



## Report to the Auburn City Council

Agenda Item No.

City Manager's Approval

<b>To:</b>	Mayor and City Council Members
<b>From:</b>	Ryan L. Kinnan, Chief of Police
<b>Date:</b>	September 14, 2020
<b>Subject:</b>	Homeless/Transient Strategic Plan Quarterly Presentation

### The Issue

This is the quarterly update of the Homeless/Transient Strategic Plan.

### Conclusion and Recommendation

There is no action required at this time. After review and discussion, Council may provide direction on any desired changes.

### Background

The Auburn Police Department, along with the Auburn Fire Department and Public Works, continue to move forward in an on-going effort to address the Homeless/Transient concerns within the City of Auburn. With the assistance of our partnering agencies, specifically Placer County Probation and Health and Human Services we have been able to gather statistics and data to further establish our community's baseline for homeless and transient related issues.

The City of Auburn created a strategic plan with the three year goal of reducing the number of chronic homeless by 10%; per the HUD definition used in the Marbut Study and an additional definition created by the Auburn Police Department, as a homeless person contacted four or more times over a rolling 12 month period. In addition, a second goal of reducing nuisance type calls for service (i.e. camping, loitering, panhandling, trespassing, and suspicious activity) by 10%.

In 2019, the Auburn Police Department was able to collect one years' worth of data, which provided an early snapshot of our homeless/transient representation. At the conclusion of 2019, 41 individuals had been identified as a chronic homeless individual (based on the definitions being used for the strategic plan) and on average we contacted approximately 17 of the identified individuals per month. It should be noted, we do not actually contact all 41 identified chronic homeless on a monthly basis. Throughout the year, 84 individuals were identified as newly contacted, which is approximately seven new individuals a month.

In 2019, approximately 22% of our community-generated nuisance calls for service resulted in contact with homeless/transient individuals.

### Analysis

As a result of COVID-19, the last quarterly update occurred on January 27, 2019 and was the update for all of 2019. This update encompasses the Homeless/Transient strategic plan data from January 2020 through August 2020.

The data collected shows total nuisance-type calls for service at 605, which is a decrease of 44 calls for service during the same time period in 2019 (649). This is a decrease of approximately 7% in nuisance-type calls. The following is a breakdown of data for the identified nuisance-type calls for service:

- Camping decreased by 23%
- Loitering increased by 29%
- Panhandling decreased by 48%
- Trespassing increased by 41%
- Suspicious Activity decreased by 12%

Most notable is that trespassing increased from 73 in 2019 to 103 in 2020. This is an increase of 30 calls for service yielding the 48% increase. Although there is an increase to the number of calls for service there has not been a significant increase of citations and arrests as a result. We will be looking to make further information available concerning trespassing via our social media platforms and website.

The number of chronic homeless in the City of Auburn continues to be at approximately 41 identified individuals. However, we have had a number of successes in getting resources to individuals and assisting them in getting off the streets. It has also been noted we have seen an increase in homeless individuals from the Sacramento and Bay areas. We will continue to track this information in the future.

Over the eight months, the Community Action Team (CAT) has conducted 65 operations. This was an increase by 10 operations in comparison to the same time in 2019. However, it should be noted the Community Action Team was scaled back during the beginning of the COVID response and there were no operations in April or May 2020.

- Operation costs YTD is approximately \$18,462.00 in overtime.

CAT YTD efforts also included the clean-up of 29 camps; including 13 found on City properties. Personnel and clean-up costs were approximately \$4,197.00.

Additional notable information is the implementation of our CAD/RMS system in July 2020. This new contemporary database will allow for the real-time tracking of top offender locations and hot spots throughout the City. Although the system is in place we are just now in the beginning stages of the data collection and the ability to use it to further address our homeless/transient concerns.

The City of Auburn developed a three year strategic plan to address the homeless concerns. We set out to achieve the goal of reducing the identified nuisance-type calls for service by 10% in three years. Although the second year is not complete we have seen a reduction of calls for service by 7% in our year to date comparison from 2019 to 2020. We will continue to monitor and make the necessary changes as we move forward.