**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**A Point-in-Time Homeless Count Will Take Place in (Insert County Name) County: Community Assistance is Needed.**

In collaboration with the West Virginia Coalition to End Homelessness, (Insert County Captain Agency) will be coordinating a street count of individuals experiencing homelessness beginning Wednesday, January 29th, 2025 at 4:00 pm until Thursday, January 30th, 2025 at 3:59 pm.

During this 24-hour period, volunteers and the local service agency staff will collect information on the homeless population in (Insert County Name). The Point-in-Time Count seeks to identify the number of homeless individuals and families in the county. The count measures the needs of those experiencing homelessness and provides direction for the future development of services. Results from the count provide agencies in the area with vital information to be able to seek funding to provide services for individuals experiencing homelessness.

In order to prepare for the Point-in-Time Count the (Insert County Captain Agency) will be leading a series of training that will enable volunteers to assist with the count. Volunteers will be equipped with the skills to reach out to and assist this vulnerable population. These trainings will be held at (Insert day/time, location).

**For more information on volunteering for the Point-in-Time Count contact: (Insert County Captain Agency at Phone Number, Email Address).**