

Emergency Program

Quadra Island Emergency Program

Rural Islands Economic Partnership Connection Café



Primary Hazards in BC

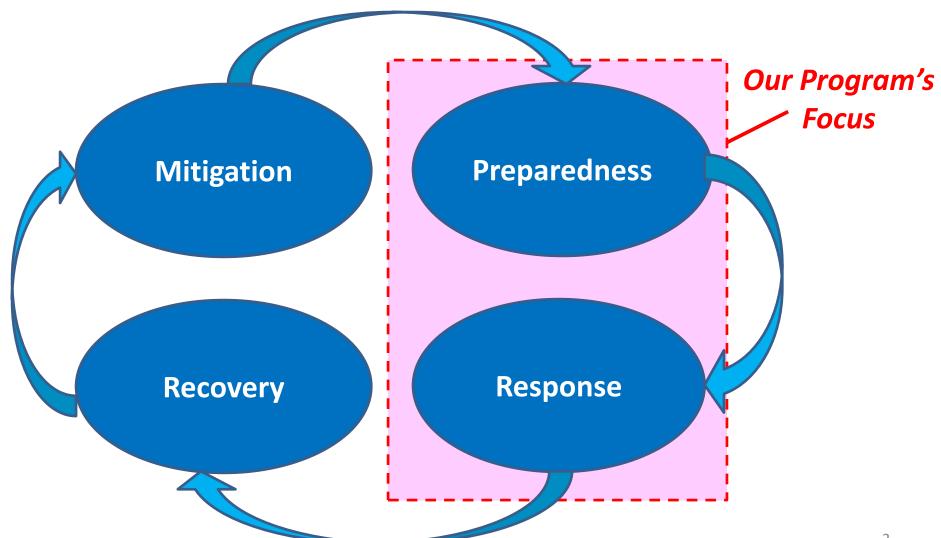
- Earthquake
 - Tsunami
 - Volcanic Eruption
- Wildfire
- Flood
- Drought
- Severe Weather

Storm Surge

- Hazardous Material Event
- Oil Spill
- Dam Breach
- Pandemic
- Terrorism

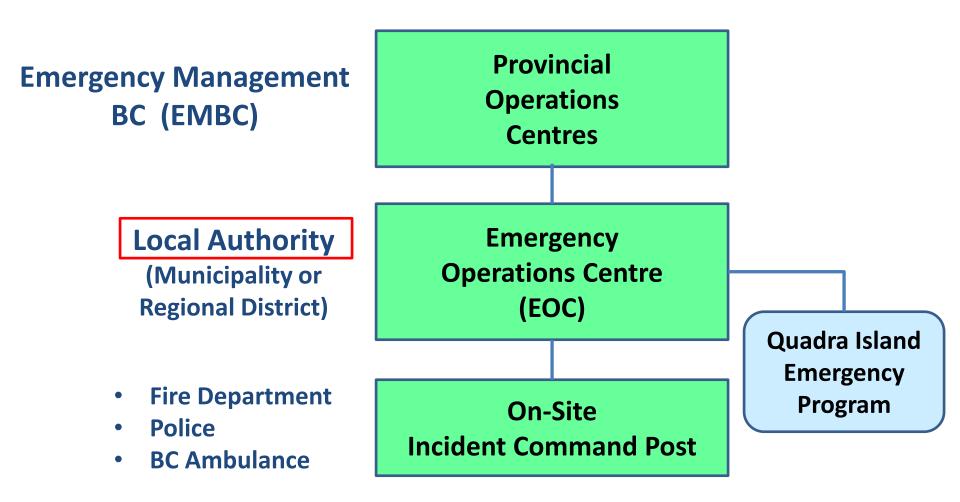


Phases of Emergency Management





Emergency Management in BC





Typical Emergency Operations Centre

Emergency Program





Quadra Emergency Program

• Established under Strathcona Regional District

| Quadra Island Emergency Program | | | | |
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| Department Operations Centre (DOC) | Work with the Regional District and the Province to coordinate response to an emergency or disaster | | | |
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| Emergency Support Services (ESS) | Provide immediate support to persons forced from their homes by fire, floods, earthquakes, etc. | | | |
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| Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP) | Help individuals and neighbourhoods prepare for emergencies, and be more resilient in a disaster | | | |
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| Emergency Communications | Amateur (ham) radio operators, providing communications in the event of an emergency or disaster | | | |



Quadra Island Emergency Program Current Membership

- Program started in 2007
 - Grew to 100 members within 3 years
- Current membership:
 - 94 ESS Volunteers ("Public Safety Lifeline Volunteers")
 - 64 NEPP Representatives covering 33 neighbourhoods
 - 32 Ham Radio operators

Out of a population of about 2,700



ESS Reception Centre

Emergency Program



- Safe gathering place for people displaced or evacuated from their homes in an emergency
- Individuals can register and receive Emergency Support Services, and information about the emergency
- **Referrals** made for food, lodging, clothing, etc., based on need
 - Typically for 72 hour period



ESS Group Lodging

• Public facility adapted for dormitory-style emergency accommodation for large numbers of people



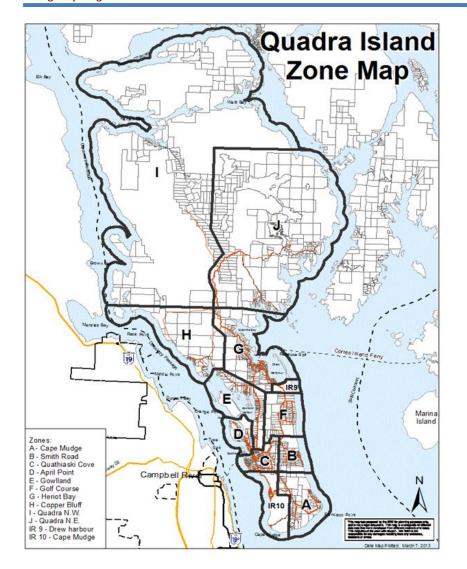


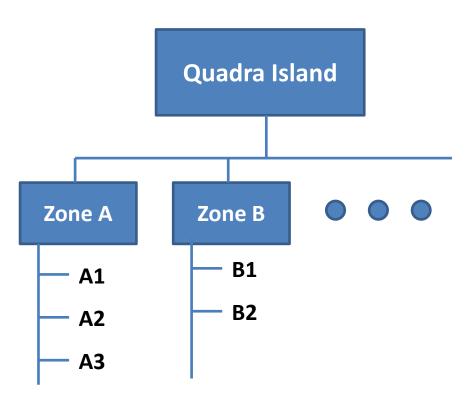
Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP)

- Promote individual preparedness
- Liaison between the Emergency Program and the neighbourhood
- Identify useful emergency resources in the neighbourhood (medical, communication, etc)
- Promote resiliency and self-sufficiency of the <u>neighbourhood</u> in an emergency



Quadra Zones & Neighbourhoods







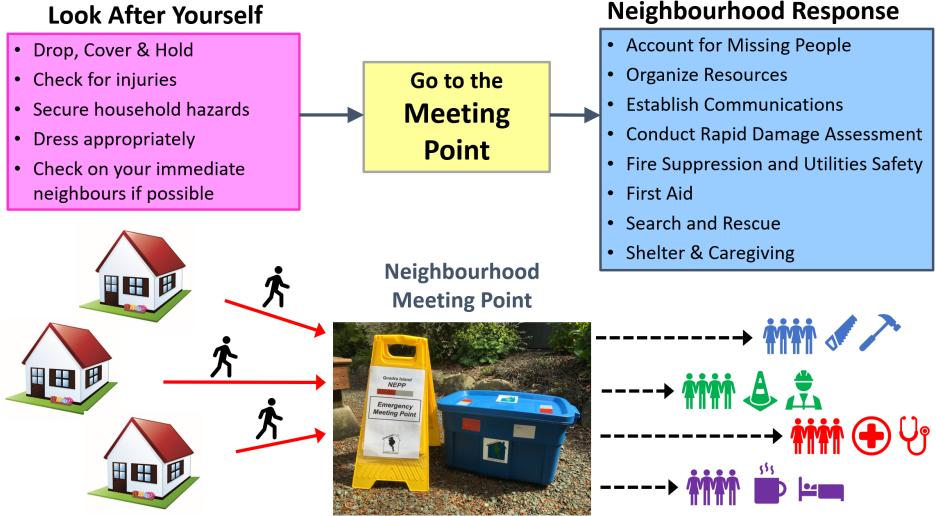
Should you stay or should you go?





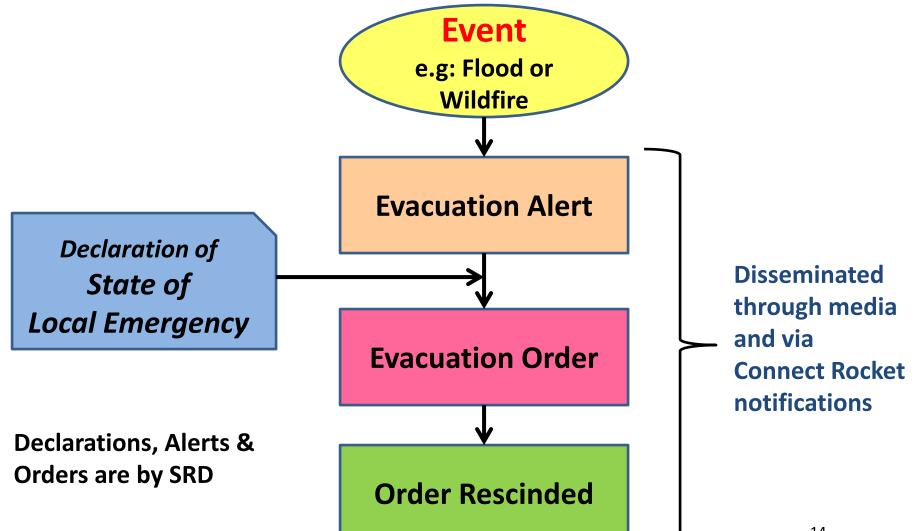
Earthquake -

Neighbourhood Meeting Point





Progression of an Evacuation





Quadra Island

Wildfire Response Matrix

| Phase | DOC | ESS | NEPP | Public |
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| Pre-Alert | | | | |
| Evacuation Alert | | , act | ions & priorities | |
| Evacuation Order | | Expected u | | |
| Evacuation Order Rescinded | | | | |





Growing your NEPP

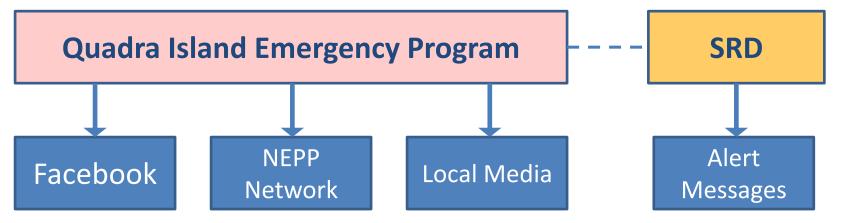
| Capability Growth | Conduct Response Exercises | |
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| | Integrate Response Activities with Emergency Program | |
| | Conduct Local Risk Reduction | Grow |
| | Establish Neighbourhood Response Plan | oturity |
| | Establish Neighbourhood Phone Tree & Meeting Point | N |
| | Distribute Preparedness Info | |

Geographic Growth (more neighbourhoods)



Public Information Role

- Provide relevant, accurate info during an emergency
- Provide useful "non-emergency" information
 - Severe weather alerts, power outage, road closure information
 - Pandemic information





Collaboration and Other Initiatives

- ESS has supplier agreements in place with local businesses
- Membership in our local Chamber of Commerce
- Emergency Program volunteers can be found in every non-profit and community group on Quadra
- We are currently helping the Justice Institute of BC pilot an on-line *Community Disaster Resilience Planning (CDRP)* tool
 - Available: <u>https://cdrp.jibc.ca/</u>