Homelessness in Lake Elsinore

Faith-Based Homeless Outreach Meeting

April 17, 2018
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
• March 2018 – Began working with Social Work Action Group (SWAG)
• April 2018 – Helped 4 Homeless Individuals Off of the Street
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City’s Role

- Enforcement
- Policies & Programs
- Engagement & Education

The diagram illustrates the interconnections between enforcement, policies & programs, and engagement & education.
State of Homelessness in LE

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
PSACAC Member
Homeless Task Force – Enforcement

Alert LE for Data Driven Decisions

Available Online at www.lake-elsingore.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: 512 Reports
- 273 Encampments
- 186 Panhandling
- 148 Trespassing
- 87 Clean-Ups/Shopping Carts
- 58 Aggressive/Threatening Behavior
- 55 Well-Being Checks
- 40 Vandalism
Homeless Task Force - Engagement & Education

Resources to Help Those in Need

City’s 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
Provide A Hand Up...
Not A Hand Out

Responsible Compassion

RESPONSIBLE COMPASSION FOR THE HOMELESS

DO'S & DON'TS

Let Your Generosity Be a Part of the Solution

DO respond to solicitation requests with a firm NO.

DO report all illegal activity by calling 911 or non-emergency law enforcement number (951) 776-1099.

DO treat homeless with respect and dignity.

DO offer homeless information to get help, such as dialing 211.

DO volunteer with or donate to organizations that help the homeless.

DO be a part of the solution by practicing Responsible Compassion.

DON'T encourage panhandling by giving money, food, supplies, etc.

DON'T give them your address or take them to your home.

DON'T allow camping or loitering on your property.

DON'T assume you're making a difference when you are giving; you may actually be hurting, not helping.

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
Homeless Task Force - Enforcement

New Community Services Deputy

- Dedicated Contact for 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
Other Successes

- Established Community Coalition of 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
- Point-in-Time Count – Est. 75
- City, Cops & Coffee – April 25 at Stadium Pizza 5:30 p.m.
- Participant in Regional Homeless Alliance for Southwest Riverside County

Learn More About the Task Force at www.lake-elsinore.org/homelesstaskforce

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.


www.lake-elsinore.org/help
What’s Next

• Businesses, Property Managers & Landlord Meeting – April 26, 2018, 11:30 to 1:30 p.m.

• Next Coalition Meeting – May 3, 2018 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Quarterly)

• 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
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Thank You for your support!