

Community Emergency Action Plan

Report – August, 2012



The *Harrison Mills Regional Association* has formed a small working group of members to develop a **Community Emergency Action Plan** to prepare the area to reduce confusion and increase communication and organized action, in a possible crisis.

The core group of people in this activity are all adding to the direction of the initiative and they are:

- **Al Roberts**
- **Peter Bryant**
- **Tom Cadieux**
- **William Wrinch**
- **Marc Ogden**
- **Fred Thompson**
- **Fred Hodson**
- **Cyndi Handler**

Their role is:

1. To explore the variety of issues and the potential emergency situations we could face in this area.
2. Set up contingency plan to meet those needs
3. Develop a Data Base of contacts list of local resources through a dynamic process of meetings and dialogue.
4. Develop a draft community awareness presentation for home owners within our area of influence.
5. Ongoing process with FVRD to craft a Community Emergency Action Plan.

This group is fully aware that we are just one piece of the puzzle in an emergency however if we do our part right we will make all the emergency services more effective.

Here are some of the activities we have been involved with since the inception of the group in May of 2012:

- Have met with the head of Emergency Services for Fraser Valley Regional District (FVRD) and have been coached on steps, which we will need to take to become Certified. Most of our members are in varied stages of accomplishing this. Once completed we will enter into a training program with FVRD. Participants in the Planning Group are taking an online CERT course to qualify for entrance into the training with FVRD and are finding it quite helpful.
- Met with the head of Emergencies for the District of Kent, for advice and networking purposes. He was very helpful to us.
- Have attended 2 Emergency Social Services 'Open Houses.' One in Harrison Hot Springs and Deroche to get a better understanding of that aspect of Emergency Social Services.
- A few members are now working on developing a 3 day survival 'grab & go' kit, for outreach to our HRRRA membership at a later date.
- Contacted Forestry who in turn pointed us to the Community Wildfire Protection Planning document. Reviewed by the Planning Group, and it was decided that this was more for FVRD to take the lead in.
- Mapping Exercise to determine who has responsibility for what in our area. Also to map out this variety of Emergency Groups out there already to ensure no duplication and to build a communication network for the future.
- Met with Chehalis First Nations (now Sti'ailes) who have an exceptional plan for their area, which will help us in developing our own. Great potential for future partnership.

If you would like to join our group because of your past training or you would like to commit to a community of service such as this, contact:

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