

Emergency Management for Schools and School Districts Workshop

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How we will work together


- Share the air
- “Laser speak”
- Respect diverse opinions
- Open to new and different ideas
- E-etiquette
- Confidentiality
- Anything else?



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Dream / Challenge / Burning Question

- Take 1 min. to write it down
- In pairs or trios, spend 2 minutes each to:
 - Introduce yourself:
 - Name
 - Community / SD
 - Elementary / Middle / Secondary
 - Share one dream or challenge you currently have for/in your school/school district or one burning question that you want answered in this workshop



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Workshop Agenda

- Standards in Emergency Management (EM) in BC
- EM in BC schools
- School lock down and evacuation
- Personal, Family and Neighbourhood Preparedness
- Disaster Response Routes
- Addressing your Dream / Challenge / Burning Qs
- How best to spend your resources in EM in school/ SD environment
- Q&A

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BC Emergency Response Management Systems (BCERMS)

- Legislative requirements
- BCERMS Principles and Standards based on Incident Command System
- Roles and Expectations of Ministries (See Schedules 1 and 2, BC EM Regulations)




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Stand Up / Sit Down

- You participate in your school's emergency preparedness initiatives? (e.g. emergency supplies, fill out and return emergency forms, etc.)
- You are familiar with your school's emergency response processes? (e.g. emergency student release, school evacuation, etc.)
- You have an emergency supply kit in your home?
 - In your car?
 - At your workplace?
- You have an out of town emergency contact for your family?
- Your out of town emergency contact knows what to do during an emergency event?

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How would you rate your school?

Scale of 1 – 10 

1 = they do next to nothing
3 = they do something, many parents are not informed or educated
5 = they do something, most parents are somewhat aware
7 = they can do more and continue to improve, most parents are informed and engaged
10 = excellent, ongoing, parents well informed and engaged

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EM in BC Schools / SDs

- Bottom line = all over the map
- Schools at minimum should coordinate and provide:
 - Student accountability, care and record
 - Disaster first aid
 - Rapid damage assessment and site security
 - Immediate hazard control and mitigation
 - Initial basic search and rescue if trained
 - Communication with SD and parents
 - Student Release & Family Re-unification

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Flipping Challenges to Successes

- Challenges:
 - Limited knowledge
 - Competing resources
 - Apathy
 - Volunteers burn-out
 - Inconsistent direction, continuity and coordination
- Successes:

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Lock Down and Evacuation

- Policy and Procedures
- Coordination between school and SD office
- Communication with Parents

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Maximize Resilience through PFNEP

- Know the hazards and risks you and your family are exposed to
- Make sure everyone in your household knows what to do (age appropriate)
- Have / update your family plan and practice how to connect with each other
- Use the closest available resources first
 - Workplace / School / Home
 - Neighbourhoods
 - Community
- People first before stuff

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Disaster Response Routes

- NOT evacuation routes
- If activated:
 - For emergency responders and responding agencies only
 - Will be monitored and controlled



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Best Ways to spend your Resources

- District wide initiatives for continuity and consistency
- Strategic directions come from School Boards
- Implementation begin with administrators, staff and parents at school level; school board staff at district level
- Invest in PEOPLE before buying more stuff
 - Training
 - Practices / Exercises
 - Parents, Students, School Staff, Administrators, School Board Office

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Take Advantage, Take Action

- FREE educational programs in your community
- Annual National Emergency Preparedness Week
 - First week of May
- Shake Out BC
 - Oct. 18, 2012
- Volunteer and participate in your local emergency preparedness programs
 - Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program
 - Emergency Support / Social Services (ESS)

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Lets Address your ...

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Q&A and Closing

1. I learned today that
2. I will commit myself to
3. I wish
4. I now know
5. I'm glad that

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Useful Info. Sources

- www.pep.bc.ca
- www.emergencyinfobc.gov.bc.ca
- Your own school and school district
- Your local municipality / regional district emergency program
- Affiliated support programs / agencies, such as:
 - Emergency Support (social) Services
 - Amateur Radio groups
 - St. John Ambulance
 - Salvation Army
 - Canadian Red Cross

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Need Help?

- Emergency Management Consulting
- Facilitation in strategic directions, action planning, difficult conversations, issues resolution or multi-stakeholders meetings
 - Visual Recording
 - Visual Coaching

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