

Emergency Management and Alberta First Nations

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Alberta Definitions

- Emergency means an event that requires prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the health, safety or welfare of people or to limit damage to property
- Emergencies are usually short term and minimum resources required.
- Disaster means an event that results in serious harm to the safety, health or welfare of people or in widespread damage to property
- Disasters are typically longer in duration, require many resources and are beyond the community's capability.





2005-2007 Select Emergencies & Activities Alberta First Nations

- 2005 flood events: Blood, O'Chiese, Piikani, Siksika, Sunchild, Stoney, Tsuu T'ina
- 2006 flood events: Blood, Stoney, Tsuu T'ina
- May 2007 flood event at Sucker Creek
- June 2007 search and recovery at Alexis
- 2007 overland flooding events at Ermineskin, Louis Bull, Montana and Samson.
- Other activities:
 - March 2006 First Nations Emergency Management Workshop
 - Pandemic Influenza Annexes to First Nations' Emergency Plans
 - November 2007 Health Canada Pandemic Influenza Information Sharing orientation
 - Annual Spring FireSmart Community Series
 - Ongoing training





First Nations and Alberta Emergency Management Agency

- **First Nations:**
 - Chiefs and Councils
 - Directors of Emergency Management
 - Administration
 - First Responders
 - Volunteers
 - *Emergency Operations Plans and Mutual Aid Agreements*

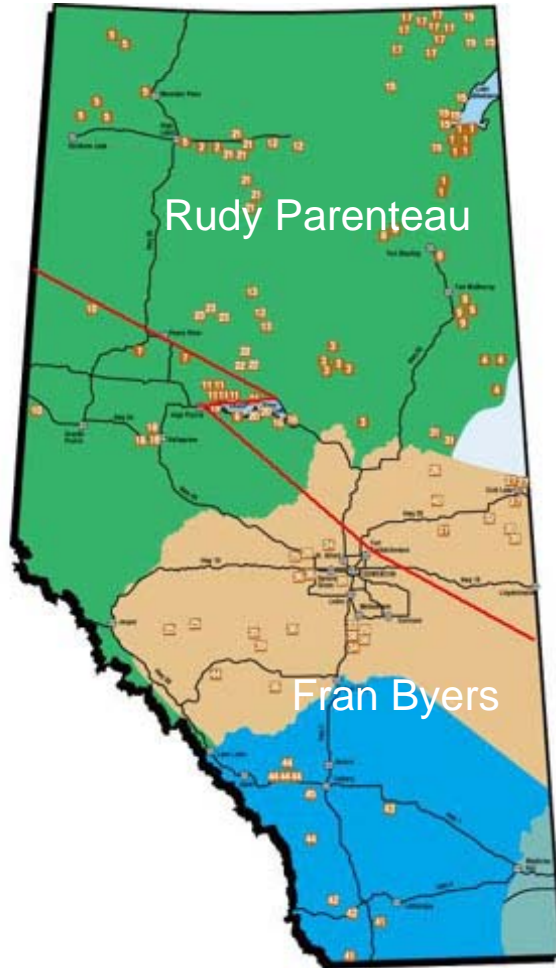
- **First Nations organizations:**
 - Tribal Councils (Fire Prevention)
 - First Nations (Alberta) Technical Services Advisory Group (Fire Prevention, Circuit Rider Program)

- **Alberta Emergency Management Agency**





Emergency Management Officers Alberta Emergency Management Agency



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Alberta Environment Support Emergency Response Team (ASERT) Alberta Environment

- ASERT coordinates and supports Alberta Environment's planning and response to environmental emergencies and disasters anywhere in the province.
- ASERT continually trains with Alberta Environment's partners.
- ASERT manages all aspects of environmental emergencies on behalf of Alberta Environment.
- Report Environmental Emergencies and Complaints to the 24 hour environmental hotline: 1-800-222-6514.
- For non-emergency inquiries call 780-644-1391.





Wildfire Management (Ph: 310-FIRE) AB Sustainable Resource Development



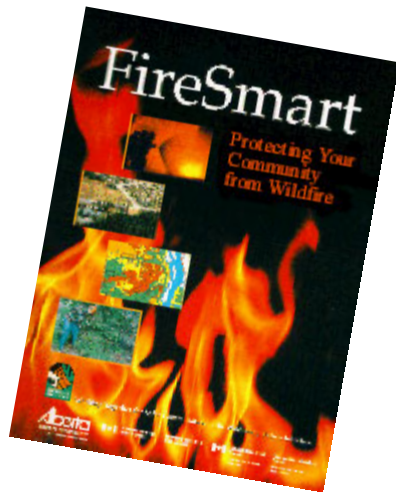
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FireSmart



FireSmart Communities

Partners in Protection (PIP) is an Alberta-based coalition of associations and agencies responsible for emergency services, land use planning and forest/park management and research. PIP's publications include:

- *FireSmart: Protecting Your Community from Wildfire* provides communities with tools in planning and in mitigating risk of wildfires that involve buildings and the forest.
- *The Structure and Site Hazard Assessment Form* to evaluate characteristics of a building and the area within 30 metres of a building.
- *The Area Hazard Assessment Form* to assess site characteristics greater than 30 metres away from buildings.

These publications are available in both electronic and hard copy from PIP. For more information about Partners in Protection:

Web site: www.partnersinprotection.ab.ca

Mail: Partners in Protection
PO Box 45047, Lansdowne Postal Station
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FireSmart Manual: Protect Your Home from Wildfire

This manual covers some simple preventative steps you and your neighbours can do to reduce the hazards of wildfire. This publication is available in both electronic and hard copy from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development. To obtain a copy of this Manual:

Web site: <http://www3.gov.ab.ca/srd/about/index.html> (wildfires)
Email: env_infocent@gov.ab.ca

Phone: 780-422-2079

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Main Floor, 9920 - 108 Street
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INAC Emergency Management Program for First Nations

➤ **INAC HQ responsibilities include:**

- Policy / directives
- Program monitoring
- HQ disaster assistance

➤ **INAC AB Region responsibilities include:**

- Provincial Coordination Agreements in consultation with INAC HQ
- Emergency management
- Regional disaster assistance





Provincial Coordination Agreements INAC Emergency Management Program

- INAC AB Region Provincial Coordination Agreements include:
 - *2007-2010 Comprehensive Funding Arrangement* with the Alberta Emergency Management Agency for the provision of Alberta First Nations emergency management training and services.
 - *Comprehensive Funding Arrangement* with Alberta Sustainable Resource Development for wildland (forest) fire management – specifically for Alberta First Nations in the Forest Protection Area.





Public Safety Canada

- Public Safety Canada - Alberta Region coordinates and co-chairs the Alberta Regional Emergency Management Advisory Group (REMAG). REMAG membership comprises Alberta federal departments and agencies.
- REMAG activities:
 - Emergency Communications Protocol
 - Training and Exercises:
 - Regional Emergency Operations Reserve personnel
 - Critical Infrastructure
 - Business Continuity
 - Operations:
 - Developed an emergency management framework for the Alberta Federal Council (AFC). Framework includes concept of operations, regional operational reserve and a communication protocol. The AFC supports the Framework.
 - Public Safety Canada maintains operational lists and update databases
 - Improve ability to share information via fostering of relationships.
 - Linkages with Canada Place Security Committee.





Health Canada (FNIHB) Environmental Health

- Public health assessments
- Drinking Water Advisories
- Pandemic Influenza Emergency Response Plans incorporated into the *First Nations' Emergency Operations Plans*
- Health-related Protocols with Alberta Health and Wellness, Regional Health Authorities and others





Questions?

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