



City Of Columbia

OPERATION HOPE & ORDER



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Columbia Police Department

Pathways Unit Numbers (07/01/2021 to 06/01/2023)

Total Calls for Service*	Current Number of Individual Contacts	Number of Actions Taken (non-arrests)
2021-2023 → 1655	733	1248
May 2023 → 129		

*Calls for Service do not always result in a service or contact

Columbia PD/DMH Pathways Unit

- DMH Clinician A. Anderson/LCpl C. Bolling – SE Region/Citywide Focus
- DMH Clinician O. Striggles/MPO A. Lynch – Metro Region Focus
- DMH Clinician L. Simmons Mack/CIT Officer – North Region Focus
- DMH Clinician K. Aldrich/CIT Officer – West Region Focus

Transient Citizen Criminal Activity Focus Operation

03/01/2022 to 06/01/2023

- Correction Action through Arrests/Field Books
 - Custodial Arrests- 502
 - Field Books/Citations- 314
- Field Interview/information Reports- 982
- Services Offered- 700
- May Arrests- 48 Arrests

*The current contact log is 159 pages

Elmwood Corridor Information

*Consists of Report Areas 528, 529, 530, 547, 201, 202, 203, and 204

- Arrests (June 01, 2022 to June 01, 2023) – 455
- Calls for Service (June 01, 2022 to June 01, 2023) - 11460
- Property Checks (June 01, 2022 to June 01, 2023) - 1367

Top 10 Repeat Offenders in Elmwood/Calhoun Corridor

1. Adrian Saxton: Trespassing, Auto Breaking, drug/alcohol violations CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ASGDC
2. Shareka Caldwell: Consistent trespass, drug/alcohol intoxication, and property violations CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ASGDC
3. Eric Dinkins: Consistent trespass, drug/alcohol intoxication violations CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ASGDC
4. Ivin Hemingway: Consistent trespass, drug/alcohol intoxication violations CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ASGDC
5. Christopher Mobley: Consistent trespass, drug/alcohol intoxication violations CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ASGDC
6. Rebecca Roberts: Consistent trespass, drug/alcohol intoxication, violent tendencies, drug possession/distribution charges CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ASGDC
7. Rodney Gilmore: Consistent trespass, drug/alcohol intoxication violations CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ASGDC
8. Derrick Bowers: Consistent trespass, drug/alcohol intoxication violations CURRENTLY DETAINED IN ASGDC
9. Jeffery Augustine: Consistent trespass, drug/alcohol intoxication violations, drug possession violations
10. Jordan Glover: Consistent trespass, drug/alcohol intoxication, and property violations

Operational Impact (March 31st, June 1st, and June 2nd)

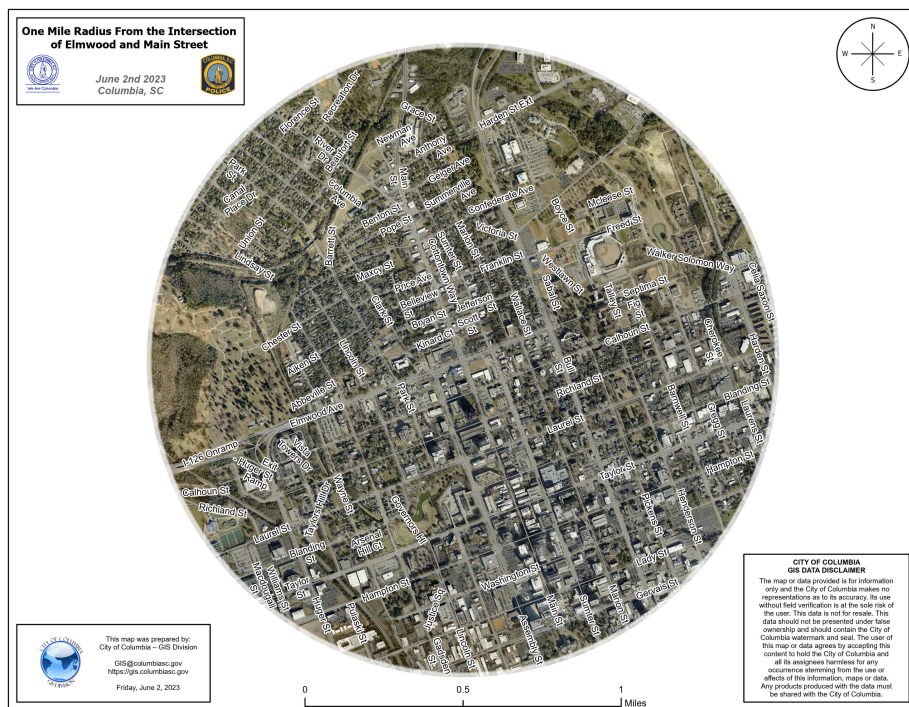
Initial Operational Impact (3 Days) – 36 Arrests

Homeless Encampments Addressed (06/01/2022 to 06/01/2023) – 45 Camps

Current/Previous Nuisance Actions

Business	Action/Solution
Circle K #3485 (927 Elmwood Avenue)	Action in Progress. Declaration letter mailed 5/31/23.
Main's Best	Closed by COC Action
S-Mart #57	Action in progress. Declaration letter mailed 05/31.
Sushi To Go	Actions started, however the owner closed due to significant property crime arrests.

1 Mile Radius from Main and Elmwood



Patrol Areas contained within the 1 Mile radius – 150, 160, 170, 230, 240. There is typically 1 officer assigned to each Patrol Area, for a total of 5. CRT Officers are often in the area to address community complaints. These numbers vary on the operation of focus. Officers are advised to use these main thoroughfares when traversing the city to provide an additional visual deterrent. These numbers do not take into account staff at CPDHQ.

Rapid Shelter Columbia

Rapid Shelter Columbia's (RSC) target population is the chronically unsheltered. With the collaboration of community partners, RSC proposes to increase placement of the chronically unsheltered into permanent housing with continued services. RSC is a wet low-barrier shelter which means we work with clients who are actively in their substance use and the requirements for entry are limited or minimal. With a focus on harm reduction, we use the low-barrier model because together, with our partners, we encourage unsheltered individuals to seek resources by eliminating obstacles.

Since initial operation in November 2022, RSC has:

- Received 292 referrals, of that 33 were CPD drop offs
- RSC placed 111 service referrals to community partners
- Placed 18 residents into permanent housing (as of 6-1-2023)
- Served 20,973 meals through Salvation Army
- Completed benefit applications for all residents this includes SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program), SSI (Supplemental Security Income), and SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) if applicable
- Worked with all physically able bodied residents on obtaining employment in coordination with SC Works, Vocational Rehab, and Fast Forward

Rapid Shelter Columbia Overflow (RSCO) operated Nov 1, 2022-March 31, 2023:

- Opened 63 nights for the season
- 717 CPD Drop offs
- 184 clients received a bed at Transitions Homeless Center
- Served 11,044 meals through Salvation Army

Outreach efforts are coordinated with Transitions Homeless Center & USC Supportive Housing Together they have:

- Conducted over 70 outreach events
- Made contact with over 200 individuals experiencing homelessness
- Made over 70 service referrals
- Provided 34 Greyhound tickets

Our Evening Outreach Specialist started in late February 2023 and has done the following:

- Worked with 26 unique clients
- 18 of those clients received beds at Transitions Homeless Center
- Provided 8 Greyhound tickets returning clients back to their original origin
- Success Story
 - During my evening outreach attempts I worked with a youth that frequented the downtown area. He was struggling with mental health and unable to stay in a congruent setting and follow directions. With consistent contact during outreach, I was able to get the client connected to DMH, get him on his medication, and stable. Once he

demonstrated stability, I was able to get him a bed at Transitions where he is now thriving, working and with a case manager on his way towards permanent housing.

Goals for FY 2023-2024

- Main Street District was approved for CDBG funding to add an additional yellow Shirt Ambassador that will work with our current Evening Outreach Specialist. This approach adds additional support for engaging the chronically unsheltered also aligns with Task Force recommendations and strategies.
- Opioid funding has been approved RSC proposes the following
 - RSC will have an Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) specific case manager
 - All RSC staff will be Medication Administration Training (MAT) trained
 - Expand evening outreach efforts from one part-time personnel to full time which will allow for increased presence and provision of opioid prevention resources
 - Partnership w/Non-profit organization “Rainy Day Fund” which will expand the warm hand-off to provide
 1. Transportation to rehab facilities
 2. Long-term sheltering /short-term housing costs (gap housing for individuals while waiting for a bed in an in-patient rehab facility)
 3. Support for clients that have court-mandates for mandatory classes, counseling, court or probation fees, diversion program costs, expungement, and pardon fees; these are normally barriers for the chronically unsheltered that are working on sobriety
 4. Identification documents which are required for rehab facilities and permanent housing
- Partnership w/LRADAC
 1. Full time Peer-Support Specialist at RSC to provide on-site peer support and one-on-one counseling services. This will allow for timely referrals for clients suffering from OUD to access direct treatment services including MAT and detox services

Success stories

Timothy was admitted into RSC on 3/15/23 after being released from prison. During his short stay with RSC, Timothy was able to connect with Fast Forward for employment services. He obtained his ServSafe certificate which helped him get employed at the Blue Marlin. Timothy worked the night shift but during the day he was busy making meaningful connections. RSC was able to connect Timothy to Veterans Affairs with the hopes of obtaining a HUD Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (VASH). Unfortunately, Timothy did not qualify but he was not discouraged. He was able to connect with One80 Place. Timothy was housed with an ongoing subsidy by One80 Place on 5/9/23.



Mr. Willie was a CPD drop off and was admitted by RSC on 11/10/22. Mr. Willie was able to obtain his ID and social security card but had issues with obtaining his birth certificate. Not having his birth certificate prevented him from applying for senior housing and he did not make enough money to afford housing without an ongoing subsidy. Mr. Willie's case manager applied for housing through Columbia Housing authority waitlist in January 2023. In between time, RSC was able to reach out to Manning High School to obtain Mr. Willie's school records with the hopes of using it as supporting documentation to get a delayed birth certificate. Mr. Willie received correspondence from Lexington County Housing Authority and Columbia Housing Authority letting him know that he was being considered for their waitlist. Documentation was completed and sent back to Housing Authority. Fortunately, Mr. Willie signed a lease at Oak Read High Rise on 5/16/23.



Municipal Court

Competency Hearings

The city has partnered with the Department of Mental Health to provide necessary competency to stand trial evaluations for municipal level criminal offenses. This will allow the city to identify unsheltered offenders who are deemed incompetent to be referred to providers who can offer

Public Works

Beautification/Clean up efforts

- Mow and trim the area from Huger to Bull and this will be placed on our regular schedule.
 - Area has been mowed and is on the regular schedule
- Removal of Advertisement signage on the ground and poles.
 - Signage has been removed and we will continue to monitor and remove as needed.
- Trimming of trees to allow the street lights to work effectively. This work is scheduled and should be completed by June 9th.
- Removing two cherry trees that are dying at Elmwood and Main.
 - This work is scheduled and should be completed by June 9th.
- Trimming the trees on Elmwood at McDonalds.
 - Work scheduled for the week of June 5th. If they do not look somewhat good after trimming we will probably remove in the fall and replant with something else.
- Mulching of the landscaped beds.
 - Work is scheduled for this week.
- Removal of older brown directional signage (signs pointed to the museum, lottery office, State House,etc.)
 - We have spoken to SCDOT and our crews removed signage on May 30th.
- Getting Dominion to straighten out the light pole at the median tip of Assembly and Elmwood.
 - This pole has been straightened.
- Making repairs to the just installed fencing that was hit by a car in the past two weeks.
 - The repair has been scheduled and has been included in a larger project. Work is expected to be completed by June 30th.
- Adding the fencing back to the Elmwood median.
 - The contractor is stating replacement will be done by June 30th. Once completed, Forestry staff will add additional planting material to the medians.
- Communicate with Dominion to change the current overhead street lights to LED.
 - We have reached out to Dominion with an email for this request and we followed up Friday June 2nd with a phone call. They are working on scheduling the changeover.
- Hospitality tax funding allocated to Main Street District to expand the Clean & Safe team.

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Citizens can also access an electronic version of the information packet by
visiting our website <https://columbiasc.gov/>