



**PPROEM Update
for
Colorado Springs City Council**

February 26, 2024

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**Emergency Warming Shelter Response Update
January 12-16, 2024**

Extreme Cold Event

Dangerous weather - Martin Luther King Holiday weekend

- 70 continuous hours of below 0 wind chills
- Winds bringing even lower wind chills—below -20
- State of Colorado issues Executive Order
- Some snow, but very little precipitation

Emergency Warming Shelter Response Update



Sheltered

People sheltered during Jan. 2024 Polar Vortex		
Date	SRM	Hope COS
1/12/2024	359	267
1/13/2024	354	347
1/14/2024	353	352
1/15/2024	359	403
1/16/2024	417	Not activated
1/17/2024	369	Not activated
1/18/2024	397	Not activated

- Average 700 people per night
 - Coldest night = 762 people sheltered
- Event Needs
 - Bus tickets for transportation to/from warming shelter
 - Food and supplies
 - Additional shelter staff
 - Additional security



What went well

- National Weather Service decision support tool
- Event coordination before and during event
 - Held joint press conference detailing upcoming response
 - Identified potential emergency warming shelter locations
 - Established communication processes for supporting partners
 - Identified and scheduled transportation staff and resources
 - Allowed for extended transportation services to/from shelters
 - Tracked resource updates and status



Building Capacity

- More engagement with our non-profit and faith-based partners is critical to our community's success
- Expand cadre of trained emergency warming shelter managers and staff
 - Trained to consider the access and functional needs of those we serve
- PPROEM can take a lead coordinating role to ensure that training is provided, and plans are established



Continuous Improvement

PPROEM is committed to continuous improvement

- Internal after-action review analysis completed on February 9
 - Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities, Threats, Strategies
- After-Action Review meeting scheduled for February 28 with supporting response partners
 - Discussion will inform an improvement plan with task assignments and implementation schedule



Discussion and Questions

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SW Migrant Update

PPROEM's Role

- Monitor and share information with internal and community partners
- Gather and verify intelligence
- Plan for future contingencies
 - Evaluate community's capacity for response
 - Make considerations to fill identified gaps
- Putting mechanisms in place for timely response when needs arise



Community Impact – What we know

- As of today, we are not in a crisis, but there is one in Denver
- Migrants, including families, are coming from Denver independently in small numbers
- Seeing increase demands on our community partners
 - **Shelter, food, clothing**
 - **Cannot be directly attributed to migrants**
- Local hospitals seeing an upward trend in non-reimbursable services provided
 - Cannot make a direct connection to the migrant crisis due to healthcare information restrictions



Community Impact – What we know

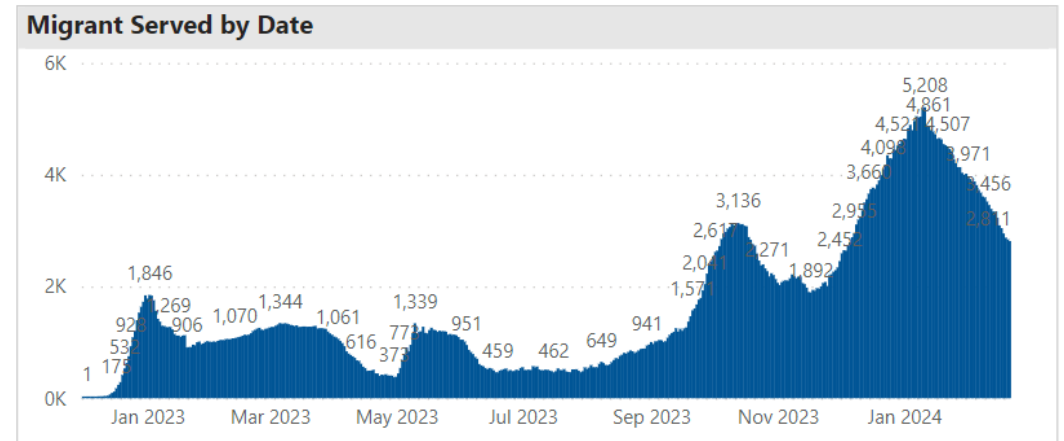
- A majority of migrants are processed at the border
 - Those processed are issued a Federal Alien ID Number
 - Those processed can apply for work authorization



As of 2/21/2024

- 38,718 migrants served as of January 2023
- 2,747 currently sheltered

Migrants Arrived Yesterday: (2/20/2024)	62
Migrants Arrived Today: (2/21/2024)	37
Total Migrants Served by the City:	38,718
Migrants Currently Sheltered:	2,747



Data Last Updated
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Data is updated at 8:00am, 12:00pm, and 6:00pm daily



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City of Colorado Springs Migrant Contingency Response Framework

Lines of effort

City Policy Group

Yemi Mobolade, Mayor
Jamie Fabos, City Chief of Staff
Ryan Trujillo, City Deputy Chief of Staff
Wynetta Massey, Legal
Frederick Stein, Legal
Vanessa Zink, Public Information
Andrew Notbohm, Emergency Management
Tobi Blanchard, Emergency Management

Partner Coordination

Community Partners

City
Steve Posey

PPROEM
Robin Adair

State and Federal Funding

Community Partners

City
Charae McDaniel
Steve Posey

State of Colorado
DOLA Representative
DHSEM Representative

Public Safety

Colorado Springs Police Department

Colorado Springs Fire Department

PPROEM Disaster Planning
Tobi Blanchard
Robin Adair
Sara Fant

Joint Information System

Community Partners
Assigned PIOs

City PIO
Vanessa Zink
Eric Sieger

PPROEM
Robin Adair



City Services Limitations

No legal authority or capacity to provide the following services:

- Long-term sheltering
- Public Health Services
- Human Services (case management for eligible services)
- Non-emergent medical care
- Legal support
- Immigration processing or documentation



Decision Points

If one the following events occur, an emergency coordination call will be established with leadership and supporting partners to determine next steps and process:

- A significant and uncoordinated/unplanned surge of migrants into the Pikes Peak region
- The establishment of spontaneous encampments
- Public Health identifies a communicable disease outbreak
- Notification that local hotels are being contracted for sheltering migrants
- Demand for shelter and other life-saving services exceed the community's capability





City & County of Denver: Lessons Learned

Denver Costs

- \$750 per person per week (shelter, food, and services)
 - Bus tickets are less expensive
- Recommend buying bus tickets right away if that's what is desired
 - Reduces costs of sheltering



Volunteer Organizations - Denver OEM Lessons Learned

- Smaller volunteer organizations provide majority of support for migrant populations
- Case management provided by Denver Department of Human Services (supported by some funding from Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management)



Donations Management - Denver OEM Lessons Learned

- Faith-based organizations help manage donations for materials (food, clothing, supplies)
- Other partners help manage financial donations (Rose Foundation Newcomers Fund)



Transportation - Denver OEM Lessons Learned

- 20,000 out of 40,000 migrants have received onward transportation
- Individual bus tickets are purchased
 - Denver has never chartered buses



Looking Ahead

Anticipated Future Impacts

- As time limits are implemented in Denver, anticipating more organic and informal flow throughout the State
- Increases in traffic at the border means increase in traffic in Denver
- Last two Decembers saw significant increases in traffic
- Anticipate significant increase in November/December due to election and anticipated changes in policy/practices



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