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- **What is Homeless Outreach & Proactive Engagement (HOPE)?**
  - **The HOPE team is an innovative Outreach team within the police department that uses problem-oriented policing strategies to address issues surrounding homelessness within our city. Through robust community partnerships we will provide compassionate service to our homeless population while promoting public health and safety for all Fort Collins residents.**
- **Who are the HOPE team members?**
  - **Sgt. Annie Hill, CIT Certified Instructor and Director, Certified Addictions Technician**
  - **William Kilcoyne CIT certified; Bailie Stine CSI, ASL, CIT Certified; Kelsey Skaar, CIT certified**

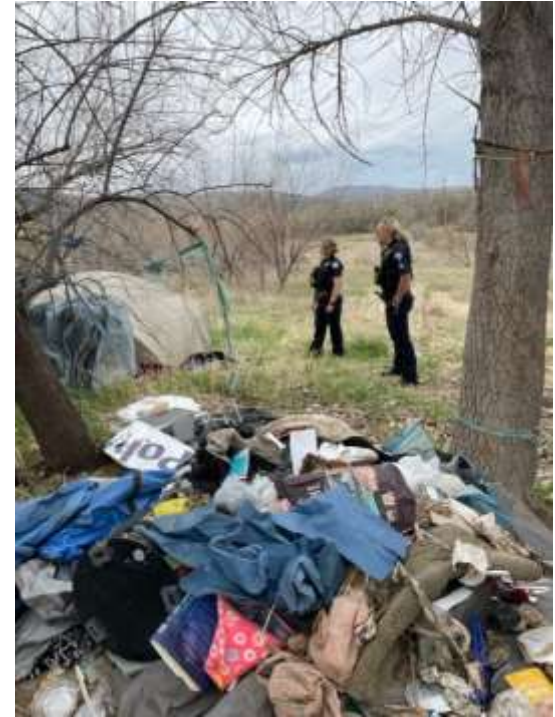
## Program Goals

- Build relationships with individuals experiencing homelessness, business owners, and community members.
- Collaborate with Outreach Programs, Service Providers, and municipal and county courts to ensure a coordinated and comprehensive response to homelessness.
- Support and assist with maintaining the city landscape and natural areas, by addressing homeless encampments and encouraging unhoused individuals to utilize shelters as needed.
- The HOPE Team will provide training and education to police officers and other community members on how to effectively engage with individuals experiencing homelessness.

- Support for *in-progress* calls for service with a homeless related issue.
- Respond to homeless encampments and nuisance related properties within the city, including natural areas to promote a clean, safe, and healthy environment.
- Follow up with community concerns regarding homeless related issues.
  - Internal referral system.
  - Crime analysis hot spots.
  - Long term problem-solving.



- Fort Collins Municipal Code 17-181.
  - Illegal to camp in city limits (this includes private property)
- Sec. 23-127. - Disposition of lost, abandoned or other unclaimed tangible property.
  - property seized or otherwise obtained by the City may be disposed of in accordance with administrative policies.



# Grants Pass Ruling

- **Grants Pass v. Johnson – ruling out of Grants Pass, Oregon which found it was unconstitutional to impose criminal penalties for public sleeping and camping when there is no shelter space available. This ruling made cities responsible for providing adequate shelter space.**
- **Supreme Court overturned this ruling in June 2024 – it is not unconstitutional, and individuals can be cited/arrested for camping regardless of available shelter space**
- **The City's stance: Maintain best practices by monitoring shelter capacity for nighttime camping.**
  - **Tents should not be erect during daytime hours (can cite)**

## 2023:

Calls for service: 3088

Citations/ arrests: 356

Community Events: 69

Referrals to OFC: 169

Bike theft recoveries: 26  
(\$19,514)

Camps/ sites cleaned: 1406

Sharps cleaned: 2080

RV/ Veh tows: 25

## 2024:

Calls for service: 3179

Citations/ arrests: 893

Community Events: 161

Referrals to OFC: 218

Bike theft recoveries:  
31 (\$28,485)

Camps/ sites cleaned: 1451

Sharps cleaned: 715

RV/ Veh tows: 23



- Emergencies: Call 9-1-1. Explain the situation fully to the dispatcher and they will dispatch the appropriate resources.
  - You can request HOPE, but in an emergency, we want you to focus on answering the dispatcher's questions.
  - HOPE always listens for calls where we may be helpful and can join without being requested.
- 24/7 non-emergency dispatch line: 970-221-6540
  - **Outreach Fort Collins: 970-658-0088**
- When an urgent response is not needed:
  - Call the non-emergency line. If HOPE is not available, request a follow up from the team and we will work to follow up within 24-48 hours.
  - Email: **[HOPE@fcgov.com](mailto:HOPE@fcgov.com)** OR use **Access Fort Collins**