

Update – Department of Licensing begin issuing state identification cards at Camp Hope

WSDOT, in partnership with fellow state agencies the Department of Commerce and the Washington State Patrol, continues working with local resource providers in Spokane to make visible progress towards stabilizing Camp Hope while we work towards the longer-term shared community goal of closing the encampment as part of the statewide [Right of Way Safety Initiative](#).

State-issued identification

On Wednesday, Oct. 12, Department of Licensing employees were at Camp Hope to assist those living onsite with acquiring replacement or renewal state-issued identification cards. Service providers identified that many living at the encampment previously had an ID or driver's license, most in Washington, but no longer have the card in their possession. This is a major hurdle for those at Camp Hope who want to take a positive step toward stabilization because IDs are critical to employment, medical care and housing. DOL employees will be onsite for the next three Wednesdays to continue this process with the overall goal of connecting those at the encampment to services and housing.

Identification badge system and next steps

As one part of the overall outreach process, a Camp Hope specific identification badge system has been ordered by service providers with the goal of starting the overall assessment process on Monday Oct. 17. The unofficial ID badges help provide a clear census of how many people are living at Camp Hope, aid in security measures to determine who should/shouldn't be at the encampment, identify who wants to take a positive next step toward stabilization and help create a sense of order and engagement at the site.

RV removal

Three vacant RVs that were parked on property adjacent to Camp Hope have been removed. As people living in RVs at the encampment transition into shelters or housing, those vacated RVs will be removed from the property.

Sign-up for future email updates

If you would like to receive regular communication about the productive, proactive progress happening at Camp Hope, please sign up for our email listserv:

https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/WADOT/subscriber/new?topic_id=WADOT_706.

It's important to highlight the shared cooperation between those living homeless within Camp Hope, our service providers and WSDOT, Commerce and WSP as it represents mutual collaboration to improve conditions for those within and outside of Camp Hope. We continue to work with the city and local partners to identify viable housing solutions for all of those living homeless within Camp Hope.

This work doesn't happen overnight, and it is because of discussions and funding that began this spring that we're at these new milestones. We look forward to more productive meetings with local leaders to continue these efforts.

Please refer to our [blog](#) for more details on the state's Right of Way Safety Initiative.

