

# County of Santa Clara

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## COLD WEATHER SHELTER PROGRAM—ONIZUKA SITE REPORT

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### SITE PREPARATION UPDATE

1. The vast majority of the site preparation work has been completed. This enabled the shelter to open on Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>.
2. Site protocols and staff training on such is ongoing.
3. The site preparation work left to be done is the following:
  - a) Restoration of the landscaping on the Juniper Networks property;
  - b) Removal of dirt;
  - c) Installation of gate and fencing;
  - d) Cleaning the lot; and
  - e) Striping the parking spaces.

### CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY THE COMMUNITY & COUNTY'S RESPONSE

After the community meetings on September 10, 2015, the Office of Supportive Housing (OSH) has not received any concerns to which we have had to respond. County staff responded to requests for information about the program by Juniper Networks and a local business.

### DEMOGRAPHICS OF THOSE SERVED AT THE SHELTER (from 12/6 to 12/8/15)

Total unduplicated number of people served: 38  
Gender: # of Male Adults: 28 # of Female Adults: 10  
Families: # of family members: 0 # of children under 18: 0  
Ethnicity of all served:  
African American/Black: 6 Hispanic: 7\*  
Asian/Pacific Islander: 2 Mixed/Other: 7  
Caucasian/White: 20 Native American: 3

*\*Ethnicity counts do not equal total clients served, as Hispanic is an ethnicity & not a mutually exclusive race like the others listed. Of the 38 clients served, 31 clients were non-Hispanic, 7 were Hispanic.*

### SHUTTLE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

This flexible plan is being implemented, with HomeFirst's shuttle dropping off and picking up individuals at several social service and community centers in the area at designated times. As the program continues, appropriate changes to this plan will be made.

## REFERRALS: SOURCES & NUMBERS

On the day that the shelter opened, the number of referrals by the agencies involved were:

Agency	Projected
Community Service Agency Mtn Vw	17
Downtown Streets Team	66
Gardner Family Health Network: Mtn View	0
HomeFirst	16
InnVision Shelter Network	29
Office of Supportive Housing	0
Our Daily Bread	3
Project WeHOPE	0
Sunnyvale Community Services	17
Valley Health Care for the Homeless	16
West Valley Community Services	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>164</b>

Of these individuals 64 have been placed on a waitlist. When vacant beds become available, HomeFirst will contact those on the waitlist according to an established order of referring agencies.

## OTHER RELATED ISSUES

### Inclement Weather Episode Implementation:

1. An inclement weather episode was declared/implemented from November 24 to December 1, 2015. During this period, shelter was provided to over 800 people at 9 shelters which opened up an additional 199 beds.
2. Of the 14 governmental jurisdictions in the County, only 6 reported that they had facilities available to be open as “warming centers” during regular business hours. Of these facilities, only one facility reported that they had homeless individuals coming in out of the cold.
3. During this episode teams from Valley Homeless Healthcare Program and HomeFirst conducted outreach on several days. They reached out to over 100 individuals on the streets and encampments at more than 25 locations throughout the County and provided them with supplies and information.
4. On Dec. 8, 2015 the San José City Council approved contracting with a community based organization to operate temporary winter shelters at four city-owned facilities during declared Inclement Weather Episodes.
5. On Dec. 15, 2015 the Board of Supervisors will consider recommending administration to analyze the feasibility of using 999 Hamlin Court as a shelter site to be used only during a declared Inclement Weather Episode(s) this winter.

## PERMANENT CWSP NORTH COUNTY SITE SEARCH UPDATE

Early in the next calendar year, the Office of Supportive Housing will seek the guidance of the Board of Supervisors on the utilization of a site for next year’s Cold Weather Shelter Program.