

# Weekly Report

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Link:

- **Homelessness Response Blog** - <http://homelessness.seattle.gov/>
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Today, **Mayor Murray and Councilmember Bagshaw** visited the Homelessness Response activation at the Emergency Operations Center. They received updates on the work that has occurred during the last week. They both offered their compliments and gratitude to the assembled staff from the City departments and our outside agency partners.

## **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.
  - Planning efforts for the community engagement meetings.
- 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.
- The overnight shelter for men, known as Operation Nightwatch, has successfully operated at its temporary location at the Seattle Municipal Tower starting this week. Identification of its new, secure permanent location continues.
- Since the activation of the Emergency Operations Center for the Homelessness Response, 97 new living spaces have been created and an additional 175 spaces are currently in development.

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

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

- This week fencing was installed underneath the Spokane Street Viaduct following the closure of this area to camping.
- On Tuesday clean-up of areas adjacent to I-90 and Rainier Avenue S were completed after the Navigation Team conducted outreach.

## Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation



- Since the first week of March, the hard-working crews from the **Seattle Department of Transportation, Seattle Public Utilities, Seattle Parks and Recreation, as well as the Washington Department of Transportation** have cleaned 25 encampment and illegal camping sites.
- In that same time period, there have been 12 additional sites without active camping that have been cleaned of litter.

### **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.



## Seattle EOC Homelessness Response Activation

- 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.
  - Outreach efforts occurred at different locations this week, including near the Ballard Locks.
  - Planning for additional outreach efforts at three sites next week, including outreach to people that live in RVs along streets.
  - **Updated outreach statistics (February 7 – April 17)**
    - 933 total contacts with individuals.
      - 377 unduplicated homeless individuals.
      - 131 exited encampments to other living arrangements.
      - 58 individuals were referred to one of the three authorized encampments.
      - 244 individuals accepted some type of service based upon their specific needs.

### **Mission 4: Implement Revised MDARs**

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

- The system for the delivery of personal belongings to people seeking to retrieve is operational.
- Since March 1 we have collected 187 items including 155 bins and 30 bikes and other oversized items.
- Finalized the MOA with Seattle Office of Civil Rights for periodic monitoring of encampment cleanup operations.

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

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

- Design work continues for the program for a smooth transition from the prior contract provider (YWCA).
- Property management and business community – management efforts.
  - Planning for property owner workshops.
- Planning the creation of a leadership board.

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

*Lead: George Scarola, Mayor's Office*

- Community engagement continued this week to neighborhood and non-profit organizations.
- Planning continues for two upcoming meetings with representatives of the business community. The meetings are scheduled for next Wednesday 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*

- Measurement effort is demonstrated by the statistics throughout this report.

**Mission 8: Employee Training and Communication**

*Leads: Cassandra da Costa & Jessica Kennedy, Seattle Dept. of Human Resources Labor Relations*

- Design work for the Safety Plan for the Field Coordinators that are assigned by City departments.
- Drafting of a 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 on the Homelessness website (see link above).
- Created messaging for community outreach efforts for the new Navigation Center.
- Planning for next week's meeting with representatives from the business community.