

# **AEMA Summit 2015**

## **AEMA Initiatives Update**

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# Agenda

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- Regional Partnerships
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- Discussion

# Emergency Management Framework in Canada

## Current Approach:

- Individual / Family
- Municipality / First Nation / Metis Settlement
- Province / Territory
- Federal Government



## Future Approach:

- Individual / Family
- **Neighbourhood**
- Municipality / First Nation / Metis Settlement
- **Regional Partnerships**
- **Industry**
  - Province / Territory
- **Provincial, Territorial, State Mutual Aid**
  - Federal Government

# Resource Sharing

- Alberta municipalities encouraged to develop regional mutual aid agreements and plans
- Government of Alberta prepared to support municipalities
- Alberta develops mutual aid agreements with neighboring provinces territories and state (British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Northwest Territory, and Montana)
- Canada wide mutual aid agreement amongst all provinces, all territories
- National and international agreements for specific functions

# Regional Approaches to Emergency Management

- Alberta municipalities encouraged to develop regional mutual aid agreements and plans
- Can be based on:
  - Mutual aid agreements reinforced by regional EOC, plans and exercises, e.g. Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Preparedness partnership (GREPP)
  - Establishment by legislation of a Regional Services Commission, e.g. Beaver Emergency Services Commission (BESC)
  - Establishment by Ministerial Order, e.g. Formal, e.g. by legislation or Ministerial Order, e.g. Central Peace Regional Emergency Management Committee.
  - Adhoc when responding to an emergency or event
- Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) -  
<http://www.municipalaffairs.alberta.ca/albertacommunitypartnership.cfm>

# Incident Command System

- Alberta has adopted the Incident Command System (ICS) as the command and control / organizational model for incident management ,
  - Emergency response at Incident Command Post
  - Emergency Operations Centres and Emergency Coordination Centres
  - Provincial Operations Centre
- First Responders, local authorities, including municipalities, Metis Settlements and First Nations, and industry in Alberta are encouraged to utilize ICS
- The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) is the Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for all aspects of ICS training within the province of Alberta. In this role AEMA shall certify trainers, oversee training delivery standards, and accredit students.
  - AHJ responsibilities are delegated Agriculture and Forestry, Wildland Fire Management for wildland fire and resource management staff and cooperators.

# Incident Command System

- ICS Canada ICS training standards and training curriculum and materials shall be utilized when delivering ICS training within the province.  
(<http://apsts.alberta.ca/information-for-instructors/>)
- AEMA has been offering ICS training to the GoA and local authorities for several years and ICS is already being widely employed within the province.
  - Only ICS training and doctrine will be supported / recognised by GoA/AEMA.
  - AEMA trainers and Field Officers are available to teach GoA and local authorities.
  - AEMA delivered CEMP planning tool will only support ICS doctrine and best practices.
  - Effective April 1, 2016, ICS use will be an eligibility requirement to receive Emergency Management Training grants under the Fire Services Emergency Preparedness Program (FSEPP)

# Incident Management Teams (IMTs)

- Concept:
  - Regional or Mutual Aid organizations plan for, establish, train and exercise regional IMT
  - For small-scale incidents that can be managed wholly within the resources and capabilities of the community, the community uses its integral resources
  - For complex, or extended duration incidents that require supplemental response and/or incident management resources from outside agencies or organizations, the local community calls on mutual aid partners to augment its organization by activating the IMT



# Emergency Management Exercise 2016 (EMX16)

- **February 23 - 26, 2016**
- **Focus Learning and networking opportunities amongst key EM stakeholders.**
- **Training Audience:**
  - **Primary: POC staff, Departmental CMOs, Ministry communications staff, and CGCT**
  - **Secondary: Community ECCs/EOCs and DEMs, Department EOCs, Industry groups, Business Continuity staff, and GOA Senior Leadership.**
- **Activities:**
  - **Live Provincial Operations Centre (POC)**
  - **Deployment of CANTF 2 Elements (IMT and HUSAR) to a mock disaster site**
  - **Coordination with active community EOCs/ECCs throughout the province to reinforce processes and lines of communication**
  - **Brief to Senior GOA officials to include: SOE Process, CGCT Recommendations, Strategic KMs, and Recovery Task Force recommendation.**

# Discussion