

## What do you think are the top city-wide priorities for SPD?

### Homelessness

#### City of Sacramento efforts to prevent, reduce and end homelessness

The number of unhoused people on our streets is increasing- which is tragic and unacceptable. The Sacramento Police Department (SPD) is a key partner in supporting the citywide initiative to reduce homelessness and provide services to this vulnerable segment of our community.

The City of Sacramento is committed to be a city where all are welcome, where all are supported and where all have opportunities to thrive. Those experiencing homelessness in our city are a visible, and sometimes invisible, reminder of the work we must do to be a world class city. As the largest city in Sacramento County and the region, the City of Sacramento is committed to working in partnership with other jurisdictions in the region to prevent and end homelessness throughout Sacramento.

The City of Sacramento seeks solutions to homelessness that are:

- Compassionate to the needs of those most vulnerable in our community;
- Responsive to the concerns and impacts of homelessness on the greater community;
- Inclusive of the variety of partners needed to make a substantial impact; and
- Oriented to the needs of those we are trying to serve.

Currently, the City of Sacramento invests over \$3 million in housing and services to help people experiencing homelessness and supports the efforts of many non-profit partners throughout the community.

More information on the City's efforts to end and prevent homelessness is located on the City's [webpage](#).

#### Efforts by the Sacramento Police Department

The Sacramento Police Department understands that compassionate policing, wrap around services, and building long term partnerships is necessary in addressing the needs of those experiencing homelessness. As such SPD formed the IMPACT team three years ago. The IMPACT team provides outreach and engagement services throughout the City of Sacramento. They are the city's initial point of contact with both chronic homeless and chronic inebriates living on the streets.

The team seeks out and engages chronically homeless persons and helps connect them with providers who can offer housing and support services. The team is trained to assess an individual's problems and identify how to help utilizing a wide range of solutions. Whether homelessness for the individual has been caused by loss of income, psychological problems,

substance abuse, lack of job training, or other problems, multiple options are available to assist each person.

The IMPACT team also works with many partners throughout the community to perform a wide range of services; cleaning up abandoned campsites, enforcement in multi-jurisdiction areas, and aligning services for those in need. These services include long-term housing, food assistance, and alcohol/drug rehabilitation.

The IMPACT team consists of two areas of focus: Mobile Crisis Support Team and Homeless Outreach Team (HOT).

#### Mobile Crisis Support Team

The Mobile Crisis Support Team is comprised of a specially trained officer and licensed mental health professional. Together, they respond to situations involving people who are experiencing a mental health related crisis that has come to the attention of law enforcement. The Mobile Crisis Support team also does follow up visits, evaluations for mental issues in the field, refers those who qualify to Mental Health Court, and provides the most clinically appropriate resolution to the crisis by linking people to the least restrictive level of care that is appropriate.

#### Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)

The Homeless Outreach Team works with the city's chronic homeless population to identify root causes and provide a bridge to services. This is achieved through the coordination of law enforcement, criminal justice, and many service providers.

To learn more about the IMPACT team, please visit their [webpage](#).

The Sacramento Police Department maintains monthly metrics that can be found [here](#). The Metrics for December 2017 are below:

# SPD Homeless Response Metrics December 2017

**3,550** calls for service  
involving Homelessness

**217** referrals  
from 311

Patrol responded to  
**3,514** of those calls



**8** of those calls  
resulted in Illegal  
Camping Enforcement



Our Impact Team  
responded to **518**  
of those calls



Officers created **457**  
service referral  
connections



**602** yards of trash  
removed from  
homeless camps



**2** CPTED assessments  
**1** CPTED completed

**C**rime  
**P**revention  
**T**hrough  
**E**nvironmental  
**D**esign

Service referrals were  
declined **483** times  
when offering services

