

TO: Public Health & Safety Committee  
FROM: Shawn Crimmins, Deputy Fire Chief  
DATE: January 13, 2026  
SUBJECT: Challenges/Opportunities for unhoused individuals in Tumwater

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1) Recommended Action:

This item is informational only.

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2) Background:

A request was made near the end of 2025 for a Public Health and Safety Committee briefing on “what challenges and opportunities we are seeing with our community members without housing” in Tumwater. Olympia Health and Recovery Services (OHRS) oversees several programs in the county which provide services for the houseless community. The Tumwater Mobile Outreach Team operates in partnership with OHRS. After consultation with Chair Agabi, OHRS Executive Director Joe Avalos was invited to the January 13<sup>th</sup> Public Health and Safety Committee meeting and agreed to speak on this topic.

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3) Policy Support:

Focus Area: Vibrant, Livable, and Inclusive Community

Goal Statement: Build a community recognized for quality, compassion, and humanity.

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4) Alternatives:

N/a

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5) Fiscal Notes:

None

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6) Attachments:

A. None