

Emergency Management Ontario

Ontario's *Emergency Management Act*

Canadian Chemical Engineering Conf.

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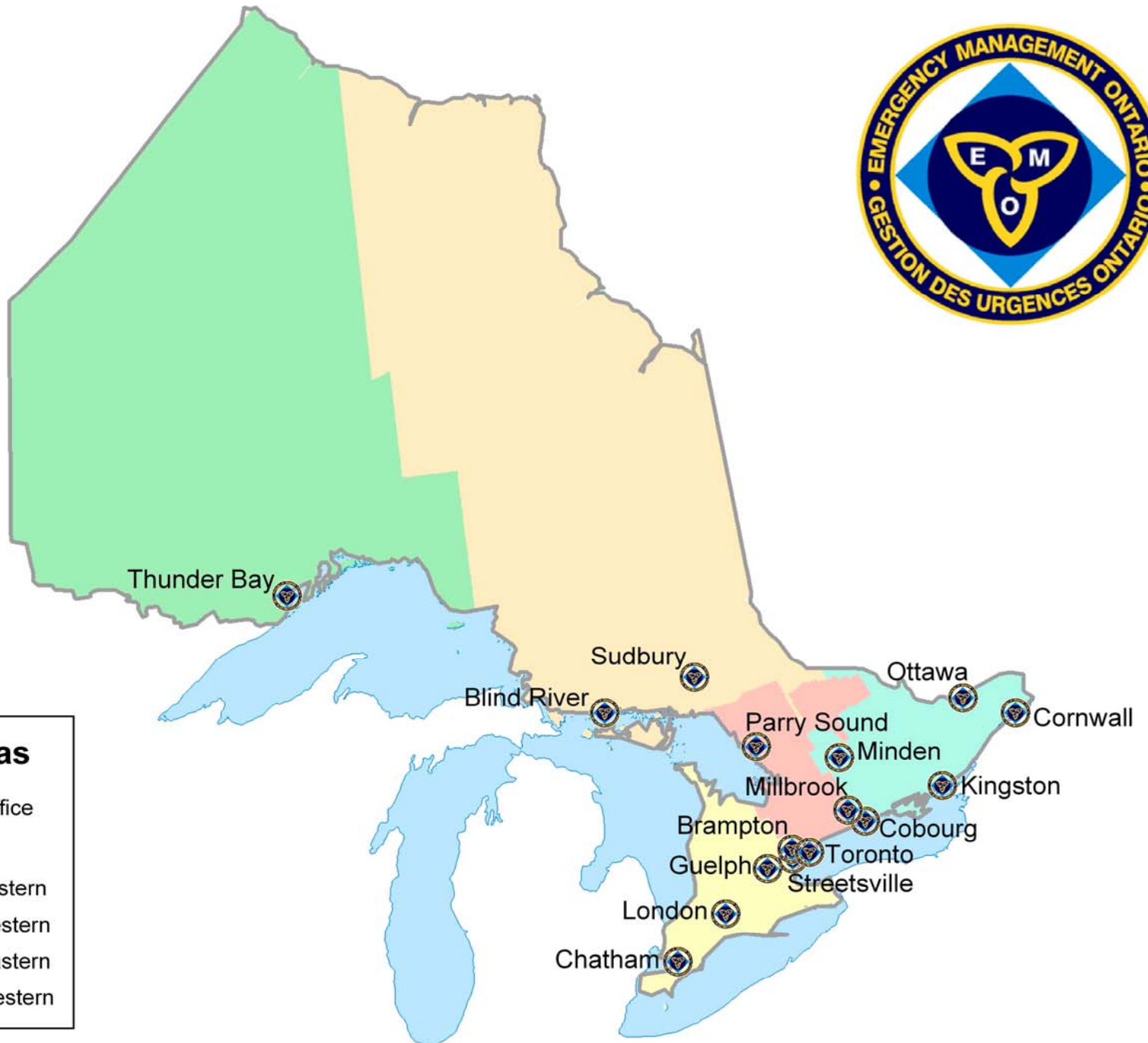
To monitor, coordinate and assist in the development and implementation of emergency management programs throughout Ontario.



Organization

- **75 Staff**
- **6 sections:**
 - **Program Coordination and Standards**
 - **Community Programs**
 - **Provincial Mitigation and Preparedness**
 - **Provincial Response & Recovery**
 - **Training & Education**
 - **Support Programs**
- **Based in Toronto with 15 regional offices**





EMO Areas


 EMO Office

 Central

 Northeastern

 Northwestern

 Southeastern

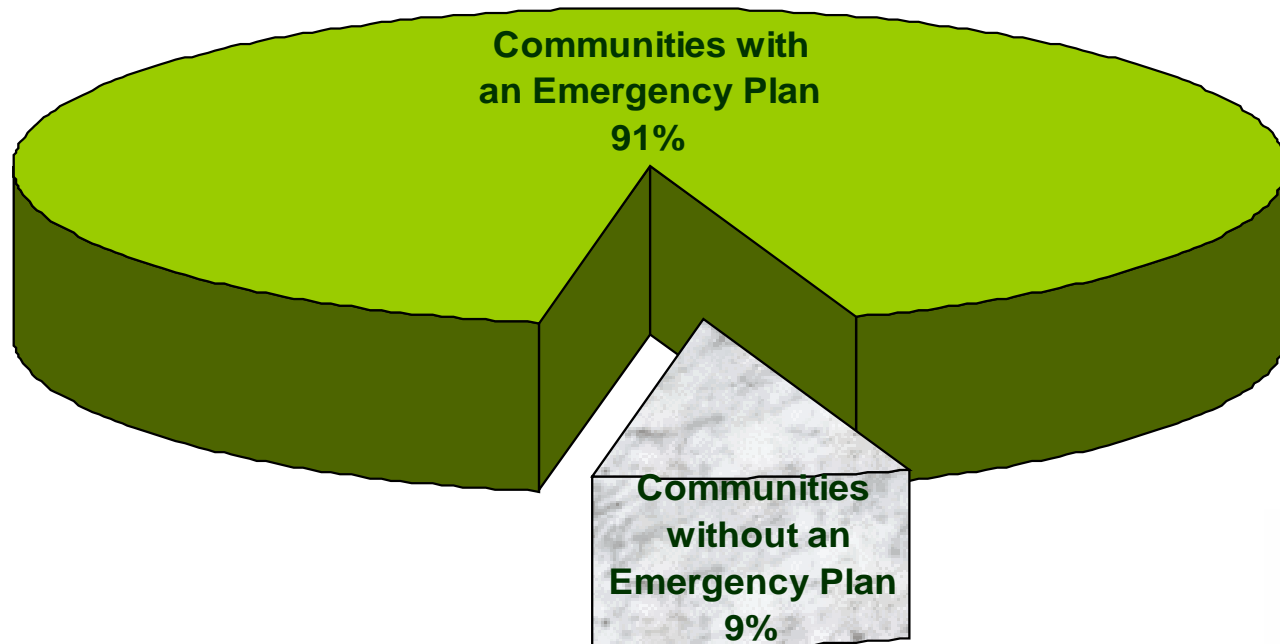
 Southwestern

Previous Situation

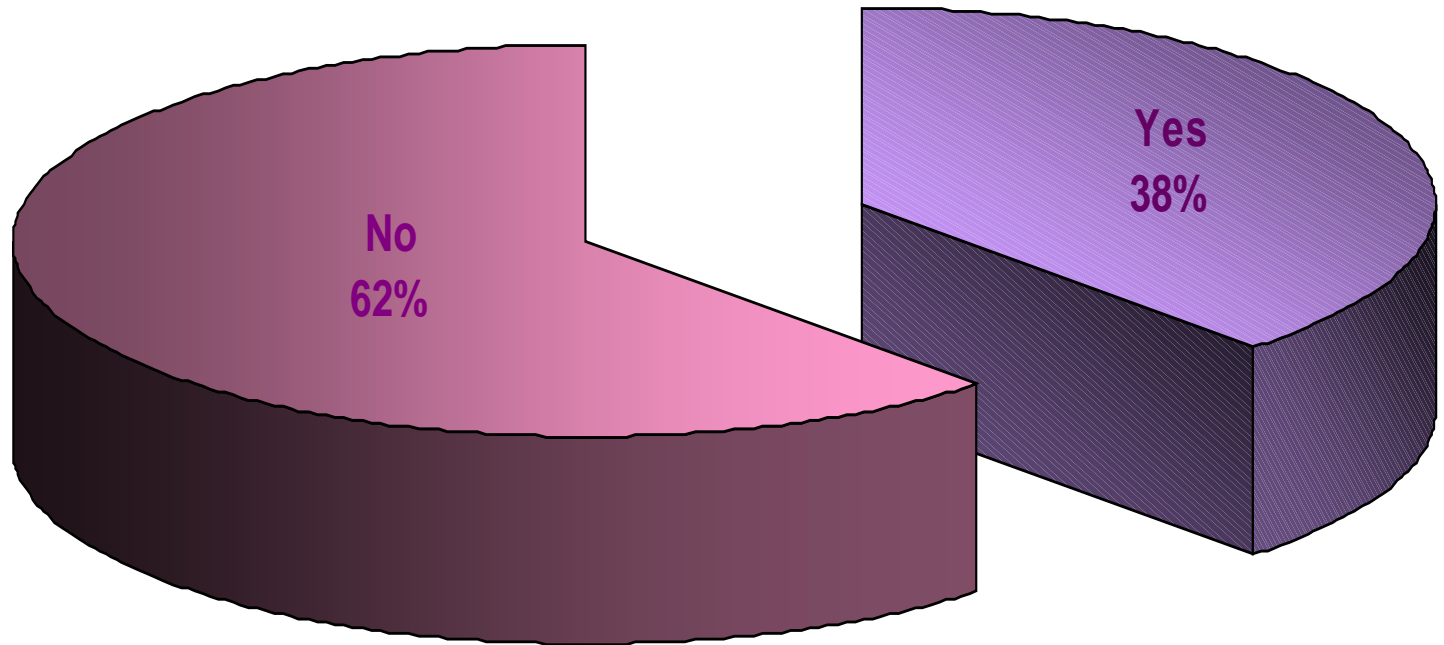
- ❖ *Emergency Plans Act*
- ❖ Permissive legislation
- ❖ No regulations
- ❖ Emergency programs based on preparedness and response (i.e., plans)
- ❖ Limited resources
- ❖ Limited municipal participation



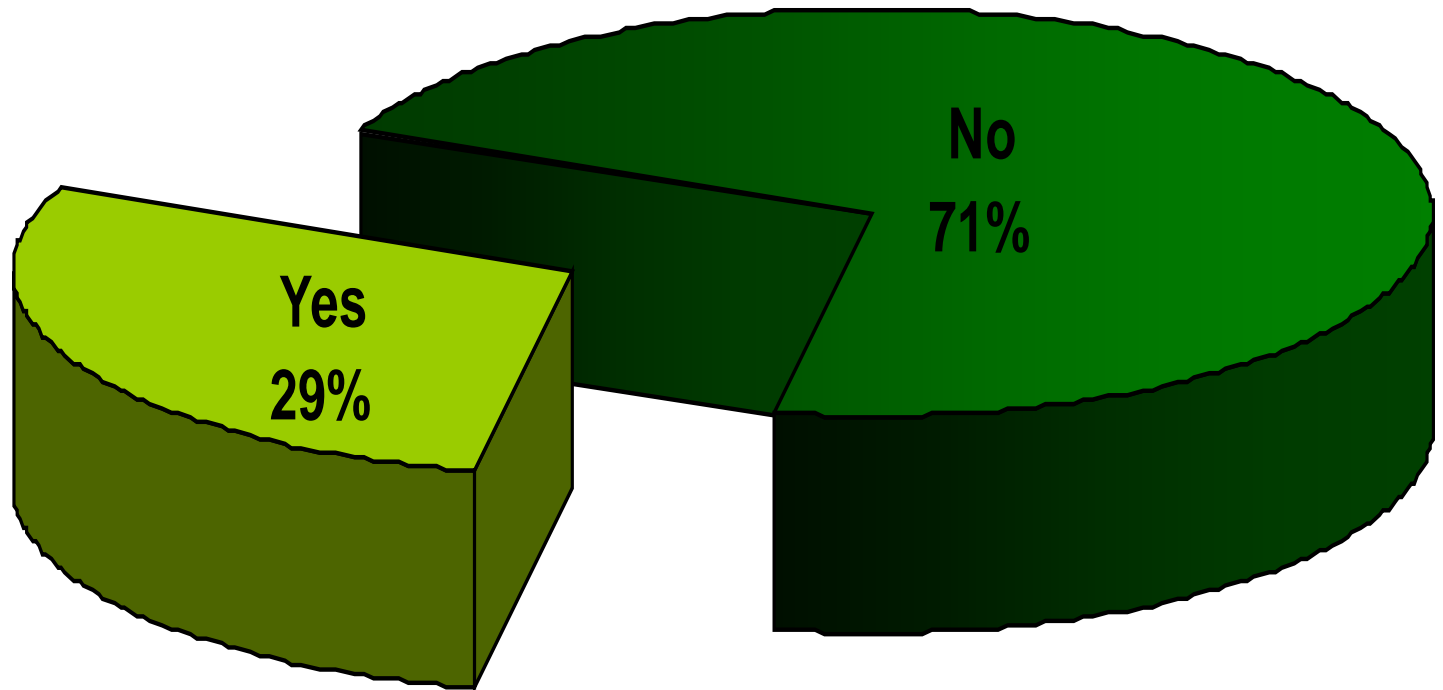
Survey 2000 – Response Plan



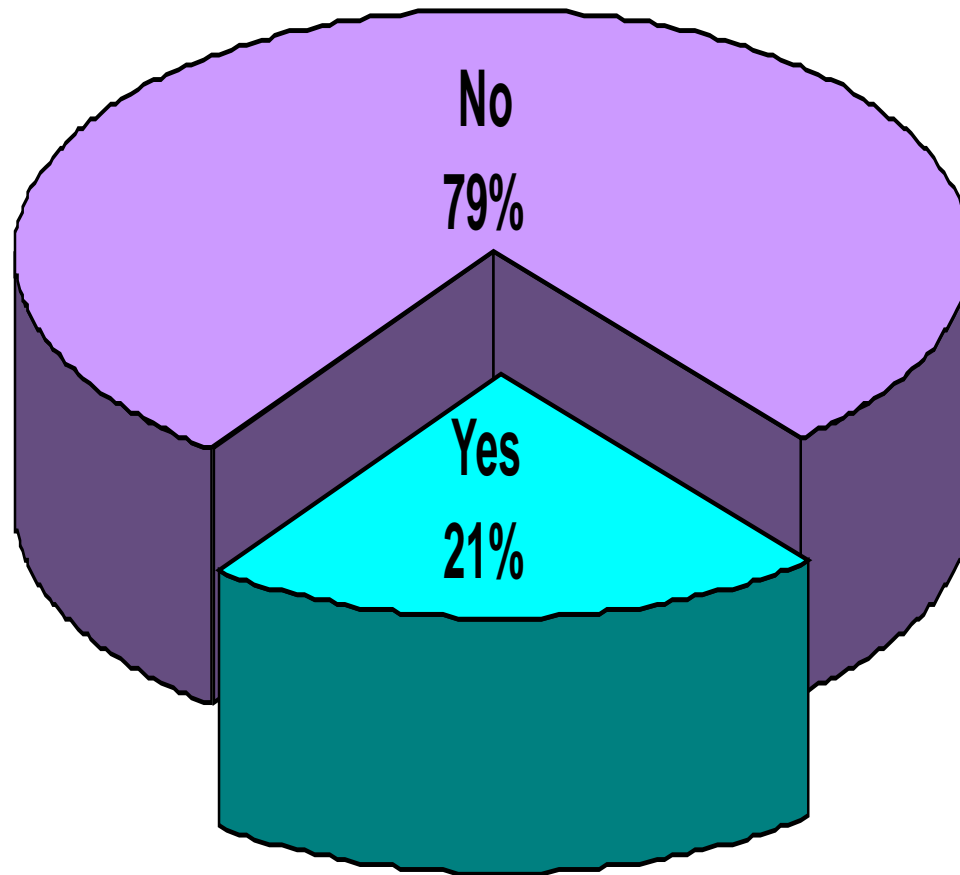
Survey 2000 - Training



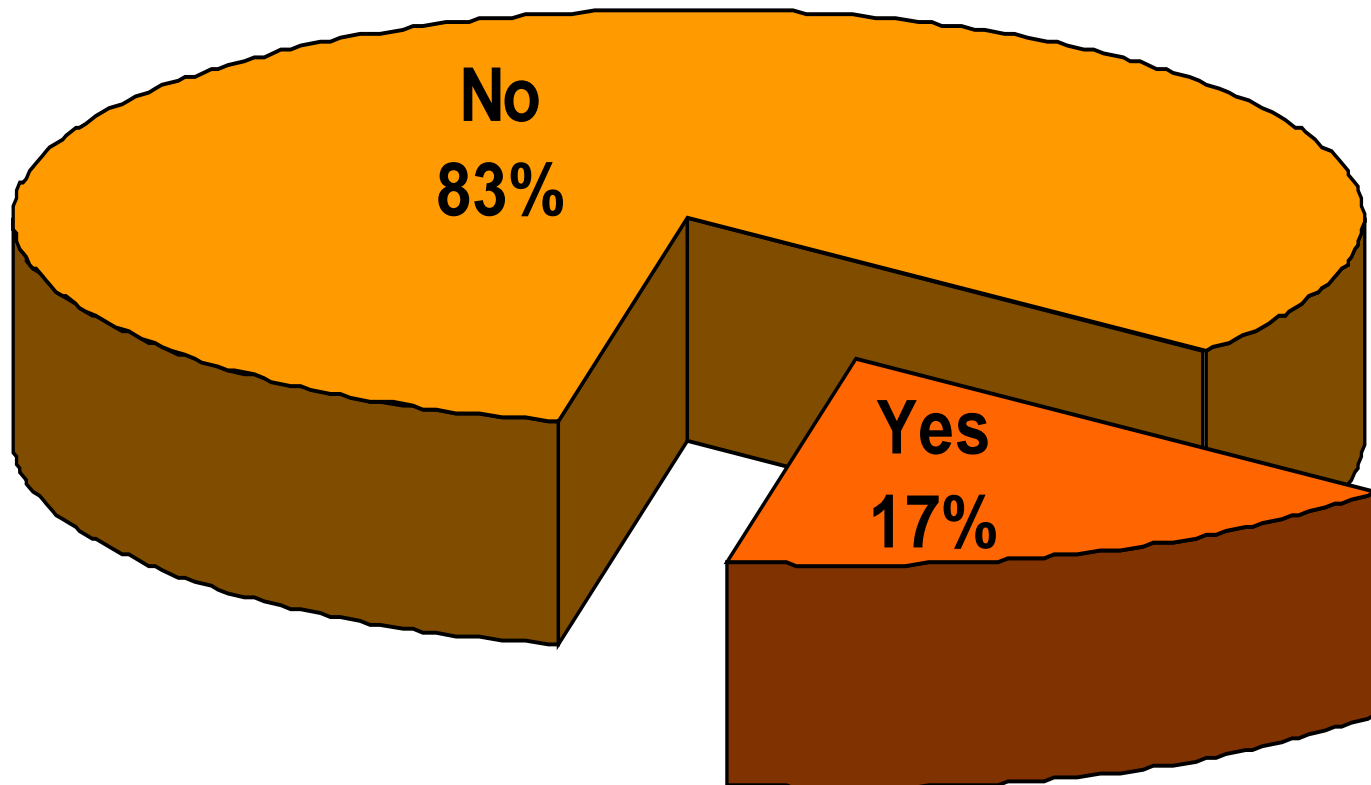
Survey 2000 - EOC



Survey 2000 – Public Education



Survey 2000 – Emergency Response Agency Business Continuity Plans



Reform

- ★ Ice Storm 1998
- ★ Y2K
- ★ Report presented October 2001
- ★ Significant reform and resources
- ★ Based on international standards and recommended practices (e.g., NFPA 1600)
- ★ Involved with NEMA, IAEM, NFPA, etc.



Core Components



Basis

Community Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment



Standards

**Framework for Provincial Emergency
Management Programs**

**Framework for Community Emergency
Management Programs**



Framework Document

Essential Program – 2004

Enhanced Program – 2005

Comprehensive Program – 2006

NFPA 1600 - 2007



Requirements

- ✓ **Identify coordinator**
- ✓ **Form committee**
- ✓ **Risk-based plan**
- ✓ **Emergency Operations Centre**
- ✓ **Critical infrastructure assurance**
- ✓ **Risk-based response capability**
- ✓ **Exercise program**
- ✓ **Training program**



Requirements

- ✓ **Public education program**
- ✓ **Mitigation plan**
- ✓ **Recovery plan**
- ✓ **Dangerous goods corridors**
- ✓ **Land-use planning**
- ✓ **Emergency information plan**
- ✓ **Mutual assistance**
- ✓ **Evacuation plan**
- ✓ **External assessment**



EMO & Industry

- Encourage industry participation on community emergency management program committees
- Comprehensive Program
- Industry representation on EMO committees
- Develop partnerships and support organizations such as CAER, PTSC and TRANSCAER
- Work with government partners to address facilities not participating in such programs



Conclusion

