Addressing Homelessness in LE

• April 2014 – City creates Homeless Ad-Hoc Subcommittee for Feeding in Parks, Starts Pathway Project
• 2015 – Proactive Enforcement of Illegal Encampments
• 2016 – Weekly Enforcement of Illegal Encampments
• October 2016 – Adopted Regional Homeless Alliance Resolution
• January 2017 – Point in Time Count Shows 62 Homeless in LE
• May 2017 – Created a New Council Subcommittee
• June 2017 – Launched Homeless Task Force
• November 2017 – Launched Homeless Outreach Community Coalition
• January 2018 – Hires New Community Services Deputy
City’s Role

Enforcement

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Transient Camp Enforcement

Private Property: Commercial Occupied and Abandoned
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Private Property Commercial: Home Depot and Target Center
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Private and City Property: Lake Bottom Areas
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Public Property: Elm Grove Beach
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County Property: Flood Channels
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Existing Municipal Codes

1. Regulation of Solicitation (Chapter 8.13)
2. Vehicle Solicitation (Chapter 10.72)
3. Camping on Private Property (Chapter 8.70) – Updated 2015
4. Shopping Carts (Chapter 8.38) – Updated 2016
5. Parks and Beaches (Chapter 8.40) – Updated 2016
6. Unattended Donation Boxes (Chapter 5.34) – Update 2015
7. Nuisance Abatement (Chapter 8.18) – Updated 2015
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Private vs. Public Property

• Average cost of abatement
  • $1,000 to $4,000 per location, larger camp cleanups can be between $6,000 to $10,000

• Partner with property and business owners to help them maintain, manage and secure their lots and businesses
  • Letter of Trespass (602 letter, tool for law enforcement)
  • No Trespassing signs
  • Frequent visits
  • Remove overgrown brush

• Hold property owners who fail to properly manage their lots accountable
  • Nuisance Abatement procedures (LEMC 8.18.020)
  • Cost Recovery through special assessments (staff time/cleanup cost)
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Numbers to Date

• Since July 1, 2016:
  • More than **85 transient camp locations** in City.
    • Four Corners/Riverside Drive, Mission Trail, E. Lakeshore Drive, and Rosetta Canyon.
    • Abandoned Buildings – Commercial and Residential
    • Public Parks, Beaches and Public Right of Ways.
  • **120 Transient Camp Clean Ups** (includes multiple locations per clean up)
  • Total Cost: Approximately **$225,000**.
  • **175 tons** of junk and debris removed from these camps.
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Strategic Objectives

1. Assess Homeless Population
2. Communication & Outreach to Community
3. Form Community Collaborative
4. Create List of Available Resources & Services, Identify Gaps
5. Review, Assess and Create Best Practices for Homelessness
6. Update Municipal Codes Based on Homelessness
7. Develop New Programs to Reduce Homelessness
8. Coordinate with Regional Efforts
9. Clarify City’s Role and Partnership with Non-Profits and Faith Based Orgs
10. Begin to Create Local Housing Crisis & Response Team

Members
- Mayor Pro Tem
  Natasha Johnson
- Councilmember
  Brian Tisdale
- City Staff
- Police Department
- County of Riverside, District 1 & Flood Control
- Chamber of Commerce
- Key Community Stakeholders
- PSAC Member
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Alert LE for Data Driven Decisions

Available Online at www.lake-elsinore.org/alertle, on Facebook @LakeElsinoreCityHall or in your app store – search Alert LE

Offered for iOS and Android Devices. Images shown are from iPhone.
Total Reports Since June 28: 402 Reports

- 198 Encampments
- 154 Panhandling
- 31 Trespassing
- 19 Clean-Ups/Shopping Carts
- 19 Well-Being Checks
- 9 Vandalism
- 6 Aggressive/Threatening Behavior
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Resources to Help Those in Need

City’s New Helpline
(951) 291-0050

Webpage to Request Help
www.lake-elsinore.org/help

Resource Card
To be distributed in and around community.

Join Community Collaborative
Encouraging Responsible Compassion

• New Community Facebook Page
  • LIKE our page!
  • POST your needs, wants, and resources (i.e. time, talent and treasures)
  • SHARE With Others in Region
    • Temecula
    • Murrieta
    • Wildomar
    • Lake Elsinore
    • Menifee

www.facebook.com/ResponsibleCompassion
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Business Resources & Outreach Program

• Partnership with Chamber of Commerce
• Serve as a Resource e.g. Jobs, Outreach.
• Business Toolkit Underway
  • Safety Checklist, Resources and Enforcement Options, Signage and Posters
• Group Presentations & Special Workshops
• Tips Online at www.lake-elsinore.org/businesscrimeprevention.
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New Community Services Deputy

- Dedicated Contact for Business Community
- Homeless Outreach – Building Relationships, Gaining Trust
- Outreach and Transport Support
- Special Enforcement Opportunities
- Increasing Awareness of Actions Taken
- City Liaison with Sheriff’s Department

Office: (951) 245-3300
Email: rglaser@riversidesheriff.org
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Other Successes

• Established Community Coalition up to 170+ Contacts
• Media Outreach
• Homeless Population Assessment Tool
• New Park Ranger (City’s First)
• Met With and Researched Various Services
• Community Update Meeting – Dec. 14
  • Available Online & On YouTube
• Point-in-Time Count – January 23
• City, Cops & Coffee

Learn More About the Task Force at www.lake-elsinore.org/homelesstaskforce
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What Can Our Community Do?


2. Property Appearance & Maintenance – The appearance you have is the attention you attract.

3. Practice Responsible Compassion - Give a Hand Up, Not a Hand Out.

4. Give to Established Organizations - Time, Talent and/or Treasures.


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What’s Next

• Faith Based Leadership Forum – Feb. 26, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in Temecula
• Next Coalition Meeting – May 10, 2018 at 9 a.m.
• Property Managers & Landlord Meeting – Date TBD
• Identify Housing Opportunities – Identify Transitional Housing Opportunities
• Business Toolkit & Signage Package – Resources to Assist with Crime Prevention
• Municipal Code Review & Revisions – Solicitation, Loitering, and Crime Free Programs
• Evaluate New Policies & Programs as Identified – What Should and Can City Fund
• Additional Public Outreach and Meetings – Spreading the Message
Thank You for your support!

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