

Eastgate Housing Campus

PorchLight Shelter + Plymouth Crossing Update

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Information

Update regarding
community response and
program operations at the
Eastgate Housing Campus.



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Agenda

1. Background
2. Action Plan
Implementation
3. Data Monitoring
4. Recommendations





Background

- Opened in 2023; providing spectrum of shelter, housing, and services in one location:
 - PorchLight: 100-bed men's shelter
 - Plymouth Crossing: 92 units of housing with on-site services
 - Polaris at Eastgate: 360 affordable workforce apartments
- City works with agencies and surrounding neighborhood to support the success of these services within the community
- Strategic Target Area: Thriving People and Communities



Action Plan Implementation

- PorchLight implemented changes to registration and bed assignment system, additional grant-funded outreach position
- Plymouth Crossing providing enhanced health services on-site
- Shared expectations memo between Plymouth Crossing and BPD
- Metro Behavioral Health team at Eastgate Park and Ride
- Additional BPD and Homelessness Outreach presence
- FAQ on City website





Ongoing Engagement

- Monthly PorchLight Community Advisory Group and Working Group
- Monthly staff coordination meetings with Plymouth Crossing and Fire, Police, CARES, Human Services, Outreach
- Keep Bellevue Beautiful Signature Streets and Adopt-A-Street cleanups
- CARES/CCAT and Outreach teams
- Plymouth Crossing Friendsgiving





Data: PorchLight Men's Shelter

- Shelter opened June 2023; 100 beds plus day center and enhanced services
- Shelter is full nearly every night:
 - 35,405 bed nights in 2024 (avg. 97/night)
 - 27,557 bed nights to date in 2025 (avg. 100/night)
- Served over 700 individuals in 2025





At Porchlight: Come As You Are



- Before Porchlight: Living in a van with more and more issues every day
- After Porchlight: living in a senior housing program next door to his medical provider.



Plymouth Crossing

- 92 apartments for formerly homeless adults
- Participation rate in on-site programming: 90% of residents
- More than half of units filled via local referrals





At Plymouth: Hopelessness to Home

- In 2022: Living in his vehicle on SE 41st next to Factoria.
“My problem is I’ve had a disability my whole life [...] I’ve basically been in last place my whole life [...] I’m approaching 60. The odds for me are basically 0.”
- In 2025: Housed and thriving at Plymouth Crossing





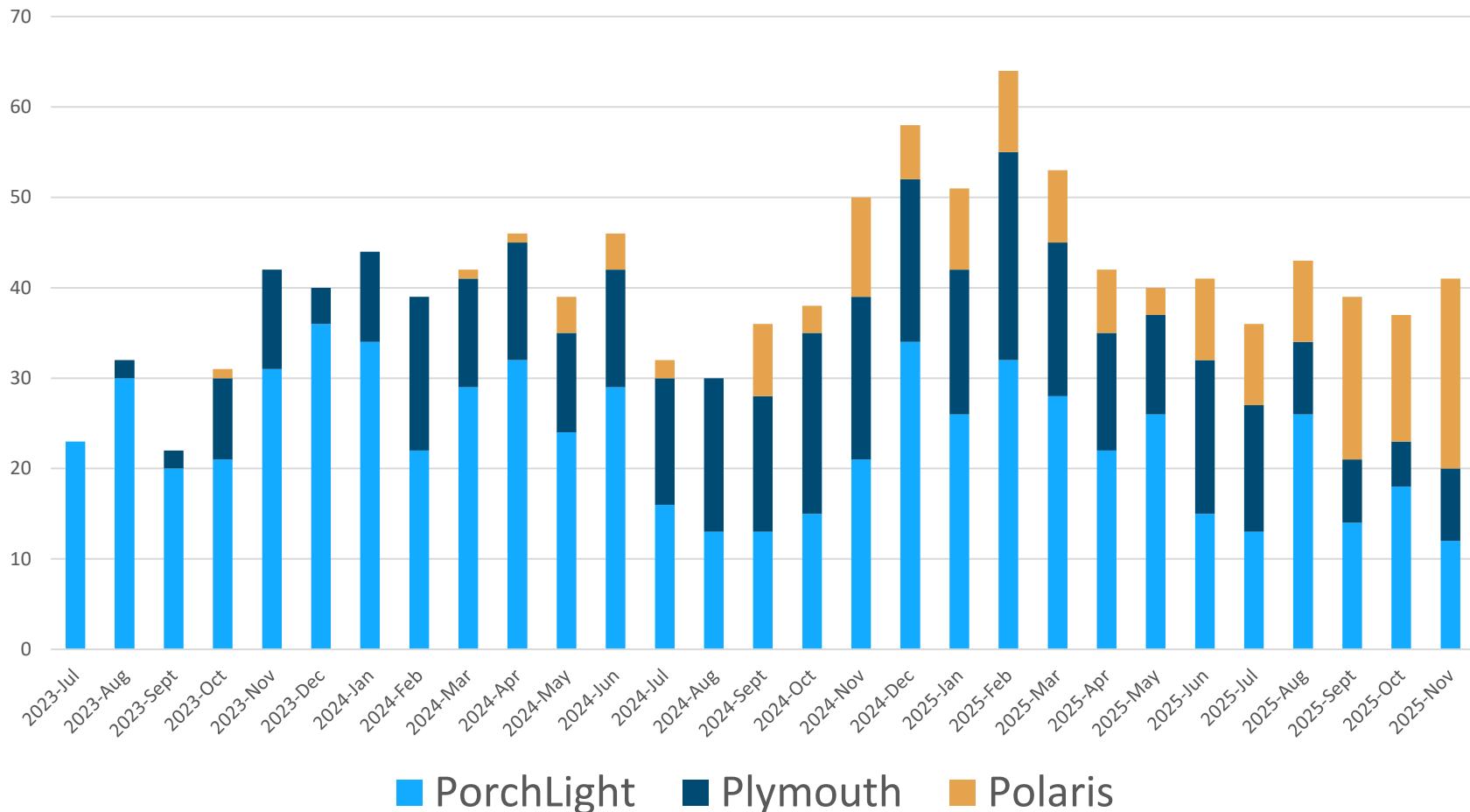
At Plymouth: A Home Cooked Meal

- In 2023: living in her van, driving from one park parking lot to another, estranged from her family, trying to find community and a place to call her own
- In 2025: Preparing home-cooked meals for her daughter



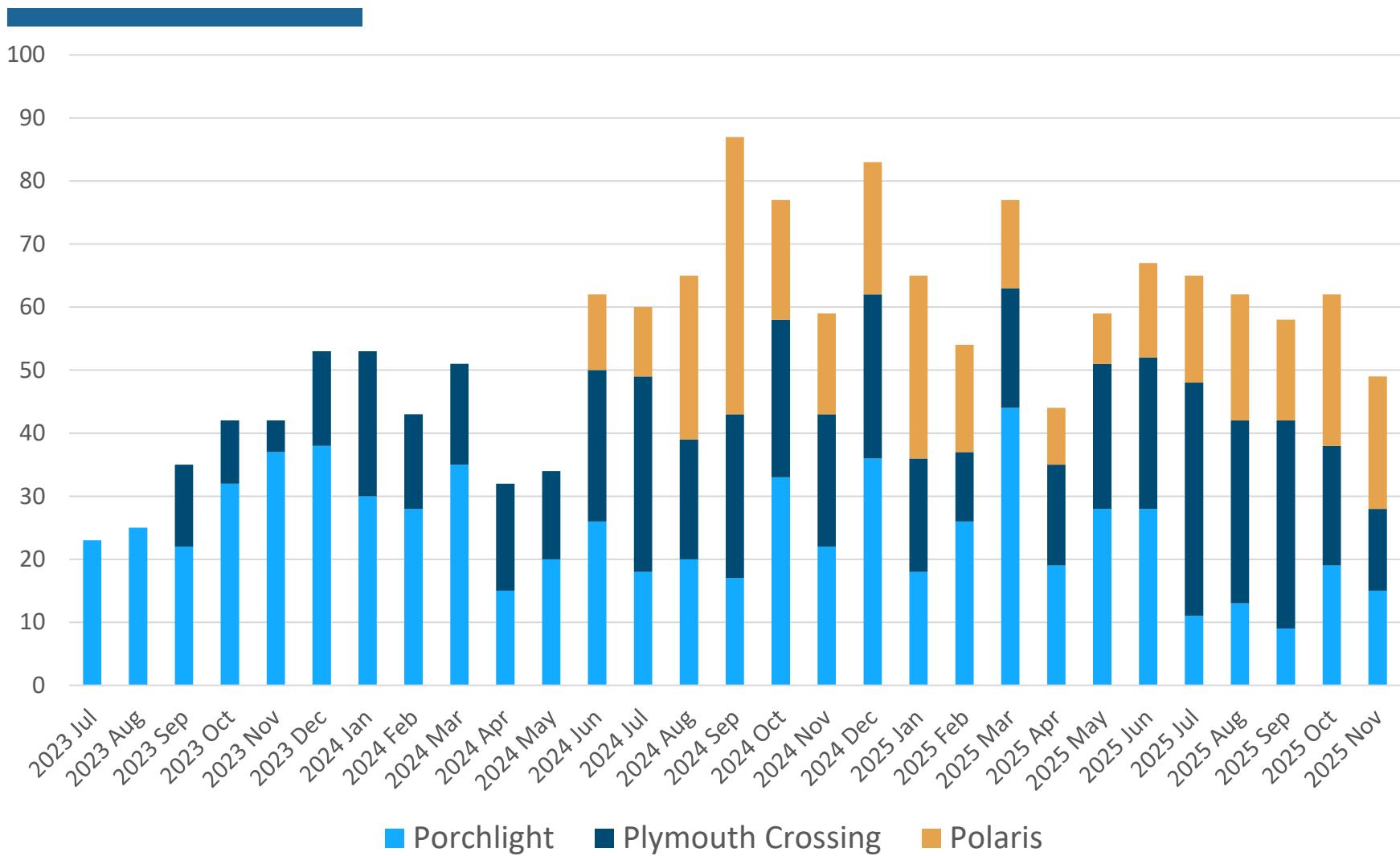


Fire Dept. Calls for Service



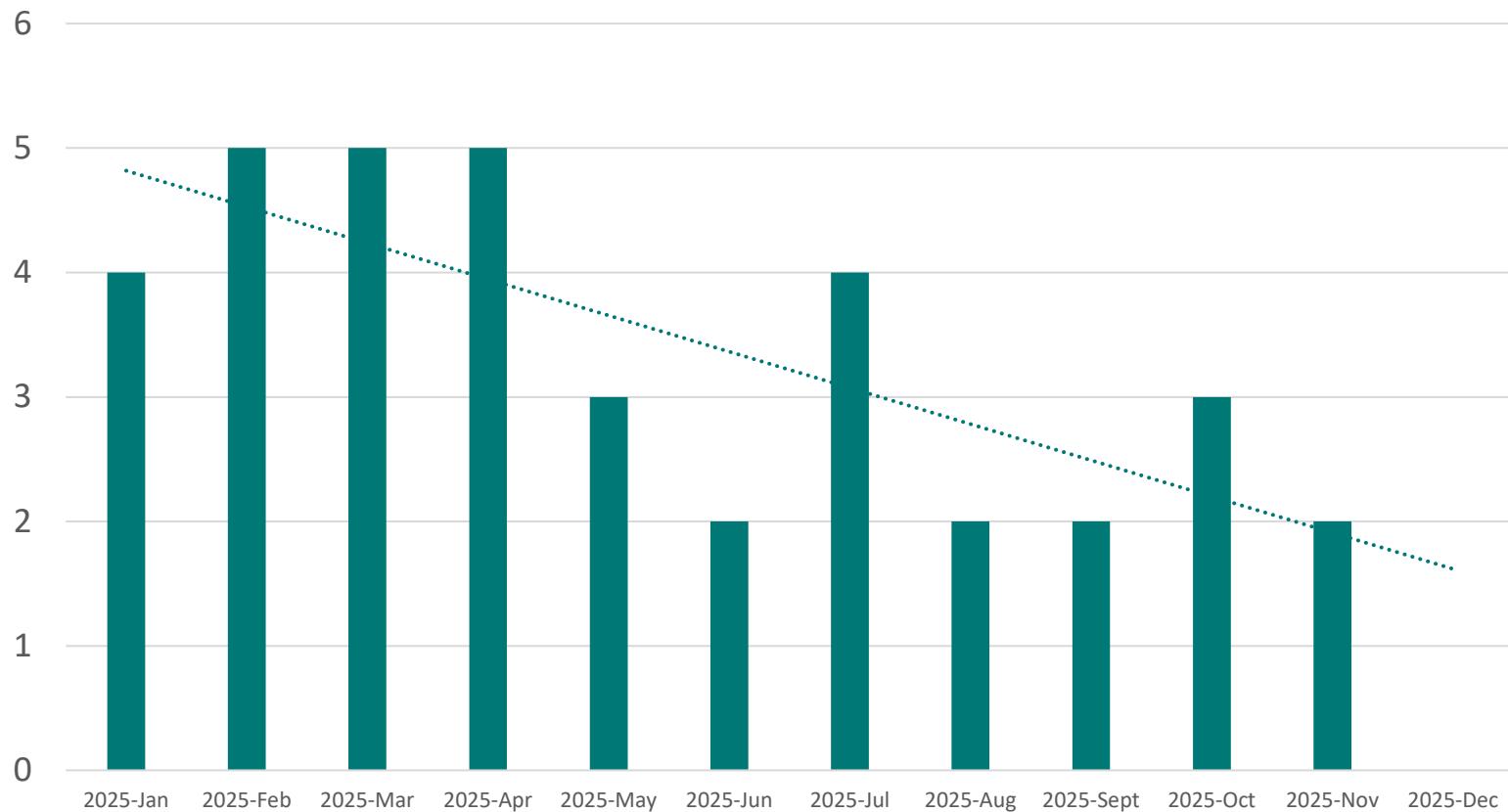


Police Dept. Calls for Service





2025 Encampment Response





Recommendations

- Continue monitoring data; post report on website twice a year
- Continue coordination with PorchLight and Plymouth Crossing staff
- Continue participation in PorchLight Community Advisory Group and Working Group meetings
- For future PSH buildings: require safety and public communications plans as part of city capital funding agreements





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