All Home's "Count Us In" report** - <http://allhomekc.org/king-county-point-in-time-pit-count/>
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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 phase has now ended.
  - Occupancy permits are in process.
  - Recruiting and training efforts for the center's new staff continues.
  - Community engagement meetings continued this week.
- Planning continues for the opening of the new 100-bed shelter that will be operated by Compass Housing and located at the First Presbyterian Church on First Hill. This new shelter will operate 24 hours a day/seven days per week.
- Identifying the new permanent location for Operation Nightwatch continued this week. A new location is expected to be operational in September coinciding with the planned closure at the current site.
- Work continues with the operators at all the sanctioned encampments to prepare and provide as many new spaces that can be accommodated at each site. The three newest sites at Georgetown, Myers Way, and Licton Springs are all operating successfully but are also nearing capacity. Currently, 164 spaces have been added at the new, authorized encampments.
- Planning for potential new authorized encampments continues. Evaluation of current authorized encampments is underway to learn lessons for the next iterations of encampments.

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

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

- Work continued this week by the hard-working crews from **Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, Seattle Department of Transportation as well as the Washington Department of Transportation.**
- More than 2,750 tons of trash and debris removed (over 5.5 million pounds).
  - These removal operations have had a perfect safety and no-injury record!

*Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation*

- A clean-up operation began this week at an encampment in a greenbelt on the east side of Queen Anne. This area has very thick foliage and steep slopes. Because of the wet weather in the recent past, a clean-up was delayed until this week when there were drier conditions, which made it safer for our crews to enter the area to do their work.



This five-gallon tub contains only a portion of the needles collected from the greenbelt.

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

*Lead: Lt. Jason Verhoff, Navigation Team*

- The Navigation Team continues its daily contact with dozens of people at 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.
  - This team offers a full range of options that include specific resources and a continuum of care, tailored to the specific needs of the client.
    - Successful referrals to drug & alcohol counseling programs.
    - Aided people needing transportation to medical appointments and to offices to receive new identification cards.
    - Since mid-February, the Navigation Team has made 1,968 total outreach contacts with 630 unduplicated contacts.
      - Of the 630 individuals, 422 have accepted some type of service, and 252 people have relocated to safer, alternative living arrangements.
      - Of those 252 people, 135 moved to one of the three new authorized encampments (Georgetown, Licton Springs, Camp Second Chance).
- Outreach continued this week to RV owners who set up on the WSDOT-owned Glass Yard property. At least six individuals have accepted referrals to the sanctioned encampments in Georgetown, Camp Second Chance at Myers Way and to Licton Springs.



**Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs**

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

- Planning work with staff from Seattle Office for Civil Rights and the Navigation Team for the upcoming outreach/field work observation visits.

## *Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation*

- Streamlined processes for retrieval and delivery of belongings that were stored after clean-up operations.

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

*Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing*

- Conducted interviews as part of the hiring process for two temporary staff that will be hosted at King County. We hope to make hiring decisions as early as next week. These new staff will assist in maintaining the existing relationships with the project's property owners. They will also manage tenant issues and fill vacancies until the new program is launched.
- Continued planning for the second property owner workshop, scheduled for June 7, to be hosted by the Greater Seattle Chamber of Commerce.

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

*Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office*

- Today, we hosted a meeting with several representatives of faith-based organizations at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). Mayor Murray welcomed them and shared his thoughts of how the EOC facility is used and how it improves the collaboration of City departments and outside agencies in the activation of the various missions. The Mayor also described the Pathways Home program. In addition, Mark Putnam from King County's All Home program described the results and findings from this year's Point-in-Time count (see link above).

### **Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness**

*Leads: Daniel Kirk & Desiree Omlil, City Budget Office*

- Measurement collection continues for situational awareness and for budget planning.

### **Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication**

*Lead: Jessica Kennedy, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations*

- Continuing implementation of the training plan for encampment removal work.
- Ongoing communication with City labor unions.

### **Mission 9: Communications**

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

- Published blog postings and updated content on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Coordinated with the Seattle Channel to visit the area under the Spokane Street Viaduct as Mayor Murray joined members of the Navigation Team as they provided outreach. This area currently has people living in tents. The Mayor was interested in speaking with the people camping there to learn about the challenges they were experiencing.
- Planning and participation in the announcement of the Point-In-Time count results (see link above).