

Weekly Report

Date: Friday, August 11, 2017

Link:

- **Homelessness Response Blog** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>
- **CityStream: Navigation Team** (extended version) - <http://www.seattlechannel.org/videos?videoid=x78447>

MISSION UPDATES:

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

Lead: Jason Johnson, HSD Deputy Director

- Navigation Center.
 - As of this week, one month after opening, 67 people are living in this new facility.
- Planning for the renovation and opening continues for 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 for a co-ed population. Opening is expected in August.
 - Recruitment and training of staff is also occurring now.
- Planning and field work for potential new authorized encampments continues.

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. As of this week, 3,000 tons of trash have been collected.
- Crews have been working at several sites this week to remove accumulated trash:
 - Alaskan Way, South Jackson Street to Columbia Street.
 - Mercer Street and Third Avenue North.
 - First Avenue South and South Spokane Street.
 - Jackson Park Golf Course.
- City and contracted crews also conducted a cleanup in the emphasis area on Harborview Hill, with outreach conducted by the Navigation Team.

Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation



Before and after cleanup, at Mercer Street and Third Avenue North.



Before and after cleanup, under the Alaskan Way Viaduct.

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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.
- Through July 28, the Navigation Team has made 3,473 outreach contacts to a total of 1,067 individuals. Of those individuals, 665 (62%) have accepted some sort of service, including 388 who have exited encampments to an alternative living arrangement.

Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs

Lead: Chris Potter, Finance and Administrative Services Operations Director

- Planning work continues with staff from SOCR and the Navigation Team for future outreach/field work observation visits.

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

Lead: Robin Koskey, Office of Housing

- The Mission 5 EOC group continued walking through decision points and program development issues that need to be addressed to work toward a successful program launch by the end of the year.

Mission 6: Engage the Public and Mobilize Community Response

Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office

- Proactive work of City staff continues, as we engage business and community representatives to hear their concerns and observations. This informs and enables our future work to prioritize and implement upcoming operations based upon the needs throughout the city.

Mission 7: Maintain Situational Awareness

Leads: Daniel Kirk & Desiree Omlie, 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, FAS Communications and Meg Olberding, HSD Communications

- Published blog postings and updated content on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Responded to media inquiries.