



**PPROEM Update  
for  
Colorado Springs City Council**

**February 26, 2024**



# **SW Migrant Update**

# PPROEM's Role

- Monitor and share information with internal and community partners
- Gather and verify intelligence
- Plan for future contingencies
  - Evaluate community's capacity for response
  - Make considerations to fill identified gaps
- Putting mechanisms in place for timely response when needs arise



# Community Impact – What we know

- As of today, we are not in a crisis, but there is one in Denver
- Migrants, including families, are coming from Denver independently in small numbers
- Seeing increase demands on our community partners
  - **Shelter, food, clothing**
  - **Cannot be directly attributed to migrants**
- Local hospitals seeing an upward trend in non-reimbursable services provided
  - Cannot make a direct connection to the migrant crisis due to healthcare information restrictions



# Community Impact – What we know

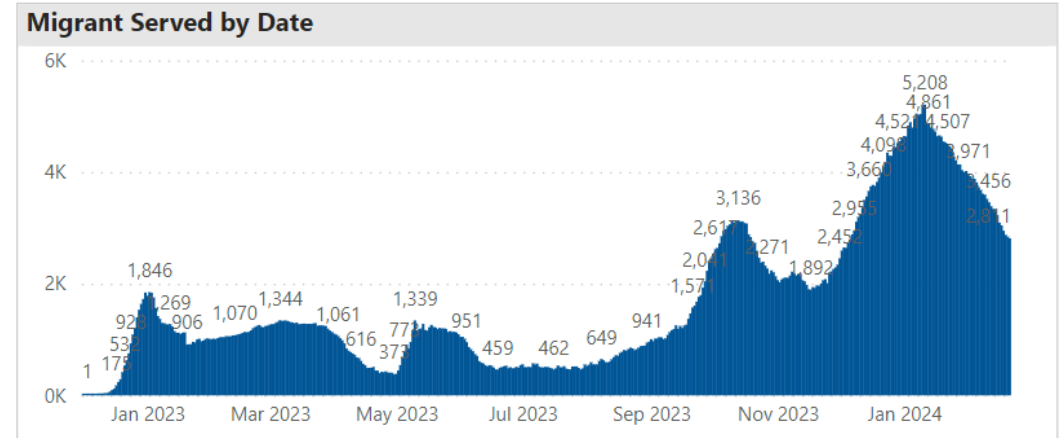
- A majority of migrants are processed at the border
  - Those processed are issued a Federal Alien ID Number
  - Those processed can apply for work authorization



# As of 2/21/2024

- 38,718 migrants served as of January 2023
- 2,747 currently sheltered

<b>Migrants Arrived Yesterday:</b> (2/20/2024)	<b>62</b>
<b>Migrants Arrived Today:</b> (2/21/2024)	<b>37</b>
<b>Total Migrants Served by the City:</b>	<b>38,718</b>
<b>Migrants Currently Sheltered:</b>	<b>2,747</b>



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Data is updated at 8:00am, 12:00pm, and 6:00pm daily



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# **City of Colorado Springs Migrant Contingency Response Framework**

# Lines of effort

## City Policy Group

Yemi Mobolade, Mayor  
Jamie Fabos, City Chief of Staff  
Ryan Trujillo, City Deputy Chief of Staff  
Wynetta Massey, Legal  
Frederick Stein, Legal  
Vanessa Zink, Public Information  
Andrew Notbohm, Emergency Management  
Tobi Blanchard, Emergency Management

## Partner Coordination

Community Partners  
City  
Steve Posey  
PPROEM  
Robin Adair

## State and Federal Funding

Community Partners  
City  
Charae McDaniel  
Steve Posey  
State of Colorado  
DOLA Representative  
DHSEM Representative

## Public Safety

Colorado Springs Police Department  
Colorado Springs Fire Department  
PPROEM Disaster Planning  
Tobi Blanchard  
Robin Adair  
Sara Fant

## Joint Information System

Community Partners  
Assigned PIOs  
City PIO  
Vanessa Zink  
Eric Sieger  
PPROEM  
Robin Adair





# City Services Limitations

No legal authority or capacity to provide the following services:

- Long-term sheltering
- Public Health Services
- Human Services (case management for eligible services)
- Non-emergent medical care
- Legal support
- Immigration processing or documentation



# Decision Points

If one the following events occur, an emergency coordination call will be established with leadership and supporting partners to determine next steps and process:

- A significant and uncoordinated/unplanned surge of migrants into the Pikes Peak region
- The establishment of spontaneous encampments
- Public Health identifies a communicable disease outbreak
- Notification that local hotels are being contracted for sheltering migrants
- Demand for shelter and other life-saving services exceed the community's capability





# **City & County of Denver: Lessons Learned**

# Denver Costs

- \$750 per person per week (shelter, food, and services)
  - Bus tickets are less expensive
- Recommend buying bus tickets right away if that's what is desired
  - Reduces costs of sheltering



# Volunteer Organizations - Denver OEM Lessons Learned

- Smaller volunteer organizations provide majority of support for migrant populations
- Case management provided by Denver Department of Human Services (supported by some funding from Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management)



# Donations Management - Denver OEM Lessons Learned

- Faith-based organizations help manage donations for materials (food, clothing, supplies)
- Other partners help manage financial donations (Rose Foundation Newcomers Fund)



# Transportation - Denver OEM Lessons Learned

- 20,000 out of 40,000 migrants have received onward transportation
- Individual bus tickets are purchased
  - Denver has never chartered buses



**Looking Ahead**



# Anticipated Future Impacts

- As time limits are implemented in Denver, anticipating more organic and informal flow throughout the State
- Increases in traffic at the border means increase in traffic in Denver
- Last two Decembers saw significant increases in traffic
- Anticipate significant increase in November/December due to election and anticipated changes in policy/practices



# Discussion and Questions

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