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Bexar County Cold Weather Event – Update -

Following extremely cold temperatures throughout Bexar County last night, the National Weather Service has issued a hard freeze warning through Saturday. Consequently, Bexar County’s cold weather relief operations will continue.

As of 10:00 a.m. this morning, Bexar County reports the following:

• Last night, Bexar County had 10 persons using the warming centers. Eight stayed throughout the night at Christ the King Lutheran Church in Universal City, with seven persons remaining as of this morning. Two persons using the Bexar County Emergency Services District (ESD) 3 warming center were transported to a homeless shelter for appropriate services.
• Bexar County ESD 5 and ESD 7 warming centers did not have anyone seeking a respite from the extreme temperatures.
• Personnel with Bexar County Economic and Community Development Department (BCECD) is working to find more appropriate accommodation and services for the seven individuals currently at the warming center in Universal City.
• No major law enforcement or fire/EMS incidents were reported from the area of unincorporated Bexar County.
• BCECD did conduct street outreach passing out blankets, food, and water. They also transported an additional three persons to homeless shelters. In addition, blankets and space heaters were distributed to partner organizations and individuals in need.

Unsheltered individuals encountered by Bexar County personnel last night were under the false impression that Haven for Hope ended intake at 10:00 p.m. Please note that Haven for Hope will not turn people away during this cold weather event.

The county’s emergency relief operation will be assessed continuously throughout the weather event to determine needs and operational activity levels.

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