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
A Growing NATIONAL Problem

OC Officials Begin Clearing Massive Homeless Camp:
http://video.foxnews.com/df103a7c-d345-4647-a79a-6f10a2a588a6

West Coast Homelessness Drives Businesses Out:
http://video.foxnews.com/6237fe9d-f2a9-450e-b8e1-00d271399540
State of Homelessness in LE

Transient Camp Enforcement

Private Property: Commercial Occupied and Abandoned
State of Homelessness in LE

Transient Camp Enforcement

Private and City Property: Lake Bottom Areas
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Transient Camp Enforcement

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 $6,000 to $10,000

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

• 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)
Since July 1, 2016:

- More than 100 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.
- 150 Transient Camp Clean Ups (includes multiple locations per clean up)
- Total Cost: Approximately $300,000.
- 225 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: 512 Reports

- 273 Encampments
- 186 Panhandling
- 148 Trespassing
- 87 Clean-Ups/Shopping Carts
- 58 Aggressive/Threatening Behavior
- 55 Well-Being Checks
- 40 Vandalism
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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
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
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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 – Policies & Programs

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
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Other Successes

• NEW – Outreach Team – Social Work Action Group (SWAG)
• Established Community Coalition up to 170+
• Media Outreach
• Homeless Population Assessment Tool
• New Park Ranger (City’s First)
• Met With and Researched Various Services
• Community Update Meeting  Online
• Point-in-Time Count – January 23 – 78 Homeless
• City, Cops & Coffee – Next Event in June

Learn More About the Task Force at www.lake-elsinore.org/homelesstaskforce
Homeless Task Force – Engagement & Education
What Can Our Business Community Do?

1. **Secure and Protect Your Property** – Sign up for FREE Crime Free Business Program. Reduce opportunities for crime. Lock it up.
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. **Homeless to Hire Programs** – Jobs or Job Training, Support for Employment
5. **Support Established Organizations** - Time, Talent and/or Treasures.
6. **Spread the Message to Community** – Posters, Resource Cards, Social Media, Etc.
What’s Next

- Meeting Follow Up Email & Video Recording
- 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
- Evaluate New Policies & Programs as Identified – What Should and Can City Fund
- Additional Public Outreach and Meetings – Spreading the Message
- Fundraise to Support SWAG and Homeless Needs
Thank You for your support!

www.lake-elsinore.org/businesscrimeprevention
www.Theswag.org