

(Name of your neighborhood)

Neighborhood Emergency Plan

Fire: 911

Police: 911

Ambulance: 911

Forest Fire: 800-663-5555

Provincial Emergency Program: 800-663-3456

Confidential

To the (name of your neighborhood) Residents

Introduction

The purpose of this plan is to assist the neighbors who live in {insert the name of your neighborhood} to help each other during any emergency that is likely to affect our neighborhood. The official position of all disaster response agencies is that all persons should be prepared to be on their own for a minimum of 72 hours (3 days). Privately, they all say that 7 days is a more practical objective. Considering that we are a small population living at the end of a dead-end rural road, we should be prepared to look after ourselves for a minimum of 7 days.

Disaster management is a multi-level organization. The primary level is the neighborhood. If the neighborhood needs help then the municipal resources (fire department etc) are requested. If the municipal government can't handle the magnitude of the event, then the provincial government assists them through the Provincial Emergency Program (PEP). Likewise, if the Province is overwhelmed, Emergency Preparedness Canada (EPC) steps in to coordinate help on a larger scale.

The Emergency Preparedness Act delegates the responsibility for emergency planning to the municipal governments. Regional districts are encouraged to have an emergency response plan but are not required to have one. **The Regional District of _____ has opted to not have an emergency response plan.** This makes it even more important that we have an effective community plan.

Emergencies can take many forms. As neighbors, we have been working together and helping each other for years. This plan is intended to expand upon what we are already doing by listing our resources, providing contact information, and identifying to each other what each of us can do to help the others in an emergency.

The formation and implementation of this plan will continue to point out to each of us what our strengths and weaknesses are. Knowing our strengths and weaknesses is vital to improving our response to security, medical, and natural and man-made emergencies and disasters.

_____ and _____ have both had some non-medical emergency response training and experience. They may be called upon for information or advice at any time.

Medical Training

The following community members have had medical training.

Doctor: _____
Nurse: _____
Industrial First Aid: _____, _____, _____
Basic First Aid (CPR): _____, _____, _____

Non-Emergency Numbers

Agency	Voice	Fax
RCMP		
Fire Department		
Ambulance		
Regional District		

Hazards

Fire is probably our greatest hazard, followed by power failure then natural hazards. Our homes are all well above the flood plane of either river. There are tanker loads of some very nasty chemicals hauled by BCR. A chemical spill on the railroad would pose a threat but since most chemicals are heavier than air, they would probably travel down-stream towards town. In any event, the only defense from them is to retreat!

Wild Fire

Our attack tools to keep a wild fire (forest fire) under control until professional help arrives are our bulldozers, loaders, and pumps. The first equipment requested should be the bulldozers, which can be used to bury the fire. Bulldozers and chain saws can be used to fall any trees that are burning. A water supply to feed the pumps that we have is in short supply. There is a pond on _____ & _____ property that holds water most of the year. All of us except the _____ have access to one of the rivers or the beaver dam. These sources can be used on the lower property but a high-pressure pump would be required to use this source for our buildings and house-yards.

Building Fires

In building fires, the first 30 to 60 seconds are critical! In addition to fire extinguishers, a garden hose and nozzle should be kept in the house. This is specially important during the winter. Over 80% of house fires are caused by cooking. When cooking with grease, have a properly fitting lid ready for each pan being used before starting to cook. Simply placing the lid over the fire and turning off the heat will extinguish these fires before they destroy your house. Never leave the room when cooking with grease!

- Evacuate the threatened building or area.
- Call the fire department.
- Call the neighbors.
- **Never turn your back on a fire.**
- **Always stay between the fire and your escape route.**

Organization

Headquarters

During an emergency, when required, headquarters will be established at the _____ residence. This location is equipped with backup power (solar charged batteries, and a power plant) to run lights, fax, and a permanent Ham radio station. If necessary due to circumstances, an alternate location will be chosen when required.

Communications

There are five Amateur Radio (Ham) operators in the area. (_____, _____, _____, _____, and _____) If groups such as search teams or fire fighting teams are required, one of these people should be a member of each team with one person remaining at the headquarters if possible. If local telephone service is interrupted, the _____, _____, and _____ families all have cellular telephones. Commercial VHF radio with telephone interconnect capabilities can be provided by the _____ family.

Security Systems

Due to our remote location, even with good road conditions, emergency responders would likely take over half an hour to arrive after being called. We should consider installing alarm systems that are linked together to summon the neighbors during any emergency such as intruder, fire, medical, low temperature, etc. Out-door audible alarms and strobe lights should be included.

Resources

Machinery

Bulldozer: {size} _____
{size} _____

Loader: Tracked: _____
Skid-steer: _____

Small tractor with blade: _____

Snow blower (3-point hitch): _____

Truck with snowplow: _____

Pumps

_____ : 3Hp gas with 500' of 1½" hose and nozzle, 100 gallon tank

Power Plants

_____ : Stationary but transportable 5kw 120/240
Portable 4kw 120/240

_____ : Portable 1.5kw 120v

Flood Lights

_____ : Single 500w halogen

_____ : Dual 500w halogen on a tripod

4X4 Trucks

Neighbors

Name	Address	Residence	Cell	Pager	Bus. Fax	Business

E-mail

Name	Home E-Mail Address	Business E-mail Address