

Emergency Preparedness

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Topic Overview

- What is your topic? Provide a definition if appropriate.
 - o Discussing emergency preparedness with Emergency Management BC
 - Building resilience through emergency preparedness
- Why is it important or useful for CCP?
 - To incorporate emergency preparedness into to CCP
 - Using history and narrative to discuss emergency preparedness
- Who is this knowledge most useful for?
 - First Nations
 - Community leaders
 - Emergency coordinators
 - For everyone in the community. Everyone should be aware of any emergency plan.
- When could someone use this knowledge?
 - While emergency planning
 - While developing a CCP
 - In community meetings

Key Learnings

- What are the main points participants should walk away with?
 - o Communities should have an emergency plan
 - Incorporate emergency management into the CCP
 - Considering a hazard and vulnerability assessment
 - Acknowledging potential threats and hazards
 - o Forming partnerships with other Nations and municipalities for emergency
 - It's important for emergency plans to be community driven not consultant driven
 - The importance of community members acting in an emergency and not just community leadership
 - Consider emergency coordinators
 - o Looking at what has happened in the past and to the Elders for knowledge
- What should someone who couldn't make it to your session know about the topic?
 - o That discussion about emergency management should be a part of CCP process
 - o It is imperative that communities have a plan for emergencies



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Amazing Quotes from the Session

"The fires awakened us"

Further Resources and Links

Please share additional links for further learning here.

Online toolkits - https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/local-emergency-programs/first-nations-toolkit#:~:text=First%20Nations%20Emergency%20Management%20Toolkit,available%20at%20the%20community%20level.