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WORTH REPEATING a second time!

We ask a Favor of you!
 If you have departmental staff that have moved on, or if you have new staff onboard, please let us know and include contact details for the purpose of updating our Emergency Management contact lists!!!
 Thank you in Advance!!!

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Welcome to Winter 2019

Agency Update – winter is now upon us, along with a fair bit of freezing rain that was recently encountered in certain areas of the NW Region. We have escaped bitterly cold temperatures that have often been encountered by now. Over the past few months we have also been busy with the facilitation of table top exercises in the NW. Exercises are not only mandated by Alberta’s EM Act, but table top exercises are a cost effective means of keeping your EM agency and partners familiarized with one another, plans validated and established procedures tested.

Course Update – we have conducted numerous Training Courses this fall with no specific course being facilitated more than another. On that note, contact us anytime with any inquiries you may have regarding Training. As mentioned in the past, we are more than happy to come out and offer instruction to you and your EM agency colleagues.

SUMMIT 2018 – was held in Edmonton on December 4 & 5. By all accounts this year’s Annual AEMA Summit was a sellout and success. If anyone has any follow up questions or would like any information related to the keynote speakers or presenters, let us know and we will make all attempts to get what you are looking for.

AHIMT - REST Support Team Block 3 Training was held back on November 20-22 in Grande Prairie at The City of GP Pete Eager fire hall. This was the second block 3 installment that has resulted in 2 groups that have now completed all 3 blocks of training in the NW Region over a 2 year timeframe. The program continues to hum along at a good pace and is a testament to the commitment of all participants from Communities throughout the NW Region. Well done!

Useful Links – in this issue we will be including 2 links to articles that are worthy of a read. One from the LA Times and the other from the Globe & Mail. Both are related to Emergency Management and we believe you will find them to be quite informative. Finally, we have attached 2 documents for your review that bring you up to speed as a result of the updated legislation relative to Alberta’s EM Act. It is recommended that you retain these documents as quick reference guides.

Check this out!

ATTENTION!
CIC is now known as
!!!Alberta EDGE!!!
(Environmental and
Dangerous Goods
Emergencies)
Ph:
1-800-272-9600
(Toll Free)
24hrs / 7 days a week

AEMA
POC: 1-866-618-2362
Always a Provincial Duty
Officer there to answer
your Call 24/7!

For Training, go to:
<http://apsts.alberta.ca/online-courses>

If you Declare a SOLE, fax
the declaration to the POC
at (780) 644 7962

Additional SOLE Documents

- Public Announcement
- Termination Form
- Renewal Form

CEMP Question:
Did you check out the
Document Library lately?
Correct Answer:
"Yes, I did".
If not, what's holding you
back?

ESS course – the MD of Greenview is hosting a 1-day Emergency Social Services course in Valleyview on Feb 5th, 2019.

ICS 400! – we are also pleased to announce that Northern Sunrise County is hosting the 2-day ICS 400 Course in St. Isidore on Feb 20th & 21st, 2019. Pre-requisite is ICS 300.

Contact Ken or Brice for details or to register.

New Supply Unit Leader (SPUL) course – ICS Canada is in the process of finalizing this course. Brice just attended the 4-day course pilot in Fredericton, NB. We expect to see it offered in Alberta at some point in 2019.

EM Links: Go to the Links below for 2 worthy EM related Articles.

<https://www.latimes.com/local/lanow/la-me-paradise-fire-evacuations-20181114-story.html>

<https://www.theglobeandmail.com/opinion/article-why-we-should-start-treating-floods-and-fires-like-migration-crises/>

REGIONAL APPROACH TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FAQ:

Is there a way for two or more local authorities to have a regional approach to emergency management?

Yes, there are at least (4) options available that have different benefits and responsibilities. They are:

- 1) Creation of a Regional Services Commission (RSC) under the authority of the MGA.
 - 2) Establish a Joint Emergency Management Committee (JEMC) by Ministerial Order.
 - 3) Enter into an Emergency Management Partnership Agreement/Mutual Aid Agreement (EMPA/MAA) supported through bylaw and agreement.
 - 4) A Summer Village may use any of the above strategies and in addition, may seek to delegate its powers and duties to another municipality that is willing to accept that delegation under the Emergency Management Act (EMA), by Ministerial Order.
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Quote of the Day: "By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail." Benjamin Franklin

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!!

Ken Hawrylenko and Brice Daly – Next Issue March 2019