



# WEEKLY INCIDENT SITUATION REPORT



PERIOD: 20 Mar 06 to 26 Mar 06

PEP Region	Search and Rescue			Dangerous Goods and Oil Spills	Motor Vehicle Accidents	Other (floods fire etc.)	General Enquiries and Info
	Air	Land	Inland Water				
Van Island	0	4	0	18	4	1	37
South West	1	3	2	27	2	2	41
Central	0	1	1	4	9	0	14
South East	0	0	0	6	3	0	14
North East	0	0	0	18	6	0	16
North West	0	0	0	9	2	1	45
Headquarters	0	0	0	0	0	0	280
Provincial Weekly Totals	1	8	3	82	26	4	447
Provincial Year to Date	79	709	224	3567	2101	466	32704
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	Weekly	Year to Date
Total Number of Incidents	124	7146
Protection Order Registry	163	8899
Problem Wildlife	105	17700
Wildlife Enforcement	60	3892

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DATE/TIME INCIDENT #	PEP REGION	INCIDENT	ELT/ #VICTIMS	# PEP VOL	LOCATED			COMMENTS
					ALIVE	DEAD	NO	
20 00:05 501004	CTL	LAND	1	6	1			6 Barriere SAR members were stood down while mustering to search for a female that was reported missing after walking away from her residence in Barriere. RCMP members located the subject in good condition and advised SAR assistance was not required.
20 07:55 501005	SWE	INLAND WATER	2	10	2			10 Chilliwack SAR members responded to rescue the occupants from a vehicle that was submerged in the Fraser River. They were rescued from the roof of the vehicle and brought ashore to safety.
20 20:58 501006	SWE	AIR	ELT	1				1 PEP Air member responded to locate an ELT sounding in the Boundary Bay area. The transmitter was located on board an aircraft and the signal was silenced.
21 19:47 501007	VIR	LAND	1	20	1			15 Comox Valley and 5 Arrowsmith SAR members responded to search for a female that ran into a bush area off a logging road near Mount Washington. Arrowsmith SAR were stood down en route as she was quickly located by the RCMP Dog Handler. Comox Valley SAR members proceeded to the site and carried her out of the bush.
22 11:19 501008	CTL	INLAND WATER		13				10 Naramata Fire Rescue and 3 Penticton Fire Rescue responded to report of an overturned canoe on Okanagan Lake. No persons were found and the members were stood down.
22 18:49 501009	VIR	LAND	1	44	1			39 Arrowsmith SAR, 2 Nanaimo SAR and 3 Alberni Rescue Squad members responded to search for a missing male at the Morecraft Camp in the Nanoose Bay area. They were assisted by the RCMP helicopter, Dog Handlers and two Coast Guard vessels who assisted with the search. The subject walked out of the bush on his own on 23 Mar.
23 09:00 501010	SWE	LAND	1	9	1			9 Central Fraser Valley SAR members responded to rescue an injured mountain biker on McKee Peak. He was brought out of the area on a wheeled stretcher suffering from a lower leg fracture.
24 08:39 501011	VIR	LAND	1	10	1			10 Campbell River SAR members responded to search for an overdue snowmobiler in the Old Argonaut Mine area near Campbell River. The individual was located in a cabin where he was stranded due to storm conditions and was flown out of the area by helicopter.
24 09:45 501012	SWE	LAND	1	18	1			18 Ridge Meadows SAR members responded to search for a missing male in the Maple Ridge area. The male returned to the area and was taken to hospital by BCAS.
24 20:54 501013	SWE	INLAND WATER	1	11	1			11 Ridge Meadows SAR members were called out to locate a person who was suspected to be missing from the Albion Ferry in Maple Ridge when his bicycle was left unclaimed. The surveillance videos were reviewed and it was confirmed that the subject

								had abandoned his bike and the SAR team was stood down.
26 15:25 501014	VIR	LAND	1	15	1			15 Juan de Fuca SAR members were called out to rescue an injured hiker from the Mystic Beach Campground on the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail. The injured hiker was rescued, transported out and transferred to BCAS.
26 16:36 501015	SWE	LAND	1		1			Pemberton SAR members are responding to rescue an injured subject after an avalanche. The subject was assisted out of the area by members of his party and transported to the Pemberton Medical Clinic by his friends. The subject refused assistance from BCAS.
<b>WEEK TOTAL</b>		12	11	157	11	0	0	ELT - 1
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>		<b>1011</b>	<b>1329</b>	<b>12606</b>	<b>1200</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>ELT - 69</b>

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### **FERRY SINKING**

On 22 Mar 06 the BC Ferry Queen of the North ran aground while traveling from Prince Rupert to Port Hardy. The vessel sank carrying 16 passenger vehicles and was almost fully loaded with 225,000 litres diesel fuel, 15,000 litres of light oil, 3,200 litres of hydraulic fluid and 3,200 litres of stern tube oil. The incident was raised to urgent status (Code 2) by the Ministry of Environment (MOE) Response Officer due to the volume of the spill and potential impact to the environment. Passengers and crew abandoned ship. 99 of the 101 people on board were accounted for. Officials continue efforts to locate the missing couple believed to have been on board the vessel. Rescued passengers were initially transported to the community of Hartley Bay and were later transferred to Prince Rupert by Coast Guard.

Ministry of Environment (MOE) and BC Ferries activated an Incident Command Post (ICP) under unified command in Prince Rupert with the participation of Environment Canada, Dept. of Fisheries and Oceans, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada, local First Nations Representatives, Burrard Clean and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

BC Ferries with the assistance of the Emergency Program Coordinator and the Emergency Social Services team in Prince Rupert, made arrangements for accommodations, meals and incidentals for the evacuated passengers. Members of a Critical Incident Stress Debriefing team provided counselling to the passengers and crew. The Insurance Corporation of British Columbia staff were deployed to expedite the replacement of vehicles that were lost with the ship. BC Ferries committed to restoration of service to the region and addressing any short term transportation/supply disruptions.

There are no public safety impacts from the spill at this time. At least two over flights per day and boat reconnaissance are planned to monitor the slick. Booms are in place and no impacts to wildlife have been reported at this time. Shoreline cleanup Assessment Teams are conducting training including First Nations. The NWE Regional PREOC and the PECC were activated to level one to provide support at the onset of the incident and were stood down on 25 March 2006.

### **FLOOD**

On 24 Mar 06 an assessment of private property near McLeese Lake in the Williams Lake area was conducted to ensure that there was no risk of public impact or public safety issues as a result of flooding. Staff from MOE, Ministry of Transportation and the Regional District of Cariboo conducted the site assessment. It was determined that no government assistance was required at this time and the property owner was provided some mitigation and protective works advice.

**URBAN FIRE (S):**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>IMPACTED</u></b>
21 Mar 06	Campbell River	2 people
22 Mar 06	Abbotsford	1 person
25 Mar 06	Surrey	6 people