



SEVERE WEATHER SHELTER RESPONSE PLAN

Providing temporary shelter to the homeless during extreme weather.

Planning and preparation to open a Severe Weather Shelter begins months in advance of opening.

http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/upload/USER-MANUAL_FINAL_Severe-Weather-Shelter.pdf

The Severe Weather Shelter Response Plan operates through community partnerships to include:

- **Faith-Based and Nonprofit Shelter Providers**
 - Shelter providers open their facilities based on 2 or more days of 32 degree or below temperature. The shelter provider makes the decision to activate based on weather forecast, facility and volunteer availability, and resources to feed the homeless.
 - The shelter provider notifies the Washington County Homeless Coordinator when they plan to activate and de-activate.
- **Washington County Homeless Program Coordinator**
 - Coordinate church logistics and participation, prepare annual training for shelter coordinators focused on health, safety, emergency preparedness, and provide shelter coordination.
 - Prepare CAD Special Information for WCCCA (911 Dispatch Center).
 - During Winter months, prepare weekly schedule of all shelter activations and distribute to the Housing and Supportive Services Network (HSSN), Community Action's I&R/211 Coordinator, homeless outreach workers, faith-based shelter providers, emergency management, law enforcement, fire/EMS, libraries, and other community partners. Activation schedules are available at http://www.co.washington.or.us/Housing/upload/SWS_Activation_List.pdf
 - Coordinate and facilitate information on resource needs and support.
- **211info**
 - Provide information and referral of shelter resources to the public.

The following outcomes were reported during the activation period 11/2013 through 3/2014:

5 City Locations

6 Shelter Sites

122 Days Shelters Activated (open)

5,334 Total Bed Stays (1 person staying 5 nights = 5 bed stays)

13,119 Volunteer Hours Operating Shelters

2014-2015 SEVERE WEATHER (WINTER) SHELTER SITES:

Forest Grove: Forest Grove United Church of Christ, 2032 College Way, Forest Grove

Hillsboro: SOS-Shelter (Sonrise Church¹), 6701 NE Campus Way, Hillsboro [90 days beginning 12/1/14]

Sherwood: St. Francis Church, 15659 SW Oregon Street, Sherwood [Sundays beginning 11/2/14 to 3/30/15]

Tigard: St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 9905 SW McKenzie Street, Tigard [Saturdays beginning 11/1/14 to 3/15]

Calvin Presbyterian Church, 10445 SW Canterbury Lane, Tigard [Fridays beginning 12/5/14 to 3/27/15]

Tualatin: Rolling Hills Community, 3550 SW Borland Road, Tualatin [Wednesdays beginning 11/5/14 to 3/4/15]

CHANGES AND CHALLENGES ANTICIPATED FOR WINTER 2014-2015 SHELTER OPERATIONS:

- SOS-Shelter is an "enrolled shelter program". Will activate (open) as "Severe Weather Shelter" with additional beds serving one-night stay during conditions of snow, ice and/or freezing temps.
- Need for volunteers and resources to operate the shelters.
- Health care resources for homeless guests to include acute medical care needs and other communicable diseases, e.g. Diabetes, cancer, communicable diseases, Norovirus – New concerns: Ebola, Enterovirus-68 (EV-68) children.
- Transportation supports to include bus and MAX tickets.

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¹ Temporary Use Permit filed with the city of Hillsboro to be a Winter Shelter open 90-days from 12/2014 to 2/2015.