

Calling Lake Regional EMO Planning Group

Mission Statement

Disasters and Major Emergencies can/may present difficult challenges for the Calling Lakes region. The effective exchange of emergency information & training with all communities in and around the Calling Lakes region and more importantly those impacted directly by the event is critical to the success of the response for First Responders and the well-being of the residents.

Planning for this exchange of emergency information between all responders, residents, business, media and government agencies greatly increases our Region's chances of an effective response and organized recovery from the emergency event.

Planning happens every day!!! We don't wait for an event to happen!! If you wait....you will FAIL !!!

The Calling Lakes Regional EMO Planning Group is comprised of a dedicated group of volunteers, Co-chaired by Fire Chief David Sabirsh (Fort Qu'Appelle), and Warren Bobbee (District of Katepwa).

The Town of Fort Qu'Appelle, Village of B-Say-Tah, Village of Fort San, RM of North Qu'Appelle, Standing Buffalo First Nation, Village of Lebret, District of Katepwa, Village of Lipton and the Town of Indian Head are all represented.

Members are comprised of Fire Dept. staff, First Responders from RCMP, EMS, Administrators, elected officials, interested residents and Government Emergency Management and Fire Safety representatives.

The Flood Preparation, Mitigation and Recovery in 2011, 2013, 2015 & 2016 and a host of other direct emergencies, (plough winds, grass fires, loss of power & search and rescue) in our Region highlighted the importance of sharing emergency plans, resource lists and contact lists with government, businesses and Mitigation companies.

Goals:

1. Meet quarterly to emphasize the Emergency Risks associated with the time of year.
2. Communicate Federal and Provincial Training and Convention/Seminar opportunities as they are communicated.
3. Maintain our Government Agency and Businesses contacts to ensure consistency for our Region.
4. Continue to emphasize and communicate the importance of having Residents capable of looking after themselves for a minimum of 72 Hours, while First Responders and Government Agencies can set up during the event.
5. To develop a formalized Communication Plan, so our Region can receive consistent timely weather or major emergency information and/ or direction during an emergency event.
6. Continue to emphasize each municipality have an Emergency Plan and have current resource lists.
7. Identify a variety of potential Community Shelter Locations, in our Region, (which can/ may be used in times of emergency and potential evacuation)
8. Provide Post Traumatic Stress educational information and potential training opportunities for our region. (for volunteers, first responders, elected officials and residents)
9. Communicate with Emergency Management & Fire Safety Ministry to investigate if there is any funding available/or grants, to apply to, to be used for assisting in funding some of the costs associated with running Calling Lake Regional EMO Planning Group.
10. Discussion to formalize EMO Neighbourhood Watch sites.

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