

PRESENTATION TO THE REGIONAL BOARD

MAY 12, 2022



Purpose

- ▶ To inform the Board and provide an update on the regional emergency program.
- ▶ To outline improvements and changes made to the program over the past year
- ▶ To identify specific projects supported through grant funding or provincial support.

Program Update

- ▶ ESS ERA 2.0
- ▶ Evacuation Route Planning
- ▶ Floodplain Mapping
- ▶ BC Wildfire
- ▶ Funding initiatives for LGA and First Nation
 - What we Heard: Modernizing BC's Emergency Management Legislation

Program Update

- ▶ Grants for ESS ERA 2.0
 - Support the community during evacuations online
- ▶ EOC staged for turn key activation
 - Supporting virtual and in person
- ▶ All key staff prepared, and availability lists being maintained.
- ▶ A dry start to spring with some snow pack still melting with anticipated drier and hotter conditions escalating fire risk going forward.

BROADCAST INTRUSIVE ALERTING IN BC

- ▶ Education and Training Local Governments and First Nations in May
- ▶ Only used for Floods and Wildfires
 - Lives or public safety are at risk
 - EOC activation from Director's authorization for RDCO
 - Need to consider regional partners
 - Specific message prepared
 - BC Wildfire can also action this to support tactical evacuations

Staffing Changes

- ▶ Staffing changes within Kelowna Fire
 - Sandra Follack, Deputy Chief, Communications and Emergency Management
 - Primary responsibility for Emergency Program
 - A/C of Communications support
 - Finance Supervisor (Emergency Management)
 - Responsible as Finance Section Chief during activation
 - ESS Manager
 - ESS Volunteer support and responsible for day-to-day operations, preparation and EOC readiness

Staffing updates

- ▶ Changes to staffing during long duration events
 - Discipline to ensure staff are rotating out
 - Shadow new employees to ensure depth
 - Time unit clerk to schedule all sections
- ▶ Contractors
 - Skilled staff from area utilized for longer duration events ie flooding
- ▶ Provincial support from other Emergency Operations Centres
 - Reach out to other LGA that are not impacted

Reference material

- ▶ [modernizing bcs emergencymanagement legislation.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
- ▶ [epa what we heard report.pdf \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)
- ▶ [EPA What We Heard Summary - 2020 \(gov.bc.ca\)](#)

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