

Homeless Point-in time Survey

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We encourage our District residents to consider how to support this important effort beyond the holiday giving season to ensure people living in desperate circumstances are "counted" and that we as a community can help be a part of the solution.

WHAT IS THE POINT IN TIME COUNT AND SURVEY?

- To qualify for Federal Continuum of Care funding, a bi-annual homeless count is mandated for all communities by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD).
- Homeless counts take place across the country during the last 10 days of January (January 26th for OC).
- Anyone involved in the issue of homelessness is part of the Orange County Continuum of Care. The lead agency for the Continuum of Care is the County's OC Community Services Homeless Prevention Division. OC Partnership, a nonprofit partner, manages the homeless count process in partnership OC Community Services, the Commission to End Homelessness, and County's Health Care Agency. In addition, other partners include providers of services to homeless and at-risk populations, faith based organizations, a Point in Time Count Advisory group comprised of sheltered and unsheltered individuals, community volunteers, and other stakeholders.

WHAT IS THE COUNT?

- Unsheltered Count & Survey: **SATURDAY, JANUARY 26th** – meet at 4:00 am at one of five (5) Deployment Centers, deploy to areas at 5:00 am and return around 8:00 am

WHERE?

There are five Deployment Centers located throughout Orange County:

- OC Partnership - 1505 E. 17th Street, Ste. 100, Santa Ana, CA 92705
- Collette's Children Home - 17301 Beach Blvd., Suite 23, Huntington Beach, CA 92647
- Orange County Rescue Mission - One Hope Drive, Tustin, CA 92782
- Fullerton Community Center - 340 West Commonwealth Avenue, Fullerton, CA 92832
- Family Assistance Ministries - 1030 Calle Negocio, San Clemente, CA 92673

MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED

This is a meaningful opportunity for teams to be trained for the "Count" on the morning of January 26th.

Members of the Commission to End Homelessness, County and City Officials will be participating along with many other partners.

Over 1,000 volunteers are needed, to serve as:

- **FIELD TEAMS** (identify and count homeless in predetermined mapped areas)
- **FIELD SURVEYORS** (getting to know those in need by administering a short survey)
- **SUPPORT CREW** (helping those in the field at a "Deployment Center")
- **HOMELESS GUIDES** (if you are a Service Agency, we ask that you recommend responsible people)

TRAINING

Training is required and will be provided, **starting on January 13th** and running throughout the week, at the five (5) Deployment Centers, which are aligned with the Districts. A makeup session will be held the week of January 20th.

HOW TO SIGN UP & TRAINING INFORMATION

Go to the Homeless Count website www.pointintimeoc.org and sign up to Volunteer.