Mission

Enhance public safety and reduce property and economic loss from actual or imminent emergencies or disasters.
• Principles of Emergency Management in B.C.
• **Emergency Management Act**

• Local authorities are *required* to have a jurisdictional emergency program

• Municipal councils and regional district boards are responsible for emergency response

• The EP Act outlines extra-ordinary powers that may be implemented in extreme circumstances

• Outlines eligible cost recovery

• Governs provincial EM & powers
Levels of Response

- **PECC**
- **PREOC(s)**
- **EOC(s)**
- **Incident Site(s)**
- **ESS RC(s)**

- Major event coordinated by Victoria
- Coordination of provincial resources
- Support or coordination required
- The “Front Lines”
BC Emergency Management Response Structure

Premier and Cabinet

Ministers-Deputies Emergency Committee (Hazard Based)

Central Coordination Group (CCG)

Provincial Coordination Centre

Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre(s)

Local Govt / Private Sector Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs)

On-Site Response

Federal Departments

Inter-Agency Emergency Preparedness Council (IEPC)

Provincial Ministries/Agencies
BC Emergency Response Management System
Objectives

• Provide for health & safety of first responders
• Save lives
• Reduce suffering
• Protect public health
• Protect Government infrastructure
• Protect property
• Protect the environment
• Reduce economic & social loss
Emergency Management BC (a.k.a PEP) is a branch of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General. EMBC works with local governments year round, providing training and support before, during and after emergencies.
Province of BC
Area
950,000 Sq. km.

Population
4.4 million
Provincial Emergency Program
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Public Safety Pillar

Updated: August 24, 2009
Integrated Planning

- **TRAINING & EXERCISE**
  - "Confirming Plans"

- **ASSESSMENTS**
  - "Understanding All Hazards"

- **CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE**
  - "Knowing Dependencies"

- **REGIONAL PLANNING**
  - "Enhancing Preparedness"

- **THREAT ALERTS**
  - "Integrating Safety with Security"

- **BUSINESS CONTINUITY**
  - "Ensuring Essential Services"

- **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS**
  - "Developing New Response Tools"

- **TELECOMMUNICATIONS**
  - "Interoperability"
Provincial Emergency Program

More than just roads...

Disaster Response Routes

British Columbia
The Best Place on Earth
Integrated Plan Development

• Tsunami Integrated Preparedness Project (25 Agencies)
• BC Pandemic Influenza Preparedness Plan
• Foreign Animal Disease Emergency Support Plan
• Flood Plan 2007
• BC Earthquake Response Plan
Community Preparedness

Hazard, Risk and Vulnerabilities Analysis toolkit (HRVA)

Community Emergency Plan Review toolkit (CEPR)

Community Emergency Management Guide (under revision)

PEP Website (www.pep.bc.ca)
Integrated Disaster Council (IDCBC)

• Working in cooperation with local authorities, other provincial ministries, and non-government organizations (NGO), to provide a coordinated approach to the delivery of community recovery efforts.

• Collectively, EMBC and the IDCBC provide support to local authorities in their efforts to help people recover after being affected by a disaster or an emergency.

• 15 NGOs and provincial ministries form IDCBC.
Activation

• Acquisition of a task number
• Local authorities activate emergency plan
• The PREOC & PECC will activate to the appropriate level of support when an EOC is activated
• Additional resources and support is provided to local authorities, regional districts and First Nations
• Federal authorities support the province
Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC)

- 160,000 calls
- 24/7 operation 365 days/year
- 6800 emergency incidents
- 1700 road rescues
- 1000 search and rescues
TEAMS is a staffing system that maintains a resource pool of highly skilled provincial employees from various ministries who train regularly and have the appropriate skills and experience to manage provincial emergency operations centres.
B. C.’s Public Safety Lifeline

13,000 volunteers
- Search and Rescue
- Emergency Radio
- Emergency Social Services
- PEP Air
- Road Rescue
Site Level
Local Authority EOC
Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre (PREOC)
Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC)
DECLARATION:
Why? When? What Powers?

• Acquire land required to mitigate
• Authorize or require people to assist
• Control or prohibit travel
• Provide for restoration of services and supply distribution
• Cause people to evacuate/re-locate livestock
• Authorize entry without warrant
• Cause demolition for mitigation purposes
• Construct works for mitigation purposes
• Procure, fix prices or ration
Sea to Sky Rock Slide
Richmond Plane Crash
Animal Disease Outbreak

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