



OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

LTC #111-2026

LETTER TO COMMISSION

TO: Honorable Mayor Steven Meiner and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager 

DATE: March 17, 2026

SUBJECT: Weekly Homeless Efforts 2026 Update #10 – March 02–March 08, 2026

The purpose of this Letter to Commission (LTC) is to provide a weekly update on efforts by the Administration to curb homelessness in the City of Miami Beach. This LTC is provided pursuant to Resolution No. 2024-33043 approved by the Mayor and City Commission at the May 15, 2024 City Commission meeting. The Administration was directed to publish a weekly LTC sharing the various metrics and data regarding the homeless population including the number of shelter beds and residential placements provided by the City or its providers; the total number of shelter beds available to the City; the number of homeless persons arrested for violating the City's camping ordinance; and other metrics pertaining to the provision of services to homeless persons in the City.

The Office of Housing & Community Services Homeless Outreach Services Division, in collaboration with the Miami Beach Police Department's Homeless Resource Unit ("HRU"), and other City departments, have dedicated resources to addressing homelessness citywide including through a unified outreach initiative. Together, these teams conduct weekly joint outreach missions to proactively address homeless encampments in areas of concern, while simultaneously offering services to homeless individuals encountered during these missions. This collaborative effort has augmented engagement strategies in the community by promoting more accessibility to services provided within the homeless and mental health/substance abuse Continuum of Care.

Miami Beach Police Department – Homeless Resource Unit (HRU) Update

The following are reported service numbers for the HRU covering the current period of – March 02–March 08, 2026:

MBPD Departmentwide Statistics							
	2024	2025	2026 (Jan - YTD)	02/09/26- 02/15/26	02/16/26-02/23/26- 02/22/26	02/23/26- 03/02/26- 03/01/26	03/02/26- 03/08/26
Total Arrests	5,187	5,392	865	95	89	81	100
Homeless Arrests / % of homeless arrests to total arrests	2,179 / 42%	2,427 / 45%	359 / 42%	38 / 40%	36 / 40%	32 / 40%	44 / 44%
Homeless Baker Acts / % of homeless Baker Acts to total Baker Acts	907 / 50%	357 / 43%	56 / 37%	5 / 38%	9 / 39%	6 / 33%	10 / 53%
Homeless Marchman Acts / % of homeless Marchman Acts to total Marchman Acts	266 / 55%	119 / 44%	16 / 39%	3 / 60%	0 / 0%	1 / 20%	4 / 50%
Police Placements	100	72	19	2	2	1	2
Arrests – Refusal of Placements Sec. 70-45 (Camping Prohibited)	261	795	105	17	11	6	20
	<u>December 2025 January 2026 February 2026</u>			<u>October 2023 to Present</u>			
	42	44	40	1,185			

MBPD Homeless Resource Unit Statistics				
	02/09/26- 02/15/26	02/16/26- 02/22/26	02/23/26- 03/01/26	03/02/26- 03/08/26
Contacts / Engagements	23	20	18	15
Afterhours Emergency Shelter Placements	2	3	1	2
Residential Treatment Placements	1	0	0	0
Arrests	6	3	3	4
Baker Acts	1	2	2	0
Marchman Acts	2	0	0	0

Office of Housing & Community Services – Homeless Outreach Services Division Update

The following are service numbers for the Homeless Outreach Division covering the current period March 02–March 08, 2026:

Homeless Outreach Services Division				
	02/09/26- 02/15/26	02/16/26- 02/22/26	02/23/26- 03/01/26	03/02/26- 03/08/26
Street Outreach / Walk-In Center Contacts	119 / 50	134 / 43	132 / 48	161 / 65
Street Outreach Refusals of Service	107	125	118	154
Shelter Placements	9	6	16	13
Family Reunifications	1	3	3	2
Average Number of Shelter Beds Available to the City Per Day	33	30	27	29
Afterhours Live Assistance Phone Calls Received	9	15	8	7

Park Ranger Service Update

The following are homeless outreach activities from the Park Ranger Service covering the current period of March 02–March 08, 2026:

Park Ranger Service – Homeless Outreach Activities				
	02/09/26- 02/15/26	02/16/26- 02/22/26	02/23/26- 03/01/26	03/02/26- 03/08/26
Contacts / Welfare Checks / Referrals for Assistance	124	101	108	90

For questions or additional information, please reach out to Cilia Maria Ruiz-Paz at cmruiz-paz@miamibeachfl.gov.


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