Emergency Management Ontario

Ontario’s *Emergency Management Act*

Canadian Chemical Engineering Conf.

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Mandate

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

Communities with an Emergency Plan: 91%

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Survey 2000 - Training

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No: 62%
Yes: 38%
Survey 2000 - EOC

- Yes: 29%
- No: 71%
Survey 2000 – Public Education

- Yes: 21%
- No: 79%

No: 83%
Yes: 17%
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

**MITIGATION:**
- Taking action to reduce or prevent the impact of emergencies

**PREPAREDNESS:**
- Developing emergency plans and conducting training, exercises and public education

**RECOVERY:**
- Providing disaster assistance to return to normal

**RESPONSE:**
- Managing an emergency situation and providing emergency information
Basis

Community Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
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