



OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

HALL OF JUSTICE

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF



April 5, 2023

Ms. Danielle Butler Vappie
Interim Executive Director
Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission
World Trade Center
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Dear Ms. Vappie:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S BUDGET PRIORITIES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 RECOMMENDATIONS FOLLOW-UP**

This is a follow-up letter from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (Department). During the Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (Commission) meetings on February 16, 2023, and March 2, 2023, related to the Department's budget, the Department vowed to follow-up and provide the following items by no later than April 7, 2023:

1. The percentage/breakdown of the Department's budget that is allocated to settlements, and
2. Report on how many people the Department connects to Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST) services.

The Department's current Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 budget for Judgments and Damages totals \$21.8 million, which equates to 0.59 percent of the gross budget amount of \$3.7 billion. For the prior FY 2021-2022, actual expenditures for Judgments and Damages totaled \$44.7 million or 1.18 percent of the Department's \$3.7 billion final gross expense.

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From January 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022, the HOST teams connected 3,894 persons to outreach services. The attached report provides a breakdown of these contacts by supervisorial district, month, demographics, age, and more.

Again, we extend our gratitude for your support, concern, and consideration. The Department looks forward to working closely with the Commission to achieve our common goals for public safety.

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the Department's budget, please contact me, at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,

ROBERT G. LUNA, SHERIFF

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JILL TORRES
ASSISTANT SHERIFF
CHIEF FINANCIAL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

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(Assistant Sheriff's Office-Administrative Services Division)

Attachments

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Jason A. Skeen, Chief of Staff, Office of the Sheriff
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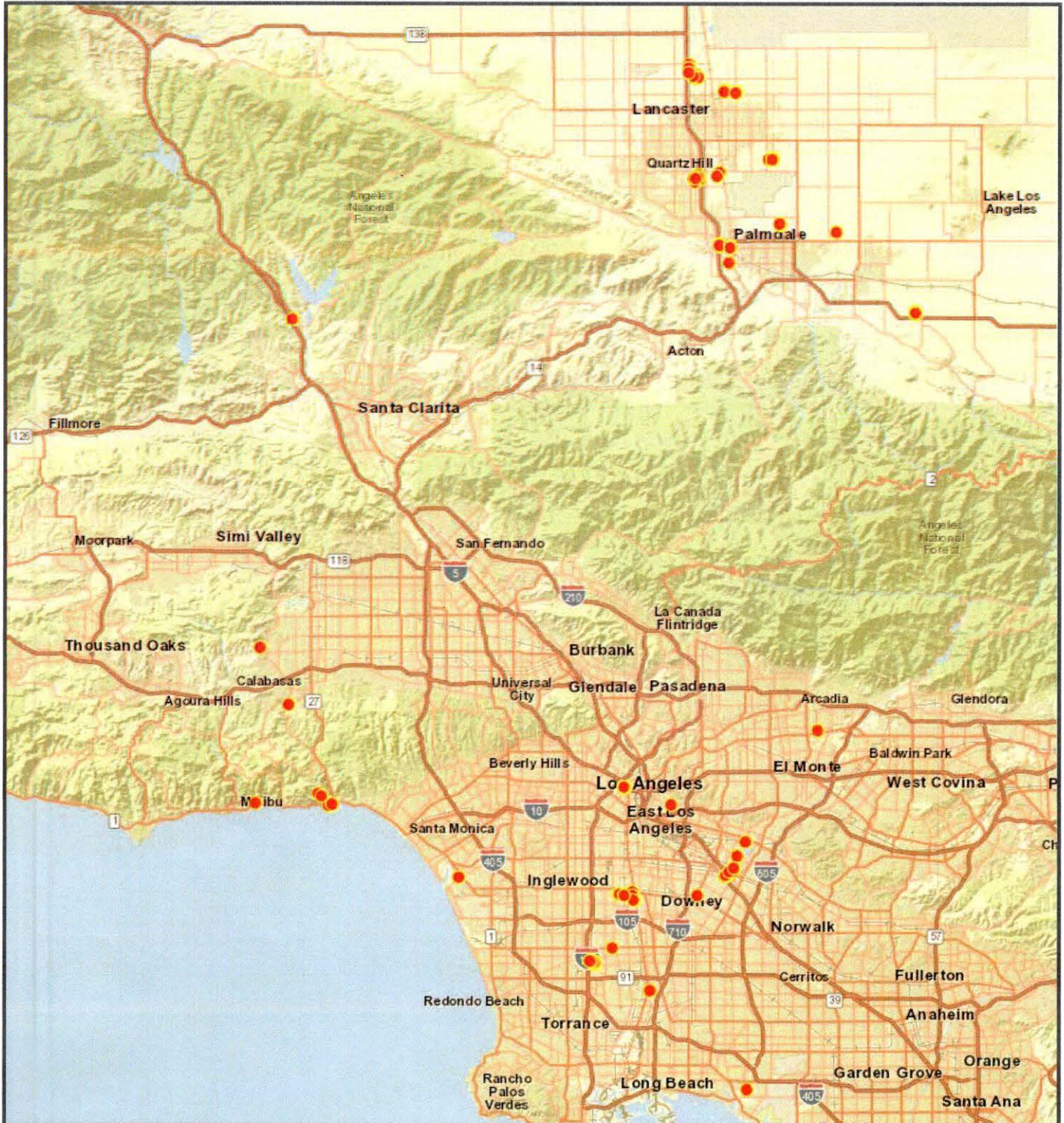
CONTACT LOCATIONS

All locations where the Homeless Outreach Services Team contacted a person /people experiencing homelessness between January 1, 2022—December 31, 2022



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Initial identification locations (where the Homeless Outreach Services Team identified an encampment) between January 1, 2022—December 31, 2022. These details are locations only; no contacts occurred during the identification.



2022 HOST REVIEW

The Homeless Outreach Services Team had no uses of force, no complaints and no civil claims in 2022. There was (1) arrest for child endangerment.

- ♦ TOTAL PROTOCOL CLEANUPS: 270
- ♦ Homeless Encampment Automated Request Submission (HEARS): 193
- ♦ NON-HEARS/BOS Requests : 77
- ♦ TOTAL OUTREACH EFFORTS: 540
- ♦ SWORN & CIVILIAN STAFF TRAINED: 844
- ♦ MEETINGS: 231
- ♦ TOWN HALL & COMMUNITY MEETINGS ATTENDED: 18
- ♦ TOTAL CONTACTS: 3,600
- ♦ ADDITIONAL IDENTIFIED ENCAMPMENTS: 368

COLLABORATIONS

- ◇ HOST has worked with over 200 non-profit agencies, government agencies and police departments throughout Los Angeles County and the State of California.
- ◇ Collaborated with CEO-HI, LAC-DPW, and LAHSA in the creation of the Board of Supervisors Motion "RV Encampment Protocol" and creation of Los Angeles County Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Process.
- ◇ Collaborated with CEO-HI, LACo Fire, LAHSA and OEM to implement BOS directive to identify encampments and notify all PEH living in Very High Fire Severity Zones.
- ◇ Collaborated with OEM when rain is predicted to deploy to all DPW water ways in unincorporated County areas and contract cities to mitigate loss of life and swift water rescues.
- ◇ Collaborated with homeless outreach providers to provide Christmas gifts to children affected by homelessness.

SPECIAL PROJECTS

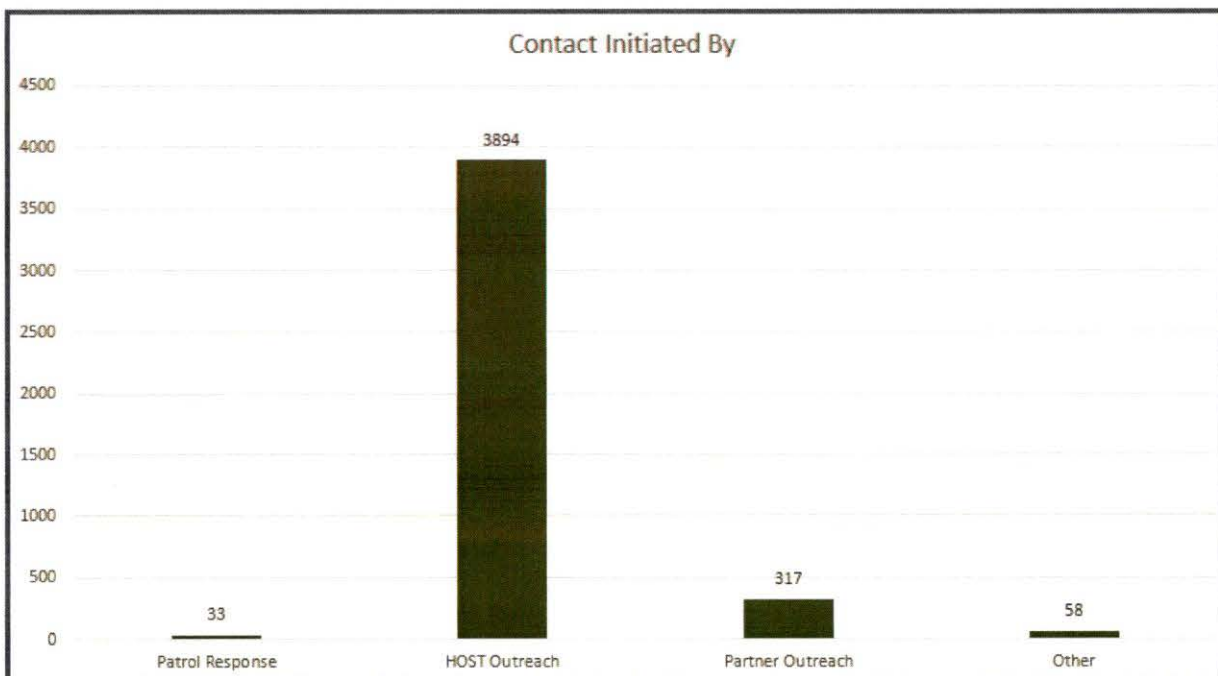
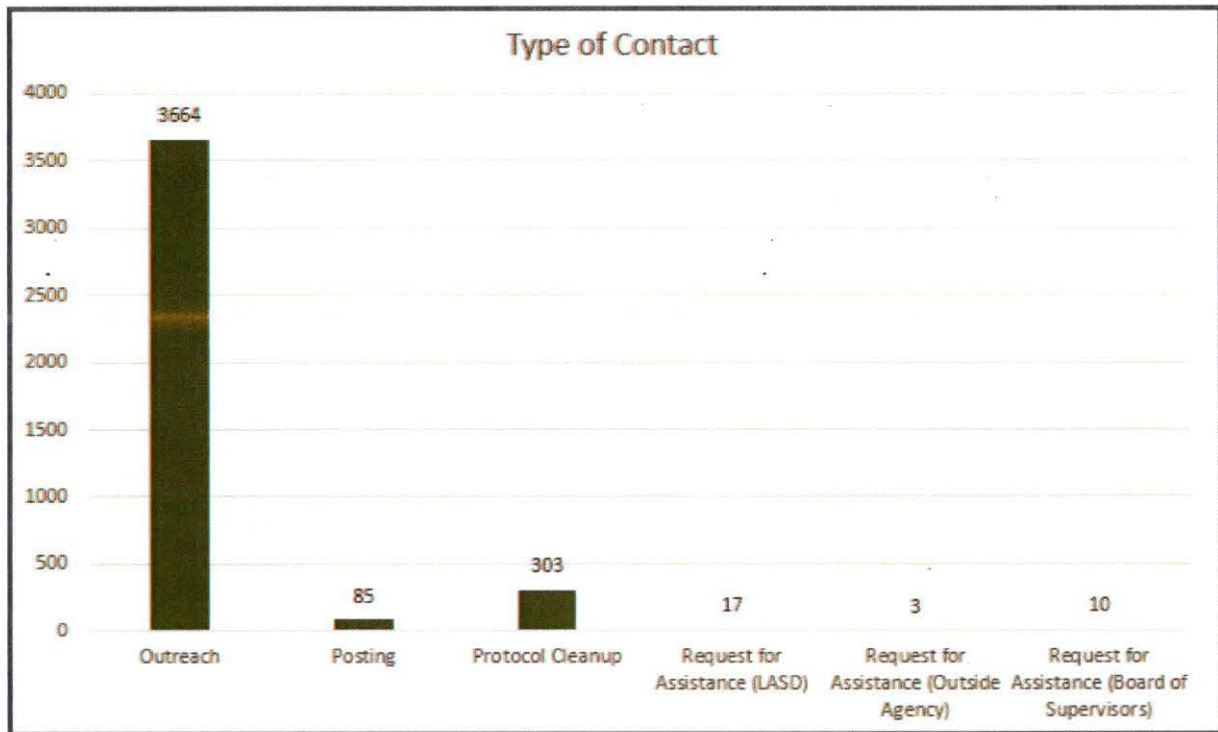
- ◇ Assist with the annual homeless point in time (PIT) count in all waterways, rail lines, unincorporated County areas and all contract cities.
- ◇ Assisted CEO Real Estate Development with 12 clearances of vacant county buildings PEH were inhabiting. * (1) six-month old child was rescued and placed into protective custody at one location.

OPERATIONS

- ◇ Operation Safe Travels
- ◇ Olvera Street (El Pueblo) Assessment and Outreach

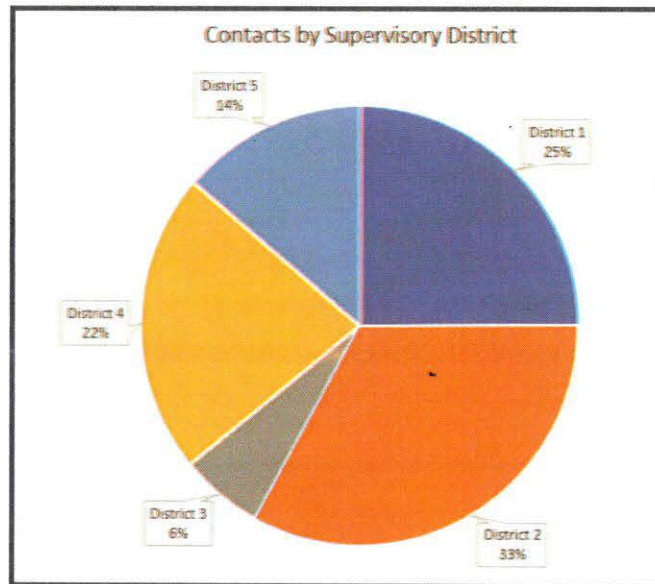
PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Between Jan 1, 2022—Dec 29, 2022, the Homeless Outreach Services Team documented 3,968 contacts and encampments (attempted and carded contacts but excluding Pilot Outreach Events and contacts associated with Mental Health outreach.) Of these contacts, (3,664) were related to Outreach efforts. (3,894) contacts were directly initiated by HOST.

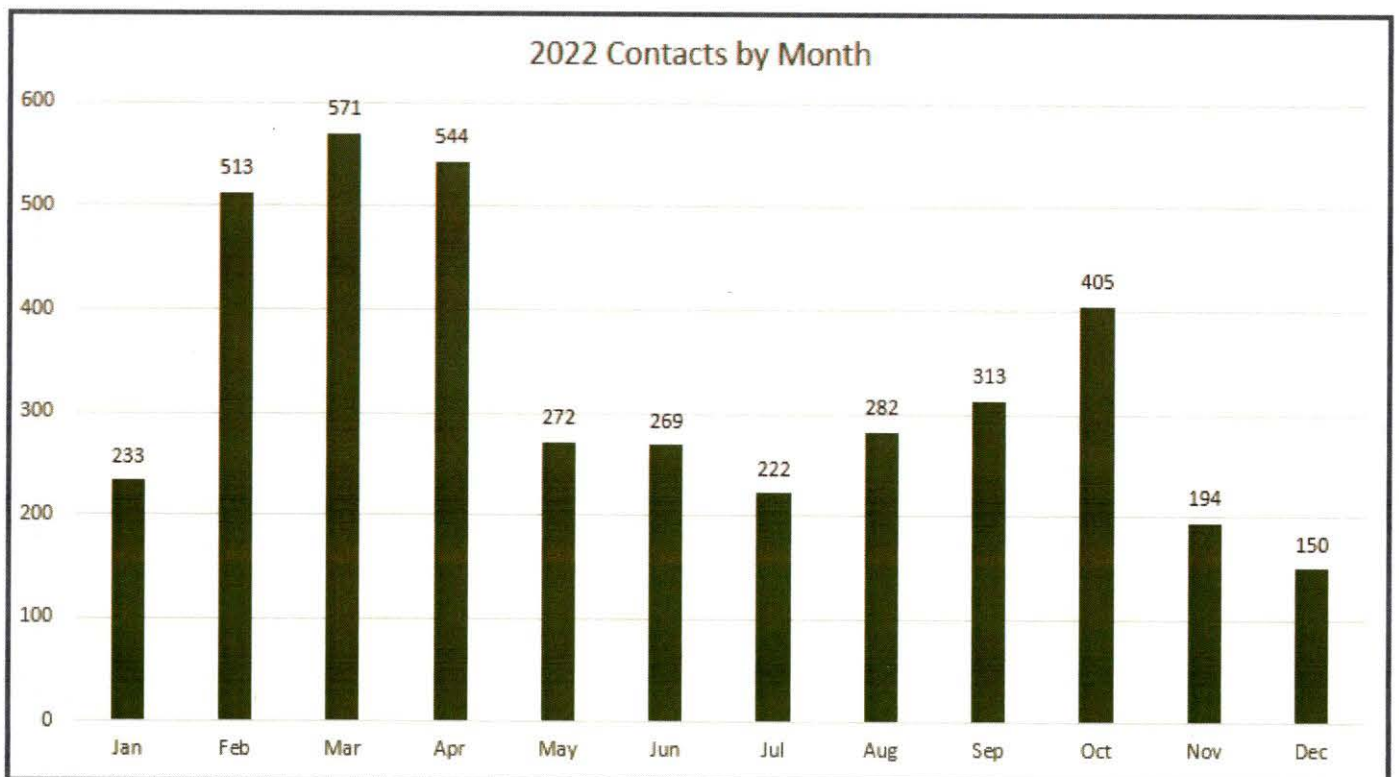


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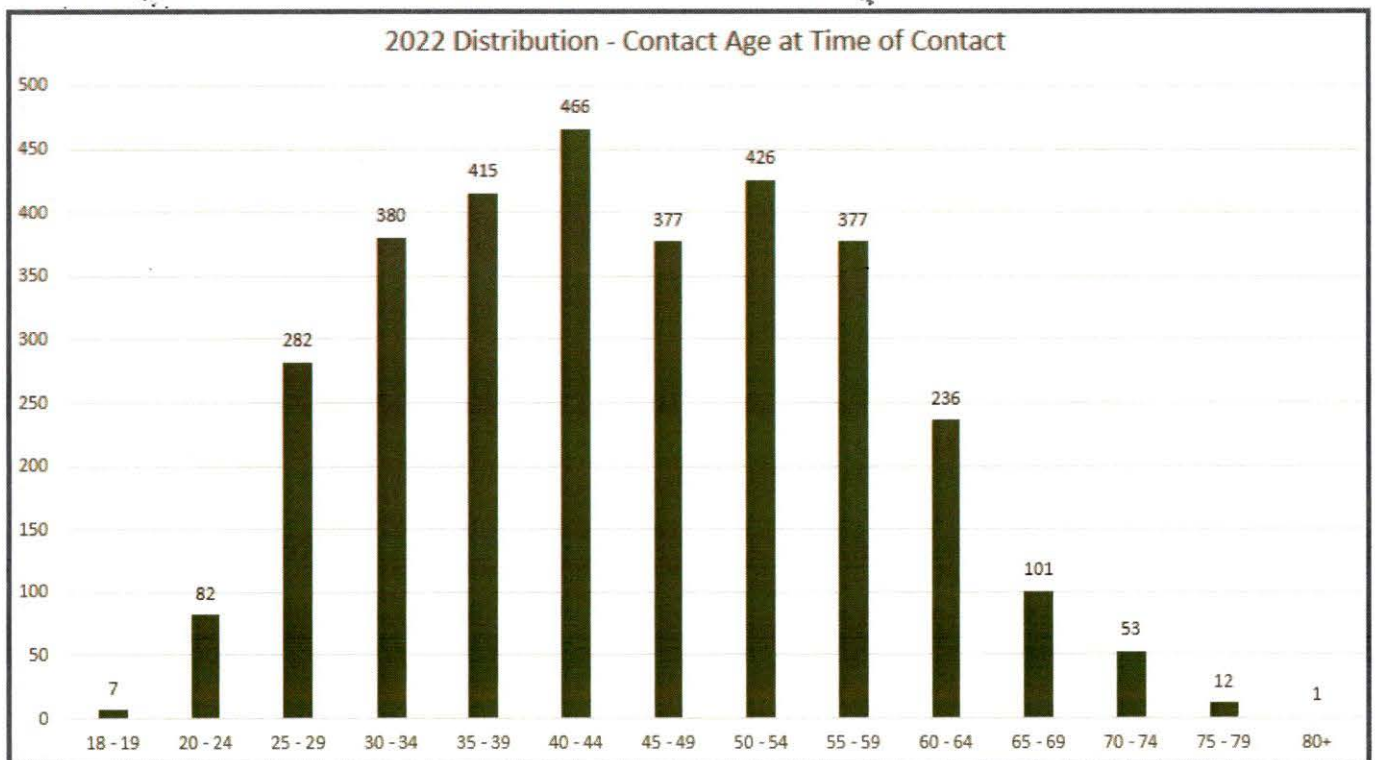
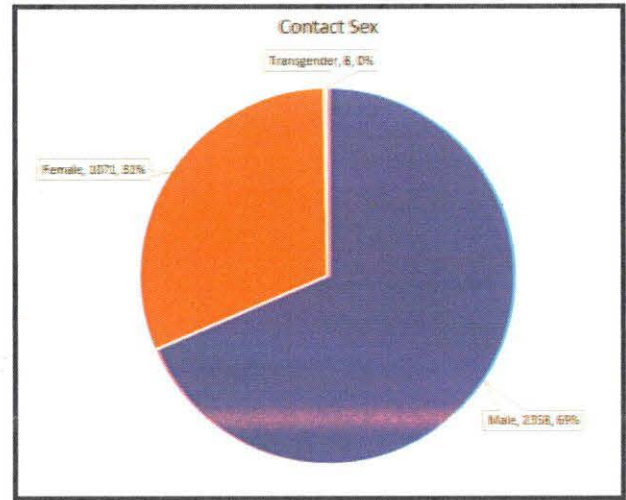
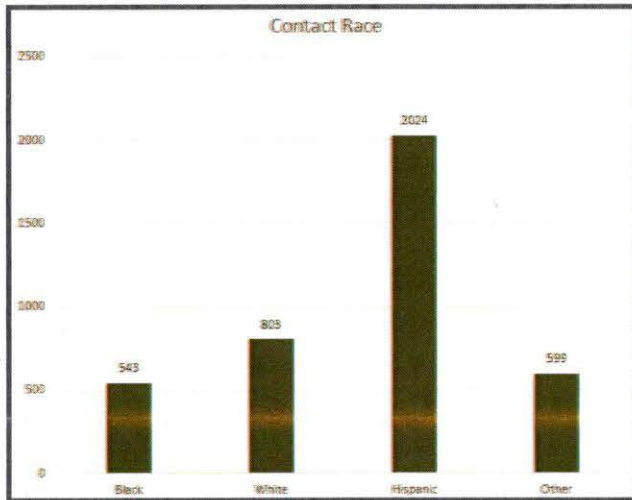


Due to the unique challenges present in Supervisory District 5, Supervisor Barger provided additional funding for further outreach beginning in October, 2022.



PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

CONTACT DEMOGRAPHICS



PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS—CONCERNS

Of the (2,974) unduplicated contacts made, **mental health concerns** are noted in (36) contacts, and are self-reported by (41) individuals.

DOCUMENTED

CONCERN	COUNT
MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS	34
SUICIDAL	0
MEDICAL HOLD	2

SELF—REPORTED

CONCERN	COUNT
DRUG USE/ADDICT	19
PSYCHIATRIC ISSUES	18
5150 HISTORY	4

(85) Individuals reported they were Veterans and were offered services specific to their situation.

(32) individuals specifically refused all services offered.

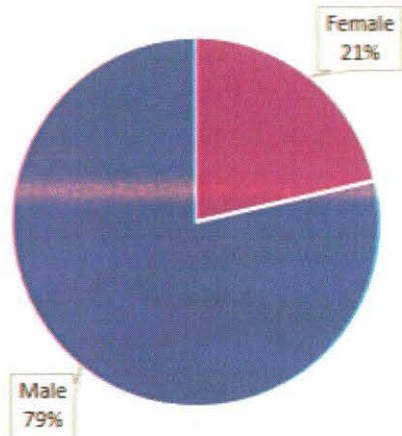
(28) individuals specifically requested assistance with housing.

(4) individuals requested medical assistance at the time of contact.

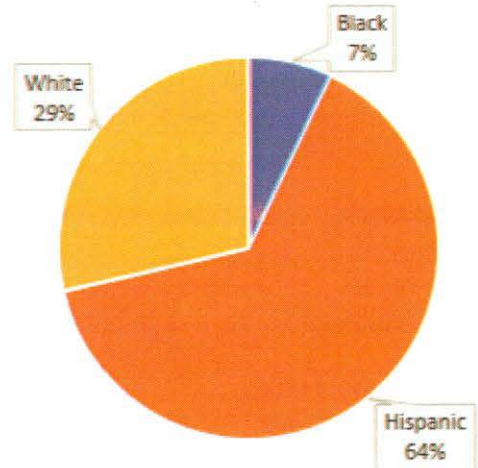
PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS—DEATHS

In 2022, HOST documented (2,974) unduplicated contacts. (14) of those individuals subsequently perished.

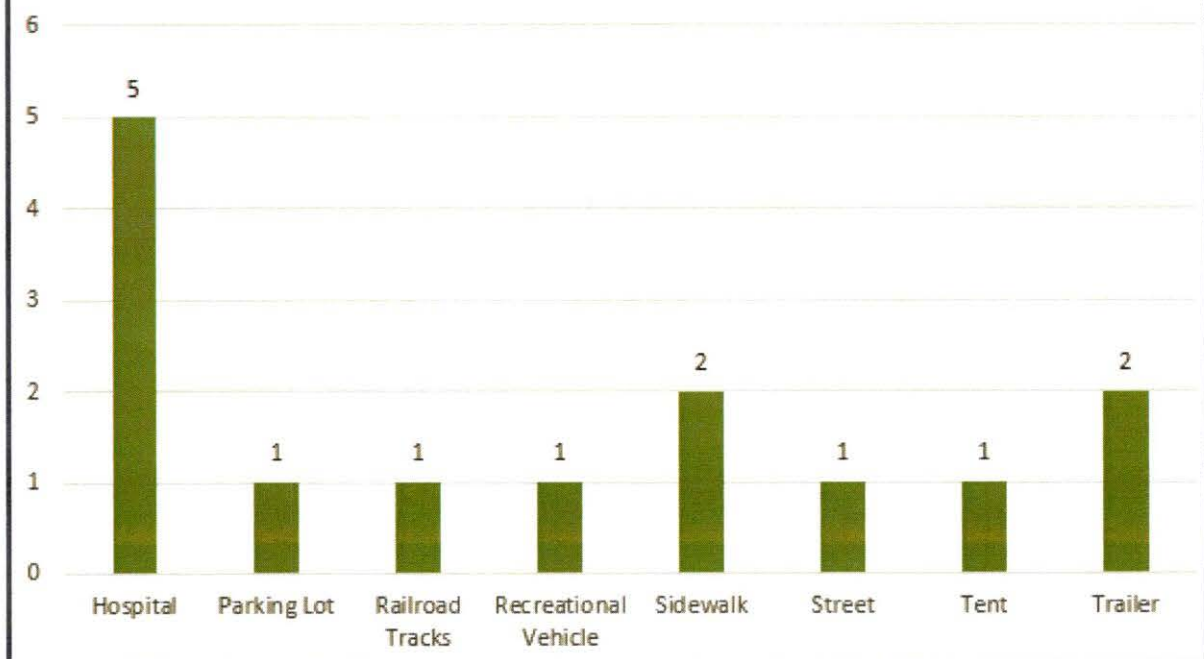
Deceased Contacts by Sex



Deceased Contacts by Race

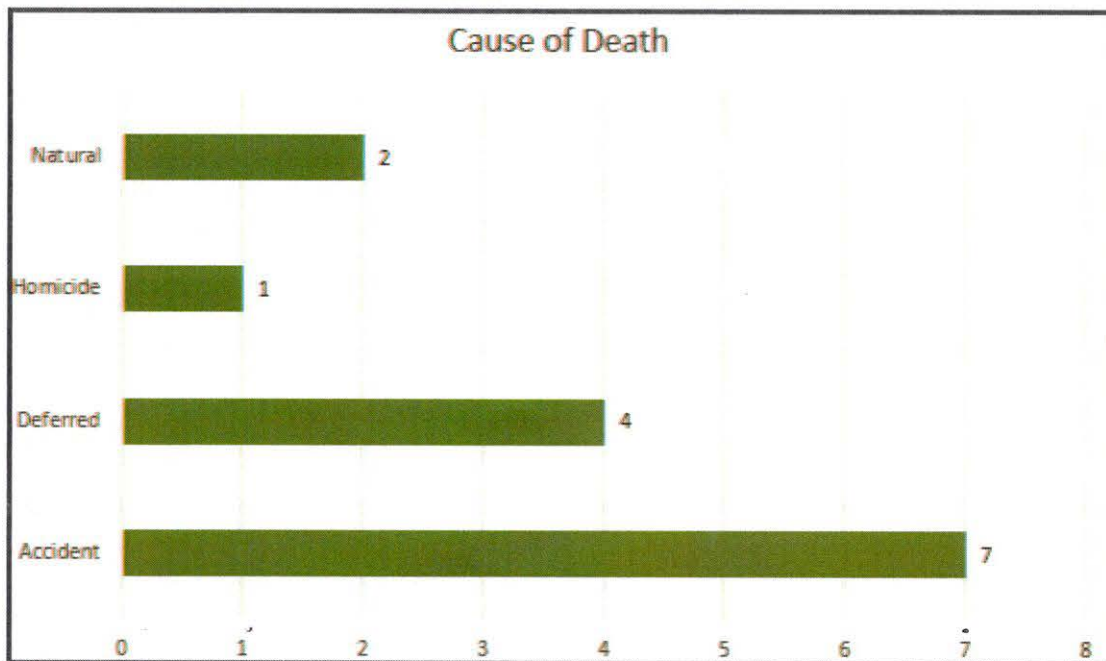


Location of Death



35.71% of contacts were receiving some form of medical care at the time of their death.

PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS—DEATHS



Methamphetamine was a contributing factor in (5) of the (14) deaths. Fentanyl was identified in (2) of the methamphetamine cases. None of the (5) methamphetamine deaths were from the same encampment. (4) deaths have pending causes as of February 3, 2023. All identified causes of death are as follows:

Cause of Death	Count
Methamphetamine	2
Acetyl Fentanyl, Fentanyl, and Methamphetamine	1
Atherosclerotic Cardiovascular Disease	1
Blunt Force Injuries	1
Chronic Alcohol & Cigarette Use	1
Fentanyl & Methamphetamine Toxicity	1
Gun Shot Wound	1
Heart Attack/Effects of Methamphetamine	1
Multiple Traumatic Injuries	1