

T E A M S

Temporary Emergency Assignment Management System

What is TEAMS?

TEAMS is a staffing system that maintains a resource pool of highly skilled provincial employees from various ministries who train regularly and have the appropriate skills and experience to manage provincial emergency operations centres. These coordination centres are activated in support of local communities during all-hazard emergencies and disasters.

Why does the province need TEAMS?

Historically, a lack of a resource pool of trained and experienced staff impacted activation capabilities in a large-scale emergency. The capacity for immediate response following a sudden unexpected disaster was of particular concern. The Provincial Emergency Program has between 20 and 25 regional and headquarters staff who can be committed to emergency operations at any given time. Therefore, the overall provincial response to any emergency depends upon trained staff drawn from other ministries. Depending on the nature of the emergency--it can require 40 to 60 staff to operate one Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) on a 24/7 basis. During flood or fire season, there will be two to three Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centres (PREOCs) and the Provincial Emergency Coordination Centre (PECC) activated at any given time.

What has TEAMS accomplished?

TEAMS members and the integrated response model have proven to be the critical success factor in the planning, response and recovery from large-scale emergencies in B.C. such as recent flooding and interface fire events.

