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Emergency Preparedness Week

7 -13 MAY 2017

Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is an annual event that takes place each year during the first full week of May. This national event is coordinated by Public Safety Canada, in close collaboration with the provinces and territories and partners.

This year, the theme is

Plan Prepare Be Aware.

It is designed to help Canadians take action to protect themselves and their families during emergencies.

Through the Get Prepared Campaign, Canadians have had the opportunity to learn how to identify the risks, make a plan, and get an emergency kit.

This year's theme highlights the importance of having these measures in place but specifically emphasizes the need to keep up to date on current conditions, like the weather, that might impact you.

Working together with community leaders, first responders, non-government organizations and all levels of government, we are building a more resilient and safer Canada.

www.aema.alberta.ca/emergency-preparedness-week

Emergency Preparedness Events

May 6, 2017 Disaster Alley
McMahon Stadium, Calgary

May 8, 2017, 6:30 to 8 pm
St. Albert Workshop
St. Albert Public Library, Forsyth Hall

May 9, 2017
Coaldale Community Event
Coaldale

May 13, 2017
Emergency Preparedness in Chestermere
Chestermere Fire Hall
162 East Chestermere Drive

May 13, 2017
Get Ready in the Park
William Hawrelak Park

Further Information is available:

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Preparing for Floods



Precipitation is the main risk factor contributing to flooding and is difficult to predict; however, snow pack, soil moisture and current water levels are all good seasonal indicators. Environment and Climate Change Canada's (ECCC) reports indicate that most of southern Alberta's snowpack melted in February.

However, ECCC's long range precipitation forecasts indicate above normal precipitation over the majority of Alberta for May with normal temperatures, throughout the province.



Whilst localized flooding is always a risk it is anticipated that any event will be well within municipal and provincial capabilities. The risk of a major flood event in Alberta is currently assessed as low.

To get prepared for a flood, you should know the risks specific to your community and your region to help you better prepare.

You can reduce the likelihood of flood damage and greatly lessen the impact of a flood by taking the time to prepare in advance.

This involves three basic steps:

- Know the Risks
- Make a Plan
- Get an Emergency Kit

1. Know the Risks

Find out what to do before, during, and after a flood.

2. Make a Plan

Make a family emergency plan, so that everyone knows what to do, and where to go in case of an emergency. Your family may not be together when an emergency occurs. Plan how to meet or how to contact one another, and discuss what you would do in different situations.

3. Get an Emergency Kit

In an emergency you will need some basic supplies. You may need to get by without power or tap water. Be prepared to be self-sufficient for at least 72 hours. Make sure your kit is easy to carry and everyone in the household knows where it is.

Source:

www.getprepared.gc.ca

Wildfire Reporting



Wildfire prevention is a responsibility we all share and it is important to understand safe fire practices so that everyone can enjoy Alberta's forests. Wildfire is a community concern that requires everyone to become involved in solutions.

Everyone's involvement ensures that wildfire does not needlessly threaten our environment. To accomplish this, individuals need to be aware of the dangers of wildfire to themselves and their community. One of the key ways that the Government of Alberta is strengthening wildfire legislation is by increasing fines for the most severe wildfire-related violations.

Individuals who knowingly contravene the Act by starting a wildfire will be prosecuted in the courts and can now be fined up to \$100,000 or imprisonment for up to two years.



Report a Wildfire

Toll Free: 310-FIRE (3473)

Source:

<http://wildfire.alberta.ca/>

Training Opportunities

Online Courses

Our online training courses have taken on a new dynamic and interactive content. Work with Robert to gain the knowledge to successfully work within an emergency environment.



Basic Emergency Management

This course provides an overview of emergency management in Alberta including the systems and processes for preventing, mitigating, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters.

You will learn about the key provisions of the Emergency Management Act and have the opportunity to identify the roles and responsibilities of various levels of government and other key organizations involved in emergency management.

Prerequisites: None

Incident Command System

The Incident Command System is a standardized management system used to organize and manage a scalable response to emergency incidents of any magnitude. ICS 100 is intended as an introduction and overview of the ICS. It is intended for people who may be assigned to incidents in non-supervisory roles and as a prerequisite for students continuing on through other levels.

Prerequisites: None

Further information is available at:

<http://www.aema.alberta.ca/online-courses>