

Dear Members of the City Council,

The following is a summary of recent activities over the past week:

### **Code Enforcement**

#### **3000 Block of Harbor Blvd (Costa Mesa Square):**

- Received report of suspicious male lingering at the rear employee entrance of a dental office located on this property. Employees afraid to come out of and go to their cars. **Reporting party from the business was instructed to call PD.**
- Abandoned personal items located at the rear of another business located on this property, continuous evidence of camping/urination. PD frequently called due to aggressive behavior. Business owners concerned of losing customers. **No response from property manager to date.**

**Area of 1400 Block of Baker St:** Observed person camping at alcove in the rear side of bank building. Previous observations have been made and reported to the property manager. **Copy of "No Trespass" sign emailed to manager at his request but not installed to date. Manager to be notified.**

#### **2000 Block of Harbor Blvd (Multiple Businesses):**

- During A.M. patrol through a business parking lot, loud music was heard. Evidence observed of transient encampment in between business building and tree line, electric cord connected to business into the encampment. **Encampment dwellers were contacted, PD called when transients became aggressive. Business will be contacted.**
- Business owner called to report transient couple trespassing on the property while owner was closing. **Owner was met the next day and instructed to call PD for any future incidents.**

**2900 Block of Bristol Ave:** CM Connect received regarding transient camps between businesses and 73 Freeway. Observation confirmed two locations near each other. Business manager reports transients going through the dumpster and leaving trash/debris all around, syringes found frequently and group has been observed at night walking behind the business by way of the freeway easement. **Awaiting contact from Caltrans regarding who is responsible for the area and PD notified to monitor.**

**3000 Block of Killybrooke Ln (Residential):** Report received regarding transients camping in yard of an abandoned property. Observations also include persons urinating/defecating at this location as well as neighboring properties. **Will monitor and reported to PD.**

#### **600 Block of 19<sup>th</sup> St (Multiple Businesses):**

- Report received regarding a resident of a high rise apartment building observing a transient exiting the van of another resident. Evidence found of possible transient sleeping in the van. Transient also observed setting up camping space at the rear of the property. **Reporting party instructed to call PD.**
- Observed shopping cart with items stored on the property. Spoke to business employee who reported a female transient camping there and when asked to leave she became violent. **Employee called the PD.**

**1900 Block of Pomona (Business):** Reoccurring issues with transients camping, drinking and vandalizing property. **Photos taken of damage and abandoned items. PD to monitor.**

**2200 Block of Fairview (Business):** Report received of persons sleeping in a vehicle overnight in a parking lot posted for “no overnight parking.” **Manager told the occupant to leave and not come back but feels this will be ignored. Will monitor.**

**2900 Block of Harbor Blvd (Business):** During A.M. patrol male transient was observed coming out of a large trash enclosure located at a business with past reports of robberies. Female transient was also observed inside the enclosure. Male stated they had permission from the owner to camp there and he was storing his things there. Couple left the area but returned later. **PD responded and contacted the couple. Returned later and contacted business manager. Upon investigation of the enclosure with the manager, we observed a note left by the male transient along with personal items. Occupants used a piece of cardboard to lock one of the gates from the inside. Business manager to contact the property manager to secure the enclosure. PD aware.**

### Outreach

**HOUSING UPDATE:** Outreach had contact with a client's mentor who stated that the client is now moved into an assisted living facility and is permanently housed. Previously, the client was a high user of services due to being in and out of hospitals and rehab. Outreach will do a follow up visit to see the client in his new placement.

**HOUSING LINKAGE:** A client that had a previous Vulnerability Assessment (VISPDAT) completed, asked if Outreach could re-assess him again as his situation has changed. Outreach completed another VISPDAT and he qualified for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH). He is currently in the process of getting his disability verification form filled out from his doctor.

**HOUSING LINKAGE:** Outreach also assessed three new clients for housing, qualifying them for Rapid Re-Housing through Mercy House.

**HOUSING LINKAGE:** Outreach has been diligently working to assist a client who currently has a Shelter-Plus Voucher. In collaboration with the City’s efforts, one of our church affiliates helped client by taking her to visit a potential unit and put a deposit down to hold the unit,

while the apartment undergoes the Shelter-Plus Care Voucher process. The City will ensure that Mercy House provides a security deposit.

**MEDICAL:** Outreach has been following up with a client who is a veteran that was recently housed in a VA housing unit. Client has been feeling ill and asking to go to the hospital almost on a daily basis. The CAT (Crisis Assessment & Treatment) Team has now become involved with client as well as Older Adult Services (OAS) to see if he qualifies for in-home service. Outreach is also seeking a Fresh Beginnings mentor to walk alongside the client.

**MENTAL HEALTH:** Outreach spoke with OC Outreach and Engagement worker to set up transportation arrangements for a client's mental health entrance into the MHA Day Center for full use of services. Client has been linked to OC Mental for 6 months. Outreach to follow-up with client.

**NONPROFIT LINKAGE:** Outreach linked an elderly client was linked to Fresh Beginnings Ministries (FBM) to be paired with a mentor to assist the client with emotional support and support services. Outreach also worked with FBM and Streets Team leader to assist client in finding housing and emergency funds in order to stay off of the streets.

**NEW CLIENT:** Outreach responded to a PD and FIRE referral for a Domestic Violence (DV) client who was in transport to Hoag Hospital. Outreach met client at the hospital and she stated her boyfriend had beaten her. Client was intoxicated and unable to conduct phone intakes for DV shelters. Client is from out of the area. Upon speaking with the nurse and one of our partnering Pastors, Outreach was made aware that the client had been to many sober living homes and was not ready to take responsibility for her actions. At this point, given the client's history, she is considered service resistant.

**NEW CLIENT:** Outreach met with new client who has cerebral palsy, in a motorized wheelchair, hangs out at Coffee Bean/Tea Leaf on 19th St. The client is unable to speak and has to write in order to communicate. The client wrote down he's a former Costa Mesa resident looking for housing assistance and returned to Costa Mesa to find his birth mom. Outreach completed the city intake forms and gave the client information for the Dayle McIntosh Center. The client is being mentored by/currently staying with a volunteer who is assisting him with finding housing.

### **Network for Homeless Solutions**

Team met with Property Manager of 1901 Newport Blvd. (Newport Plaza) to discuss ongoing complaints of camping and hostile homeless. Property Manager agreed to get authorization to increase security and Police Department will continue to monitor as well.

Tracking various pieces of proposed legislation related to homeless/mental health issues, specifically SB 876 ([http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb\\_0851-0900/sb\\_876\\_bill\\_20160114\\_introduced.htm](http://www.leginfo.ca.gov/pub/15-16/bill/sen/sb_0851-0900/sb_876_bill_20160114_introduced.htm)), and SB 1273 ([http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201520160SB1273](http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201520160SB1273)).