

Elected Officials: Leadership in an Emergency or Disaster

Course Sponsor:

Justice Institute of B.C.- Emergency Management Training

Target Audience:

This course is designed for Elected Officials including school, hospital and health authority trustees and senior administrators.

Course Description:

Duration: ½ Day

Protecting residents in a jurisdiction is a primary responsibility of local elected government officials. The ability to fulfill this responsibility depends upon their skills and abilities. This course will provide participants with an awareness of their disaster management responsibilities, knowledge of various resources available to assist them, tools to aid them in carrying out emergency management roles, and skills in managing a disaster effectively.

Course Objectives:

On completion of this course, participants will be able to:

- Exercise greater leadership in an emergency by describing their roles and responsibilities
- Develop emergency management policies and procedures for emergency management activities and implement necessary policies to respond to and recover from a disaster.
- Initiate appropriate emergency management actions during the disaster
- Maximize gains for disaster recovery assistance through appropriate contact and knowledge of available resources
- Describe the partnership among, Federal, Provincial and local governments
- Describe actions to ensure citizens satisfaction during a disaster and build credibility before a disaster

Topics include:

- Emergencies and Disasters: Their Impact on Local Government
- Dynamics of Leading in and Emergency or Disaster
- Working with the Media in a Disaster or Emergency
- Legislation including the Emergency Program Act, and the Declaration of the State of Local Emergency process
- Response and Recovery Timelines for your Community
- Planning for the Future
- Table top Exercise

Prerequisite:

- Introduction to Emergency Management in BC (Strongly Recommended)

Type of Instruction:

Lecture, video, group work, case studies and a table top exercise

Class Size:

12 Minimum, 30 Maximum

Course Location:

Courses can be delivered at various locations as agreed upon. The vast majority of Emergency Management Division courses are conducted away from the Justice Institute's campuses at locations convenient to clients and students.

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Additional Comments:

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