

Emergency Management BC Overview

EMBC Mission

To **lead** the management of provincial level emergencies and disasters and **support** other authorities within their areas of jurisdiction.

Legislated Responsibilities

- **Emergency Program Act (EPA)**
 - Defines responsibilities of local authorities, provincial ministries and crown corporations
 - Responsibility for the Province's emergency management program
- **Emergency Program Management Regulation**
 - Identifies Minister responsible for coordinating government response to specific hazards
- **Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation**
 - Outlines roles & responsibilities of Local Authority
- **Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation**
 - Defines disaster financial assistance framework

EMBC - Our Regions

EMBC Region Names and Regional Office Locations



Federal Govt

Provincial Govt

Local Authority

Shared Responsibility

First Nations

Other Stakeholders

Individual



Response



Provincial Emergency Management Structure



Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC)

- 160,000 calls
- 24/7 operation 365 days/year
- 6800 emergency incidents
- 1700 road rescues
- 1300 search and rescues



BCERMS Goals

1. Provide for the safety and health of all responders
2. Save lives
3. Reduce suffering
4. Protect public health
5. Protect government infrastructure
6. Protect property
7. Protect the environment
8. Reduce economic & social losses

Response – Provincial Support



- Activate PREOCs and PECC
- PREOCs provide expertise and resource support
- Reimburse eligible response costs
- Emergency Info BC website



Provincial Coordination Team (PCT)



- A new program based on experience and research
- Enhanced coordination support from the Province to extraordinary events and incidents
- Currently in the initial implementation of the program



PSLV



- 13,000 volunteers!
- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Radio
- Emergency Social Services
- PEP Air
- Road Rescue
- General Service



Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA)

Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA) helps restore essential uninsurable losses for:

- **Individuals** - homeowners, residential tenants, small business owners, farmers and charitable organizations; and
- **Local government bodies** – can include water and diking authorities



Disaster Financial Assistance (DFA)

When is a disaster eligible for DFA?

- The Assistant Deputy Minister of EMBC has the legislated authority to authorize DFA for a provincial disaster.

Decision is based on:

- Scope and scale of the disaster (information received from local governments and EMBC Regional Offices)



Reference Materials

The collage features several key resources: the PreparedBC Household Preparedness Guide, the FireSmart manual (Protecting Your Community from Wildfire), the Earthquake and Tsunami Smart Manual, and a screenshot of the Emergency Management BC website. The website screenshot shows sections for 'one step at a time', 'A GUIDE TO DISASTER RECOVERY', 'Emergency Preparedness, Response & Recovery', and 'Emergency Info BC'. The text 'Public Education' is overlaid on the bottom right of the collage.

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Wildfires



Flooding



Other Incidents





Thank You

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