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Presentation Topics

EM Framework (shared responsibility)

Community Resilience

Emergency Services Division

PEOC

Climate Change Adaptation

Recent Events



Emergency Management

Prevention Preparedness Response Recovery

There is no role more fundamental for all levels of governance than preserving the safety and security of their residents

Save lives, preserve the environment and protect property and the economy

Emergency Management is a shared responsibility across all sectors of society

Emergency Management Framework

- Shared responsibility including all levels of government, their partners and citizens
- Most disasters occur at the local level and first response is managed by local authorities
- Disasters that exceed the capabilities of local authorities capability the assistance of the Provincial Government may be required

Emergency Management Framework

- Coordinated approach to response
- Local authorities are always the lead and responsible for their communities in their local response activities
- Working with local volunteers, NGO's, businesses and other key partners
- To support community resiliency we must encourage residents to be prepared and develop 72 hour personal and family preparedness plans and kits
 - **KNOW THE RISKS - MAKE A PLAN - HAVE A KIT**

Emergency Management Framework

- Residents are encouraged to build their own personal and family preparedness plans
- Communities are required to develop an emergency management plan
- Develop relationships with community groups and volunteer organizations
- Work with neighboring communities to develop relationships prior to the emergency

Resiliency – EM Framework

Resilience is defined in the EM Framework as “the capacity of a system, community or society to adapt to disturbances resulting from hazards by persevering, recuperating or changing to reach and maintain an acceptable level of functioning

Provincial Emergency Services

The ***Emergency Services Act*** mandates the Emergency Services Division to develop and maintain an emergency management system to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from all-hazards emergencies in the province.



Emergency Services Mandate

- Responsible for the overall provincial emergency management program (mitigation/prevention, preparedness, response and recovery activities)
- Coordinating province-wide, multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional responses to emergency events via the Provincial Emergency Operations Centre - PEOC)
- Develop and maintain an emergency management training and exercise program
- Provide on-call emergency services on a 24/7/365 basis (includes the provision of emergency air support)
- Administer the Newfoundland and Labrador Disaster Financial Assistance Program (NL-DFAP)
- Strategic oversight of GSAR
- Public Alerting

Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC)

- Coordinates response to significant emergency events
- Representatives from all response partners
 - Emergency Services Staff
 - Provincial Government
 - Federal Government
 - NGOs
 - Critical Infrastructure Partners
 - Technical Specialists
- Prioritizes incidents and allocates resources
- Gathers information and shares with stakeholders



PEOC Activation

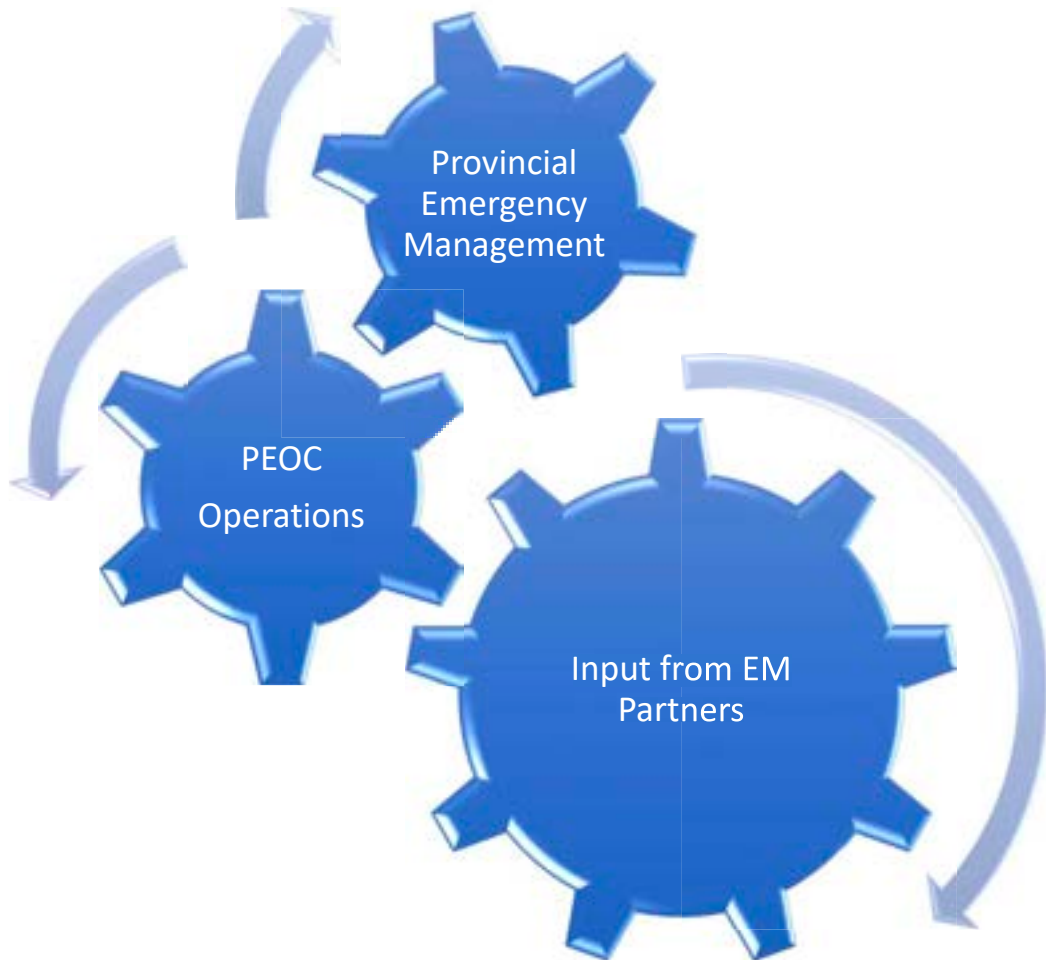
PEOC activation process:

- ESD conducts regular monitoring of potential emergency risks to the province.
- If an impending event warrants analysis, ESD conducts a **risk assessment**
- The activation levels of the PEOC are scalable (0-3).

When would we activate the PEOC?

- Based on results of Risk Assessment
- An event poses risk to life, property or the environment
- Declaration of State of Emergency (Provincial or Municipal*)
- Response coordination is required (multiple emergencies or responding agencies)
- Emergency exceeds municipality's capability to respond adequately

Information Flow



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- Information is critical in all aspects of emergency management (planning, preparation, response, recovery)
- PEOC is an “all of government” facility and operation (no silos)
- Critical for EM partners to inform PEOC of any EM developments in any phase and this is reciprocal from PEOC to EM partners
- Critical for EM partners to inform their own agency internally (i.e., internal process) of PEOC/event developments

Adapting to Climate Change

Community preparedness

- Municipal Emergency Management Plans
- Public education on prevention, mitigation and preparedness
- Training exercises/mock disaster exercises

• Training

- Basic Emergency Management
- ICS Canada

• Provincial Preparedness

- Adapting to new recommendations and guidance from Federal government
- Ensuring operational readiness of Provincial Emergency Operations Center
- Increased education and collaboration with other provincial partners

Support for Municipalities

- Help in development of Municipal Emergency Management Plans
- Emergency management training and exercise programs
- 24/7/365 on-call system for Municipal assistance
- Emergency operations (PEOC) to assist with municipal emergencies
- Situational Awareness on impending events (i.e. ECCC alerts)
- NL Disaster Financial Assistance Program (NL-DFAP)

Planning Processes for Municipalities

1. Develop a Municipal Emergency Management Plan
 - We have a template to use as a guide (most work is done)
 - We have staff available to help
2. Update the Municipal Emergency Management Plan
 - Changes to contacts
 - New town roads/infrastructure
3. Try it out!
 - Exercises
 - Training

Recent Events

Central Fire Complex

- Largest forest fires in Newfoundland in recent history (22,647 total hectares burned)
- Provincial Emergency Operations Center fully activated to a **Level 3**
- Regional State of Emergency declared by the Minister of JPS
- Not an eligible DFAA event



Recent Events 2022

Hurricane Fiona

- Communities along the Southwest Coast of NL impacted by record high storm surge and water level resulting in widespread infrastructure damages and coastal erosion.
- Provincial Emergency Operations Center activated to a **Level 2**.
- State of Emergency declared in Channel-Port aux Basques and Burnt Islands.



Hurricane Fiona

The water level observed at Port aux Basques broke the record for highest ever recorded at 2.77 m due to storm surge and very high waves

Highest Maximum Wind Gusts: 177 km/h

Highest Rainfall Amounts: 77.2 mm



Other recent events

- Southwest Coast Rainstorm (2021)
- Hurricane Larry (2021)
- Eastern Newfoundland Blizzard (2020)
- West Coast Flood (2018)
- Mud Lake Flood (2017)
- Thanksgiving Rainstorm (2016)
- Hurricane Igor (2010)

Questions

Thank-You for your time and interest!

