

## **Saskatchewan Emergency Social Services Training**

### **Course Sponsor:**

Saskatchewan Social Services, in conjunction with Saskatchewan Emergency Preparedness, Saskatchewan Emergency Health Services, the Canadian Red Cross, and Saskatchewan Environment & Resource Management.

### **Target Audience:**

- Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) co-ordinators for Municipalities and First Nations.
- Canadian Red Cross officials involved with Saskatchewan Emergency Social Services (ESS) (Registration And Inquiry)
- Saskatchewan Social Services Regional Emergency Social Services co-ordinators and other staff with ESS responsibilities.

### **Participant Restrictions:**

The course is presently offered to Saskatchewan officials, but requests for participation by others may be entertained, subject only to space availability, provided the person has Emergency Social Services responsibilities.

### **Course Description:**

*Duration: 3 days*

This is an annual introductory workshop designed to provide participants with the basic knowledge and skills they require to discharge their Emergency Social Services duties under the Saskatchewan Emergency plan.

### **Course Objectives:**

The course consists of a three day workshop involving lectures, interactive discussion sessions and table top exercises designed to give participants a basic understanding and working knowledge of:

### **Day 1**

- The rationale for population protection and emergency planning in modern society.
- An understanding of what constitutes a disaster
- Classification of disasters
- The role of Emergency Health Services and the link between Emergency Health & Emergency Social Services in a disaster.
- The National and Provincial Emergency Planning & Management structures.
- Anticipated Provincial hazards for the year.
- The role of and communicating effectively with the media in a disaster.

### **Day 2**

- Overview of ESS responsibilities under the provincial emergency plan
- More detailed Overview of the provincial ESS planning and management structure
- Detailed coverage of ESS services:
  - Emergency transportation
  - Emergency Reception Centre
  - Emergency Lodging
  - Emergency clothing
- Impact of disasters on individuals, families & communities.
- Managing psycho - social response when disaster strikes.

### **Day 3**

On Day 3 course participants are involved in table top exercises designed to provide them with an opportunity to utilize the knowledge and skills they have learned about emergency Social Services. The exercises are designed around the anticipated major hazards for the year and involve the execution of the major ESS responsibilities.

#### **Prerequisite:**

None - This is an introductory course

#### **Type of Instruction:**

Lectures, interactive discussions, field trips & tabletop exercises.

**Class Size:**

Minimum 15, Maximum 50

**Course Location:**

Usually in a central location such as Prince Albert or Saskatoon

**Course Availability:**

The course is offered annually. Follow up services are available at the request of a particular region, community, Municipality or First Nation.

**Cost:**

Saskatchewan Social Services covers the cost of hosting the workshop. Participants are responsible for their transportation, accommodation & meal costs. Beverages & refreshments are supplied by Saskatchewan Social Services.

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