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BRINGING NEW YORKERS OUT OF THE COLD: CITY WORKS TO BRING INDIVIDUALS OFF STREETS, INDOORS

City placed 97 individuals from streets to shelters, hospitals, safe haven last night

101 individuals entered NYC Health + Hospitals emergency rooms to get out of the cold last night, receive medical care

NEW YORK—The de Blasio Administration had outreach teams across Agencies and City-contracted non-profit providers monitoring individuals on our streets and working to bring them indoors and into safety last night. Between 8 PM and 8 AM on January 4, 2016 and January 5, 2016, the City made 97 placements from streets and into shelters, safe havens, hospitals, and other indoor locations. One hundred and one individuals also entered NYC Health + Hospitals emergency rooms to get out of the cold and receive medical care.

“As in previous years, City outreach teams scoured neighborhoods throughout the five boroughs last night to help bring New Yorkers out of the cold,” said **Mayor Bill de Blasio**. “City employees are saving the lives and protecting the health of homeless individuals across the city. Our shelters are open and prepared to offer warmth, food and other services.”

In December, Mayor de Blasio announced HOME-STAT, which increases the number of professionals working to move homeless individuals to shelters and provide services from 183 to 315 in the City’s Department of Homeless Services and 40 to 110 in the Police Department by March. Earlier, the Mayor announced 15,000 new supportive housing units, which include services for homeless individuals with mental health issues, and 500 new Safe Haven beds. Over 22,000 homeless individuals have been placed in permanent housing.

By the Numbers:

Total homeless placements off of streets: 97

- Voluntary: 96
 - At least 12 of these individuals voluntarily went to a hospital
- Involuntary: 1
 - Involuntary removals are made to hospitals for mental health evaluations

Total individuals entering NYC Health + Hospitals emergency rooms to get out of the cold and receive medical care: 101

New Yorkers should call 911 if they see someone needing medical assistance, and 311 to have a HOME-STAT outreach team engage a homeless individual about going to a shelter and receiving homelessness services.

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