

City of Greater Sudbury

Community Emergency Management Program

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Emergency Management Program

*Why the need for an Emergency Management Program ?
Presentation - September 15, 2004*

- To support public safety
- Creation of disaster-resilient community
- Realistic risk-based program, if properly resourced and exercised will:
Save lives and money
- Recognizing hazards & risks -plan to mitigate the effects of the disaster
- Demonstrates due diligence by Council
- Mandatory legislation “Emergency Management Act”



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Components of an Emergency Management Program Presentation - September 15, 2004

- Legislation - “Emergency Management Act”
- Framework document - adopted as the standard for Emergency Management in Ontario for both the Provincial & Municipal programs
- Essential Level - December 31, 2004
- Enhanced Level - December 31, 2005
- Comprehensive Level - December 31, 2006



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Essential Program Components - Verified - Province

- ✓ Designation of a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC)
- ✓ Formation of a Community Emergency Management Program Committee.
- ✓ Development and implementation of Community Emergency Management Public Awareness Program.
- ✓ Identification of individuals to act as emergency information staff



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Essential Program Components - Awaiting Verification

- Development of an appropriate community operations centre.
- Conduct an annual exercise to evaluate the emergency response plan
- Conduct annual training for the emergency control group and emergency operations centre staff
- Identification of critical infrastructure
- Publication of an approved emergency response plan
- Conduct an annual review of the community emergency management program



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Emergency Response Plan - AIM

- Provide a framework - measures that can be taken to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public
- Unify efforts of City organizations - responding to and reducing the impact of a public emergency
- Increase the emergency response capability - establishing a plan of action to efficiently and effectively deploy municipal services



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Emergency Response Plan

- Aim
- Authority
- Activation of the Plan
- Declaration/Termination of an Emergency
- Request for Provincial/Federal Assistance
- Roles & Responsibilities



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Planning Assumptions - Emergency Response Plan

- A public emergency may occur with little or no warning, may cause injury, fatalities, property loss, and disruption of normal support systems
- A large number of casualties, heavy damage to buildings or basic infrastructure, and disruption of essential public services may overwhelm the capabilities of the City
- Routine or minor emergencies are within the response capabilities of the City
- Major public emergency will likely strain the City's capabilities. A catastrophic disaster will require massive Provincial/Federal assistance



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Planning Assumptions - Emergency Response Plan

- Achieving and maintaining effective citizen and community preparedness reduces the immediate demands on response organizations - Public awareness and education programs are required to ensure citizens will take advance actions to reduce their vulnerability, especially during the first 72 hours after a public emergency.



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Success of the City's Emergency Response Plan

- The Plan itself does not guarantee an efficient, effective response to an emergency !
- Utilized as a tool to assist the city's departments, officials and employees in their emergency response activities.
- Adequate personnel, equipment and expertise exist within the responding agencies.
- The participating agencies are familiar with the content of the Plan.
- The Plan is tested on a regular basis.
- The Plan is reviewed following incidents or exercises.



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Last Steps - Essential Program

- By-Law- to adopt an “Emergency Management Program” and to adopt an “Emergency Response Plan” for the City of Greater Sudbury
- Conduct an annual review of the Community Emergency Management Program.



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Enhanced Program Level – December 31, 2005

- Development of an appropriate community response capability.
- Publication of an enhanced emergency response plan to include supporting plan for high risks (e.g. hazardous facility, severe weather, transportation accidents, critical infrastructure, etc.)
- Development of an enhanced emergency operations centre to include detailed operating procedures, arrangements, and provision for appropriate specialists and auxiliary staff during an emergency.



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Enhanced Program Level – December 31, 2005

- Publication of a supporting plan for the dissemination of emergency information including the designation and arrangement for a local information centre.
- Development and implementation of an annual emergency management training program involving appropriate staff, volunteer organizations, auxiliary staff, and emergency services.
- Development and implementation of public education based on identified high risks.



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Enhanced Program Level – December 31, 2005

- Development and implementation of an annual self-assessment process to determine the quality and effectiveness of the emergency management program.
- Development and implementation of an Incident Management System.



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Questions?

