Ontario’s Emergency Management Program
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EMO - Mandate

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
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%
Communities without an Emergency Plan: 9%
Survey 2000 - Training

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Communities with an Emergency Plan: 91%

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

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

No
79%

Yes
21%

- Yes: 17%
- No: 83%
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
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 plans
- 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