



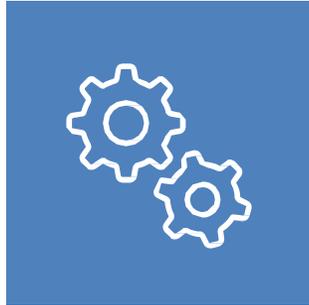
# WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW IF THERE IS A LOCAL EMERGENCY

## ELECTED OFFICIALS' ORIENTATION

Presented by Deputy Chief Sandra Follack

STATION 1  
KELOWNA FIRE DEPARTMENT  
3255

# OVERVIEW



**EMCR  
Management  
Structure**



**LOCAL  
GOVERNMENT  
AUTHORITY**



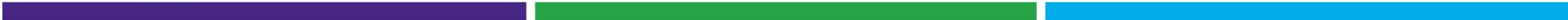
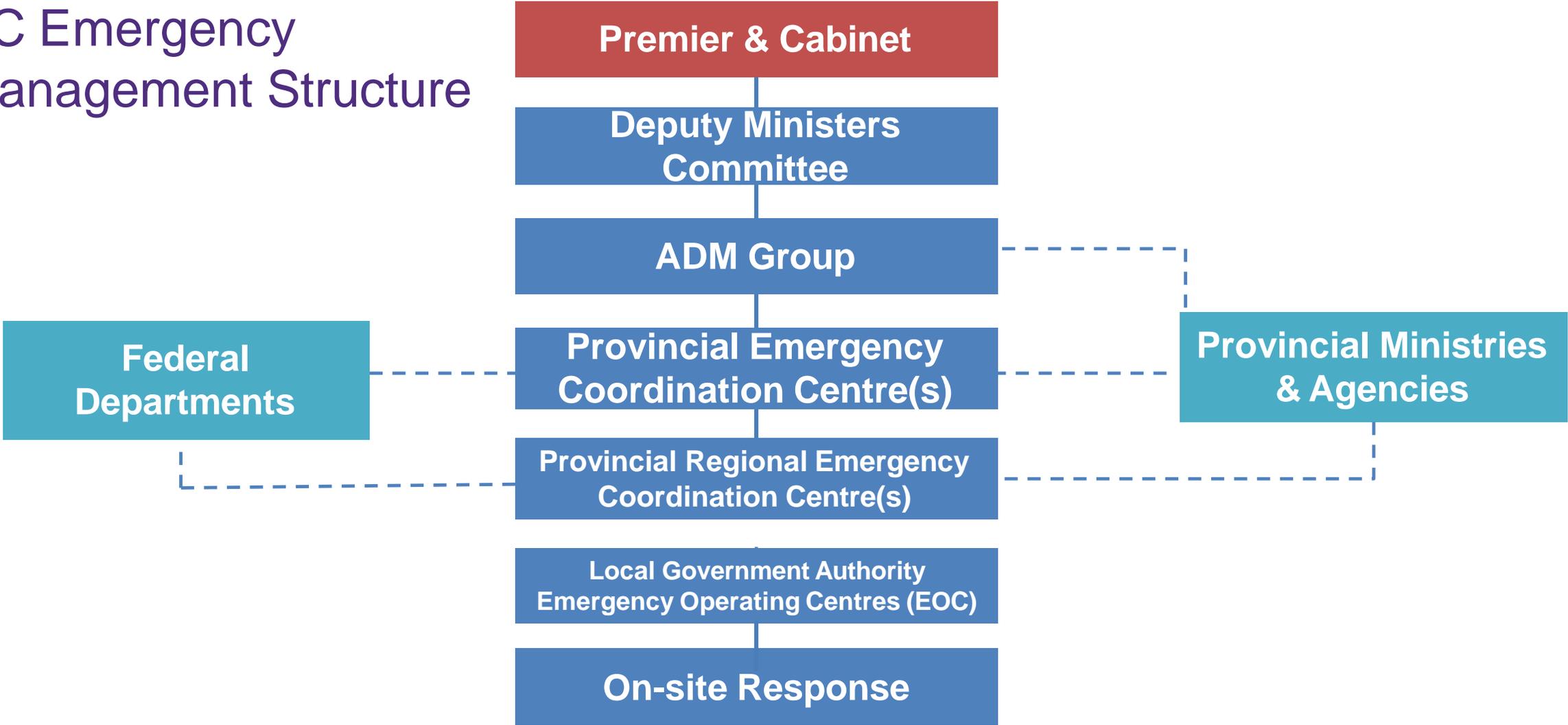
**RESPONDING TO  
EMERGENCIES**



**PROVINCIAL  
SUPPORT**



# BC Emergency Management Structure



# Shared Responsibility



# Local Authority Emergency Planning

## Direction & Control

Responsible for direction and control of local emergency response unless the province has declared an emergency

## Local Plans

**Prepares local emergency plans to prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies and disasters**

## Organization

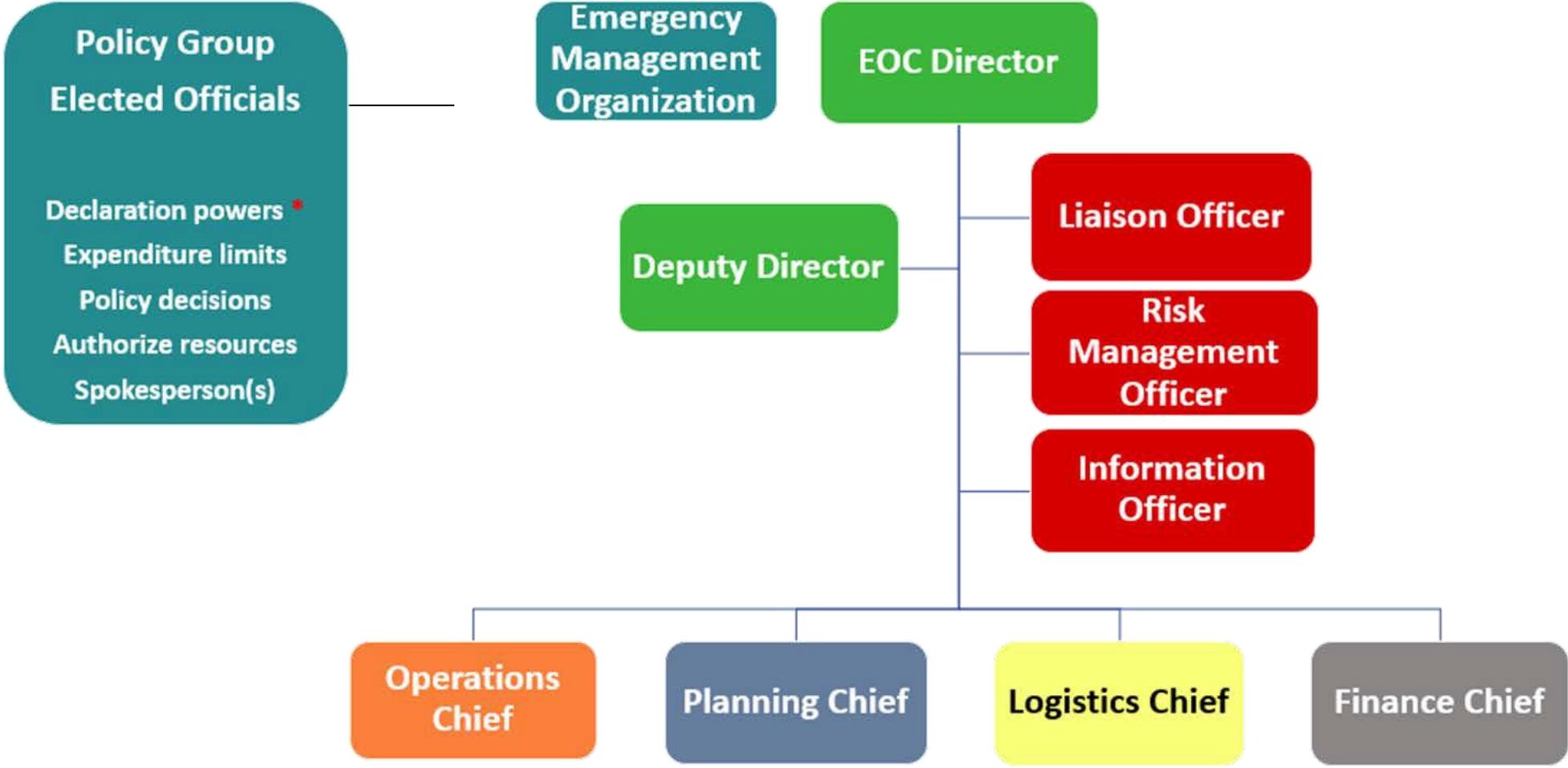
**Must establish an emergency management organization to develop emergency plans (recommended by bylaw)**

## Coordinator Appointment

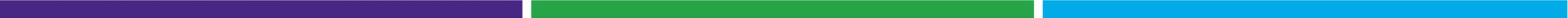
May appoint an emergency coordinator and delegate powers and duties except the power to make a declaration of a state of local emergency



# Emergency Operations Centre Structure



\*The Local Authority or head of the local authority must declare a state of local emergency; however, the other functions of the Local Authority (Policy Group) may be delegated.



# Role of the Policy Group

(Elected Officials)



## Obtains Status & Briefing

Obtains current situation status & briefing on priority actions taken & outstanding from EOC



- **State of Local Emergency**

- Authorizes declaration and termination of a “State of Local Emergency”



## Sets limits

Sets expenditure limits



- **Input**

- Provides input for public emergency information activities



## Recommendations

Formally recommends outside support/resources (Provincial support)



- **Voice**

- Speaks through their spokesperson for the jurisdiction

# Implementing an Emergency Plan

- ▶ The local authority can implement its emergency plan if an emergency appears imminent or if a disaster has occurred.
  - A person designated in the local emergency plan may implement the plan
  - The plan may also be implemented if another jurisdictional area has requested assistance
  - A Provincial Task number must be requested and approved by Emergency Management BC (EMBC) if the local authority wishes to recover its costs and ensure those responding are fully insured
  - The Emergency Plan can not conflict with the Provincial Emergency Plan

# Declaration of a State of Local Emergency

- ▶ The local authority may declare a “**State of Local Emergency**” when it is satisfied an emergency exists or is imminent.
  - The declaration must identify the nature of the emergency and be made by bylaw or resolution if made by a local authority, or by order, if made by the head of a local authority
  - The head of a local authority must use best efforts to obtain the consent of the other members of the local authority before making the declaration
  - The head of a local authority must, convene a meeting of the local authority to assist in directing the response to the emergency as soon as practicable after making a declaration

# State of Local Emergency

The declaration of a “**State of Local Emergency**” must be forwarded to the Minister of Public Safety and be made public immediately after the declaration.

- The contents of the declaration must be advanced to the Minister and published to make the population of the affected area aware
- A declaration expires in **14 days** unless cancelled by the Minister, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the local authority or the head of the local authority
- A declaration can be extended with the approval of the Minister or the Lieutenant Governor in Council, for periods **of not more than 7 days each**
- The measures contained within a declaration of a state of local emergency can not conflict with a Provincial declaration

## Emergency Powers granted under the Emergency Program Act

1	Acquire or use any real or personal property considered necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
2	Authorize or require any person to render assistance of a type that the person is qualified to provide or that otherwise is or may be required to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
3	Control or prohibit travel to or from any area designated in the Regional District.
4	Provide for the restoration of essential facilities and the distribution of essential supplies and provide, maintain and coordinate emergency medical, welfare and other essential services in the Regional District of Central Okanagan.
5	Cause the evacuation of persons and the removal of livestock, animals and personal property from any part of the Regional District of Central Okanagan that is or may be affected by an emergency or disaster and make arrangements for the adequate care and protection of those persons, livestock, animals and personal property.
6	Authorize the entry into any building or on any land, without warrant, by any person in the course of implementing an emergency plan or program or if otherwise considered to be necessary to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
7	Cause the demolition or removal of any tress, structures or crops if the demolition or removal is considered to be necessary or appropriate in order to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
8	Construct works considered to be necessary or appropriate to prevent, respond to or alleviate the effects of an emergency or disaster.
9	Procure, fix prices for, or ration food, clothing, fuel, equipment, medical supplies or other essential supplies and the use of any property, services, resources or equipment within any part of the Regional District of Central Okanagan for the duration of the local state of emergency

# BC EMS

**“A continuous process within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with and recover from disasters**



# **BCEMS\***

## **Response Goals**

**1**

**ENSURE THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF RESPONDERS**

**2**

**SAVE LIVES**

**3**

**REDUCE SUFFERING**

**4**

**PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH**

**5**

**PROTECT INFRASTRUCTURE**

**6**

**PROTECT PROPERTY**

**7**

**PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT**

**8**

**REDUCE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL LOSSES**

\* British Columbia Emergency Management System

# Local Authority Response

- Site Management and Response
- Activation of Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Response Plans
- Deployment of local authority resources
- Working with neighbouring communities
- Activation of Emergency Social Services (ESS), including a reception centre
- Declaration of State of Local Emergency
- Providing Public Information
- Prepare for and support On-going Communication

## Provincial Support in Response

- Activation of Provincial Emergency Coordination Center (PECC) and Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centers (PREOC) as required
- Provision of PREOC expertise and resource support to local authorities
- Reimbursement of eligible local response costs
- Provision of information through the Emergency Info BC website and Twitter account

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Central Okanagan  
**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS**

Latest updates   Map   Be prepared   Resources   Archived events

**No current emergencies**

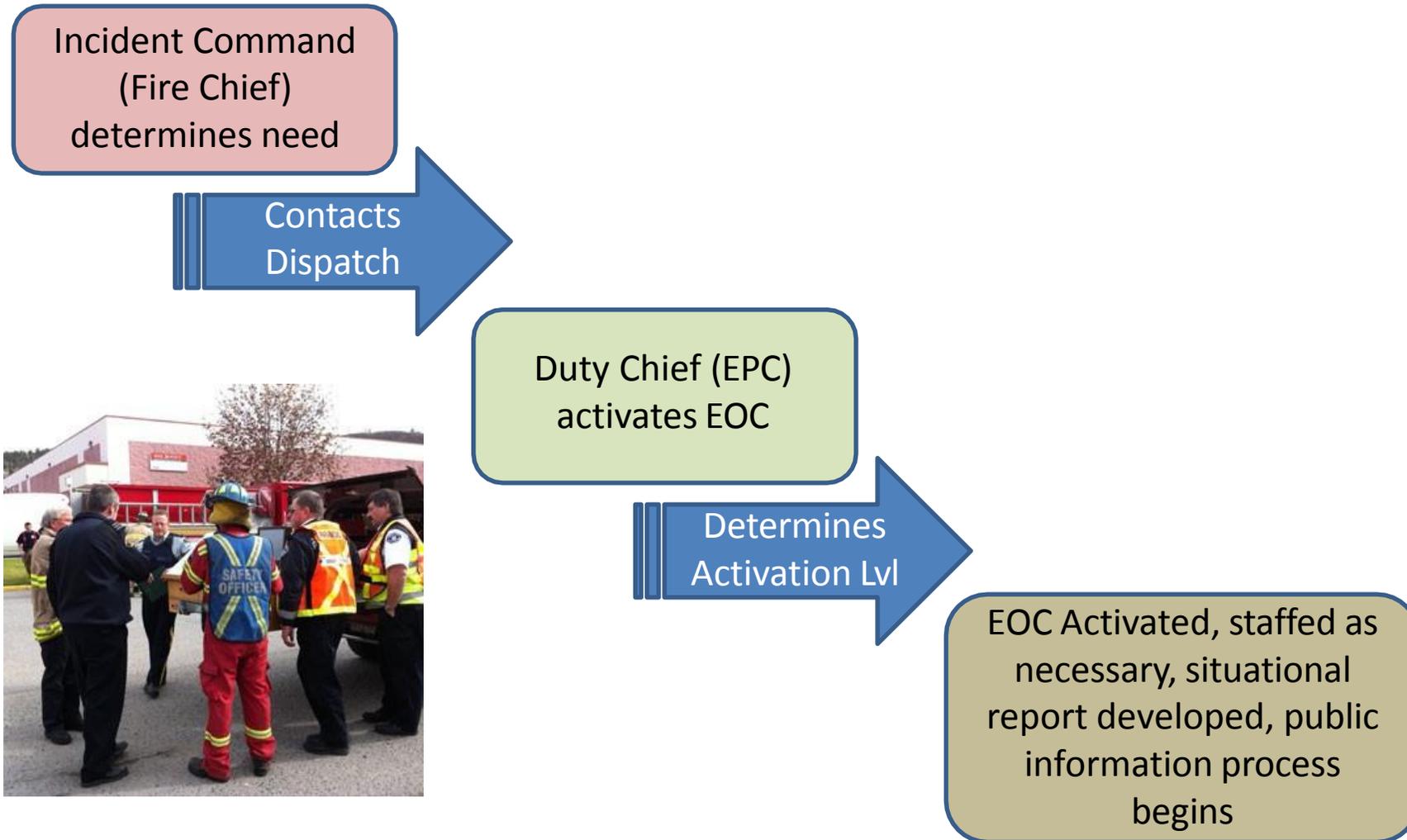
**COVID-19 Information**

DETAILS

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 <p>Interactive map</p> <p>Check out the map for updated situation information and evacuation alerts/orders.</p> <p><a href="#">VIEW THE MAP</a></p>	 <p>Be prepared</p> <p>Tips to protect yourself, loved ones &amp; your property in an emergency.</p> <p><a href="#">LEARN MORE</a></p>	 <p>e-Subscribe</p> <p>Sign-up for a simple way to receive updates directly to your inbox.</p> <p><a href="#">SIGN UP FOR E-MAILS</a></p>	 <p>Evacuee support</p> <p>In an evacuation situation, register for emergency support services.</p> <p><a href="#">REGISTER ONLINE</a></p>
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# ACTIVATING THE EOC



# REGIONAL EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION LIST (REDLIST)

- ▶ Initial confidential message to each CAO/CM and designate when EOC activates
  - ▶ Message is specific to incident type, initial response and EOC activation
  - ▶ Each local government will determine how they connect with their Policy Group to discuss



## WRAP UP

- ▶ Thank-you
- ▶ Questions and Comments



# Recommendation

*All Directors - Unweighted Corporate Vote - Simple Majority (LGA s.208)*

**THAT** the Regional Board receives the presentation on Emergency Management Office and Emergency Operations Centre from Sandra Follack, Regional Emergency Program Coordinator, dated May 18, 2023.