

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT – ELECTED OFFICIALS

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OBJECTIVE

To:

- Familiarize elected officials with their roles in Emergency Management
- Provide information on the Municipal Emergency Management Program

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

ALBERTA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACT

- Municipality is responsible for direction and control
- Senior Government (Province) may assume responsibility

PROVINCIAL LEGISLATION

ALBERTA MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT ACT

- Jurisdiction to pass bylaws
- Emergencies – a Municipality may take whatever actions or measures are necessary

MUNICIPAL BYLAW NO. 09/036

“... to establish a Municipal Emergency Management Agency”

- Emergency Management Agency
- Delegation of Authority (CAO)
- Defines the authority to declare a State of Local Emergency
 - Mayor, Deputy or Acting Mayor, or two Councillors

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE NO. ADM-240

- Instructions re: Emergency Management Program
- Designates responsibilities of:
 - All Municipal employees
 - Director Emergency Management (DEM)

STATE OF LOCAL EMERGENCY (SOLE)

- Declared by the Local Authority where an emergency exists or may exist and might require the use of extraordinary powers
- A SOLE is not required to:
 - Activate the response plan
 - Access disaster funding

PROGRAM STANDARD

CANADIAN STANDARDS ASSOCIATION (CSA)
Z1600

- Emergency and Continuity Management
 - Origin 2008
 - Revised 2014

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Four Functions:

- Prevention and Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

EXAMPLE PROGRAM ELEMENTS

- Business Continuity Guide and Workbook
- Public Education
- Rural Engagement
- Volunteer Management Planning
- Emergency Social Services

MUNICIPAL RESPONSE ORGANIZATION

REGIONAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (REOC)

To direct and coordinate response and recovery operations

- Municipal departments, including RCMP
- Local non-government partners
- Provincial and Federal representatives

River Breakup Program

- Coordination Meetings were held in March
 - No outstanding issues
- River Monitoring is in place
 - initial trial of automated water levels
- Increased Social Media presence
- Initial provincial “risk” forecast is “average”

RESPONSE PRIORITIES

- First Responder safety
- Save lives
- Reduce suffering
- Protect public health, government infrastructure, property and the environment
- Reduce economic and social losses

SUMMARY

- The local authority, Council, is the Governance for Emergency Management operations conducted by the Municipality
- Operations are conducted through appointments and delegation; however, the responsibility remains with the local authority

WE WOULD BE PLEASED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS



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