



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**

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# City Homeless Initiatives Update

September 17, 2024

# Agenda

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Program Highlights

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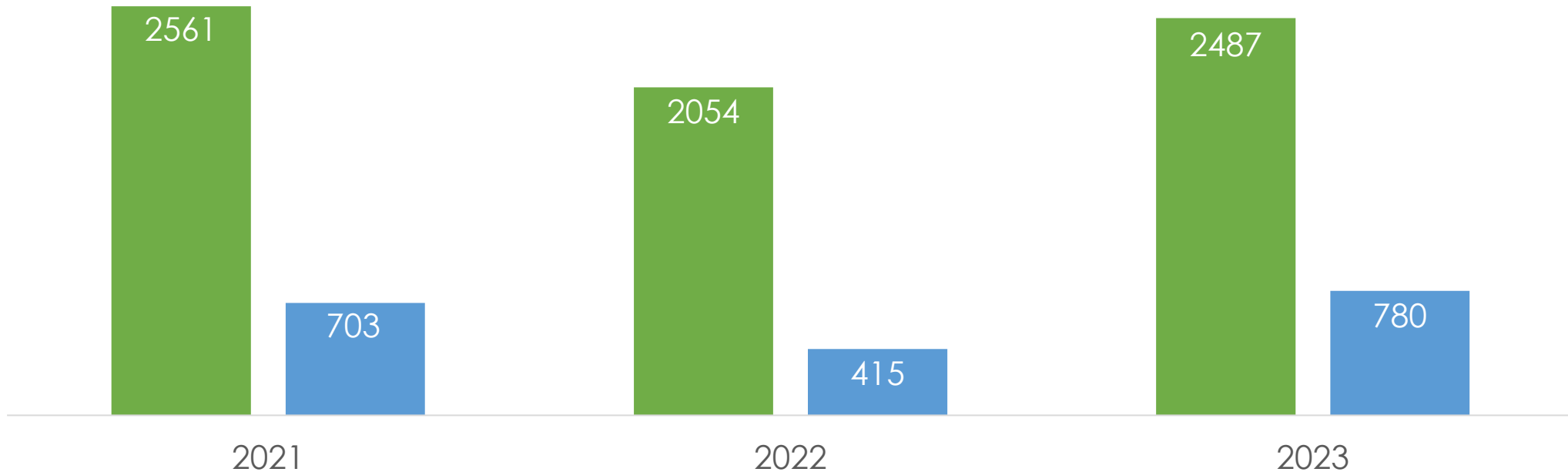
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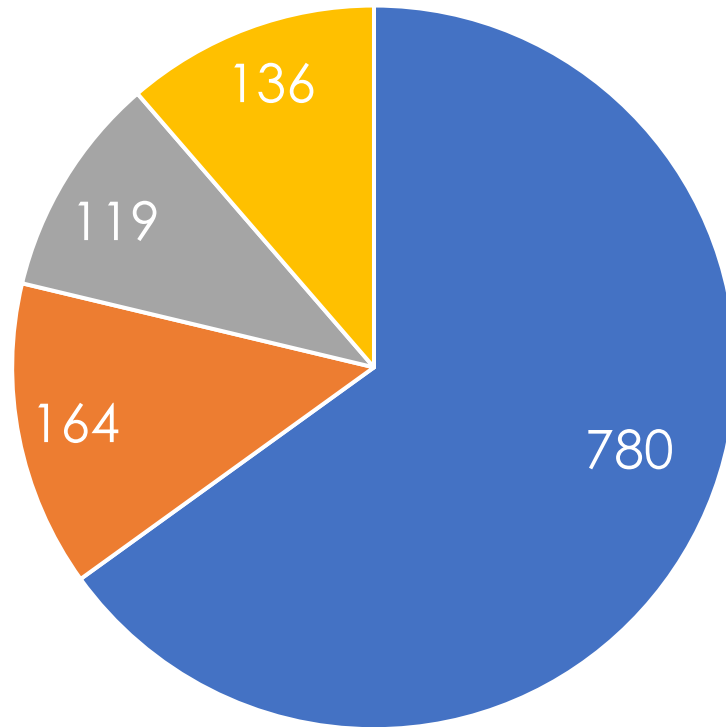
# Point In Time (PIT) Count Numbers

■ Broward County   ■ Fort Lauderdale



- No 2024 PIT Count took place. Taskforce conducted Voices of the Street: 797 unduplicated responses were collected between January 24-27, 2024
- Next PIT Count is scheduled for January 23-25, 2025

# 2023 PIT Count Numbers by Municipalities



- Total unsheltered count in the County was 1624
- Pie chart reflects 74% of the unsheltered count by the top four cities
- Fort Lauderdale accounts for 48% of the unsheltered population countywide

■ Fort Lauderdale ■ Hollywood ■ Pompano ■ Lauderhill

# Shelter Capacity

Shelter	Capacity	Census as of 1/3/24	Per Bed Amount	Funding Allocation
CHAC	230 – 65%	113	\$45.28	\$3.9M
NHAC	268	205	\$45.28	\$4.3M
TSA	114	98	\$45.28	\$2M

Total shelter capacity for Broward County 612

# FY24: City Commission Priorities



## Housing Accessibility

1. Address congregation of individuals at intersections
2. Coordinate services to address mental health, physical health, and addiction for those that are homeless or at risk
3. Improve the feeling of safety for neighbors

# What is currently in place?

Congregation at Intersections	Coordinate Services	Improve Feeling of Safety	Other
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Outreach – PD HOT</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Reunification – PD HOT</li><li>• Community Court – NS</li><li>• Housing Navigation – NS/PD</li><li>• MIH - Fire</li><li>• Emergency Shelter Beds – NS/PD</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education Campaign – PD/NS</li><li>• Coffee and Conversations – NS</li><li>• Trespass Affidavit Program – PD</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• COC Members</li><li>• City Advisory Board</li><li>• Broward County Advisory Boards</li><li>• Synergy with other municipalities</li></ul>

# Program Highlights

## Community Court



Number of walk-ins:  
**1778**



Number of NTA's  
Appeared: **50**



Number of Graduates:  
**16**



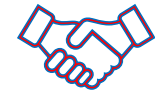
Housing Referrals: **675**



Case Management  
Referrals: **239**



Mental Health  
Treatment Referral: **105**

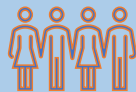


Substance Abuse  
Treatment Referral: **104**

## Park Rangers



Number of park  
checks: **11,056**



Number of people  
encountered: **4,206**

## PD HOT



Number of NTA's  
Written: **91**



Number of  
Reunifications: **12**



# Program Highlights



## Housing Navigation

Number of individuals on our housing list: **138**



Number of individuals housed or reunified: **27**



Number of individuals who denied services: **10**

## Coffee & Conversation



Number of individuals attended: **217**



Number of individuals who visited a Fellowship RCO location: **54**



Number of individuals referred to substance abuse treatment: **46**

## Emergency Shelter Beds\*



Number of individuals and family referred to emergency shelter: **20**



Number of individuals on a housing and employment plan: **7**



Number of individuals who denied services: **11**

# HB1365 Response Coordination

## Complaint

- Written format
- Addressed to the governing body

## Record

- City record complaint = assign a number within FixIT FTL

## Dispatch

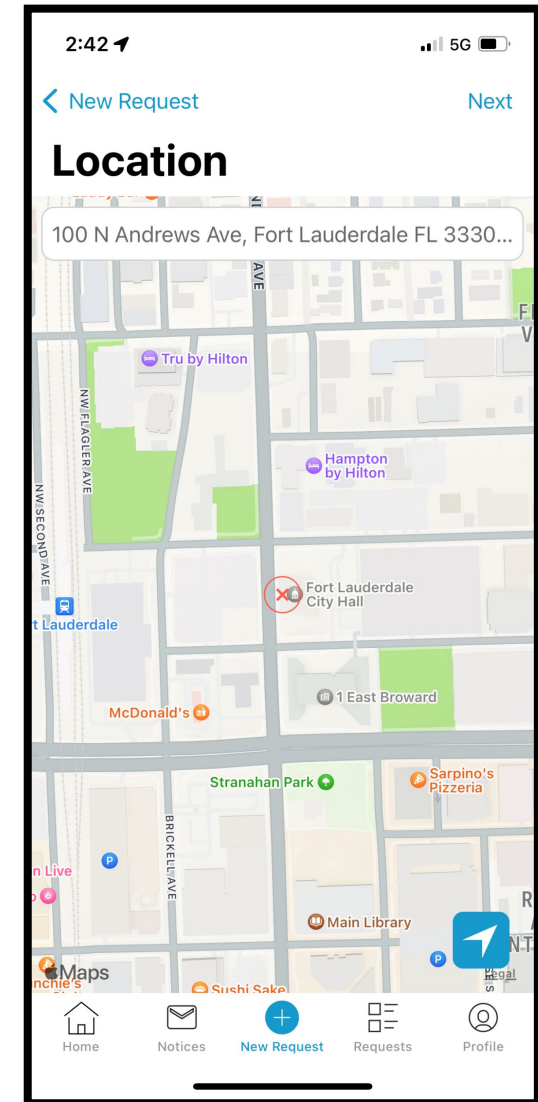
- Dispatch PD HOT to location within five days
- PD HOT documents with photo response on app

## Response

- Written response to complainant with photo, geocode, date, and time by Neighbor Support

# HB 1365: Complaint Requirements

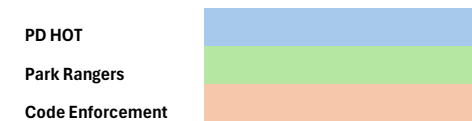
1. Visit FixIT FTL and select Unauthorized Public Camping or Public Sleeping
2. Location is required
3. General description of individual/situation required; photograph is optional but helpful
4. Specify, is the camping occurring overnight?
5. Please describe the area (e.g., location within a Park)



# HB1365: Street Coverage



Service Providers will not accept anyone after 5pm on weekdays or anytime on weekends. One HOT position is vacant.



# Private Property Trespass Affidavits

1. Property owner or manager would need to sign a Fort Lauderdale Police Department Trespass Affidavit
2. Officer will provide yellow trespass signs for posting
3. Affidavits are valid for two years
4. Call non-emergency line 954.828.5700 for an officer to confirm if you have an active affidavit on file
5. For enforcement call non-emergency, unless there is an emergency call 911. If there is a reoccurring issue PD HOT will add it to daily routine



# Plan of Action

## Steps Taken

- Increased staff positions in Neighbor Support and Homeless Outreach Team
- Drafted non-camping ordinance and sleeping
- Secured 20 emergency shelter beds for the City
- Established reporting process through FixIT FTL
- Ongoing meetings with service providers, County legal/management, and other municipalities

## Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2024

- Purchase Community Court Location
- Secure 10 mental health and 10 substance abuse treatment beds
- Establish temporary overnight respite shelter
- Host three educational townhalls on HB1365
- Support from Park Rangers and Code Inspectors to report encampments

## Jan. 1, 2025 - Ongoing

- Reporting bi-weekly on complaints and compliance
- Explore program feasibility of safe parking, pallet homes, storage, and medical respite beds
- Continue with neighbor educational campaign
- Work with partners for long-term solutions and refine approaches



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# Questions and Discussion