



Regional Emergency Management

OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION

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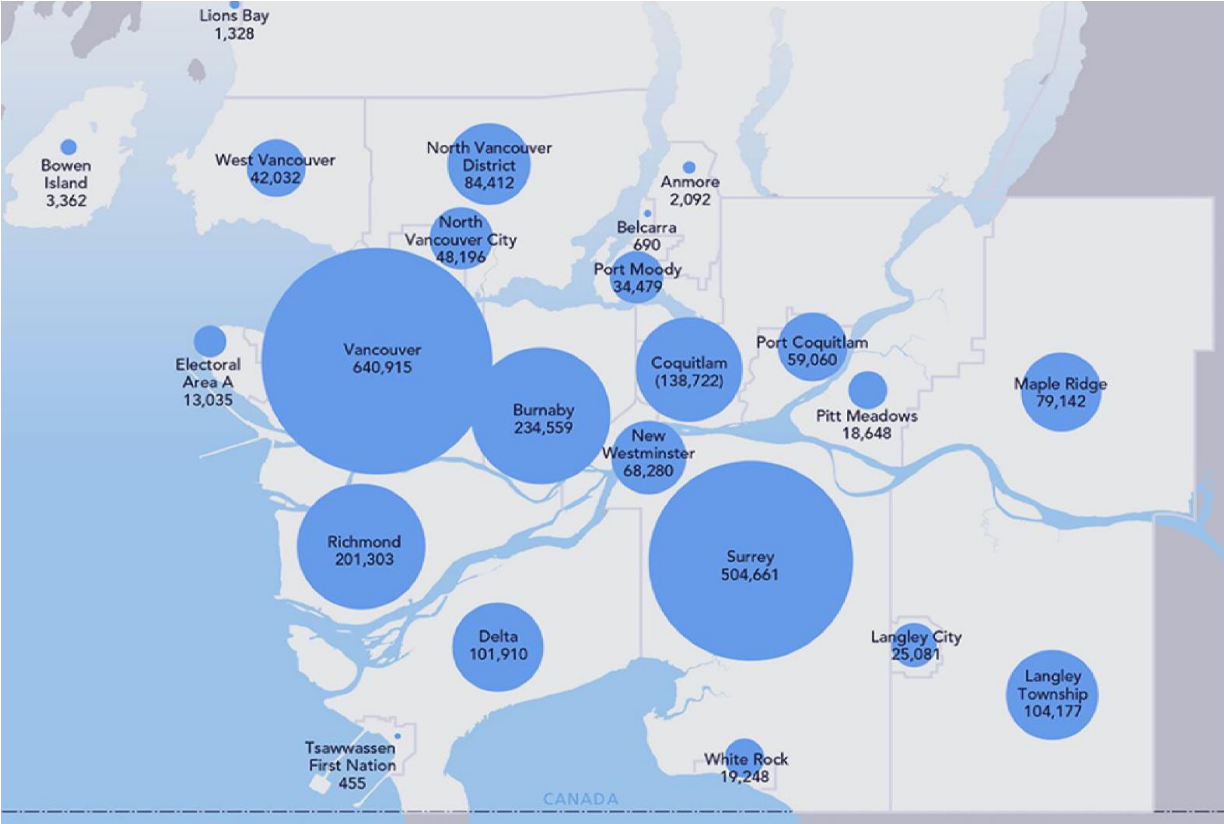
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PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Regional Context
2. Emergency Response Agencies
3. Metro Vancouver Role
4. Recent EOC Activations
5. Regional Vision
6. Discussion

REGIONAL CONTEXT



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A major event that **has** (or has **the potential to have**) an **extraordinary level of risk** to lives, property, environment, social and/or economic well-being **across jurisdictional boundaries** in the region, which could require one or more of the following:

- Non-routine levels of coordination
- Sharing of situational awareness information
- Joint decision making
- Prioritizing resources
- Allocating resources
- Response by multiple stakeholders, agencies and jurisdictions

AGENCIES

- Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
- IPREM (Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management)
- Metro Vancouver
- Municipalities
- REPC (Regional Emergency Planners Committee)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES

Local Government

- Emergency management plans; preparation, response and recovery

Regional Government

- Emergency management plans; preparation, response and recovery; delivery of core services; Electoral Area A

IPREM

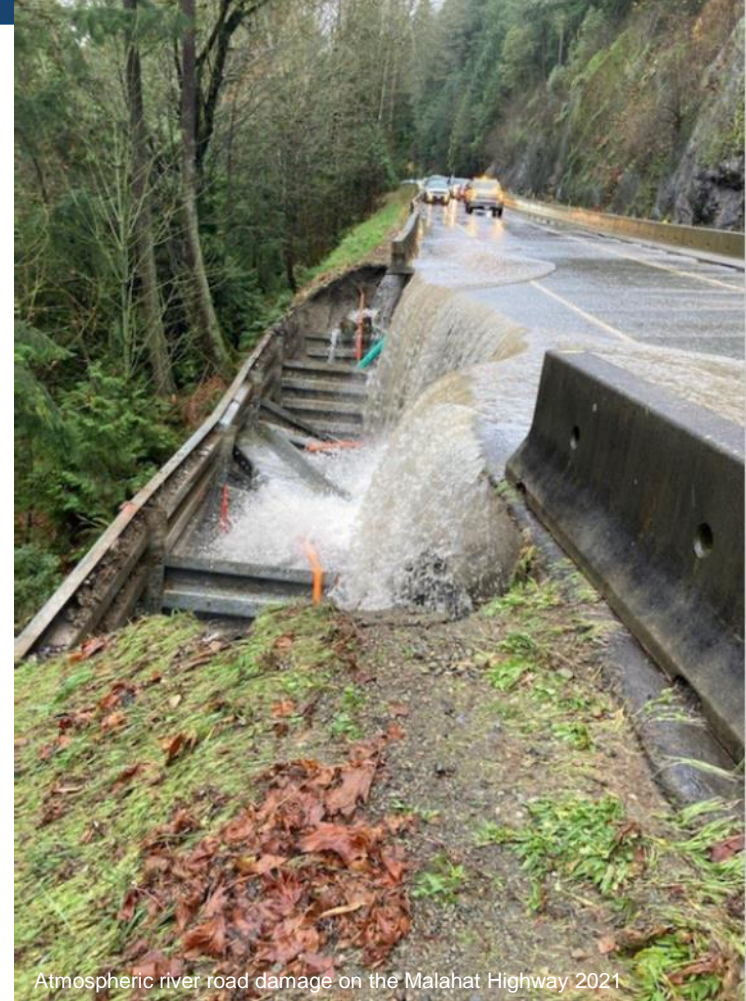
- Leadership and collaboration; regional emergency management planning on priority initiatives

Provincial Government

- Provincial emergency and disaster risk management; collaborative relationship building; First Nations reconciliation; supporting public emergency preparedness

REPC HISTORY

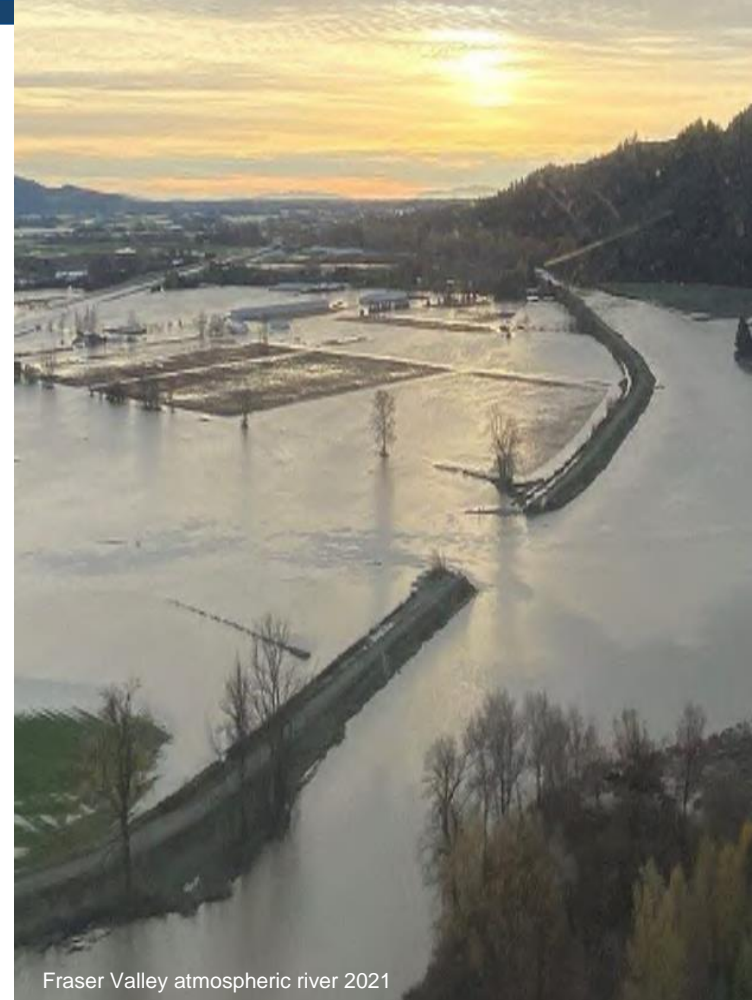
- Formed in 1980 by local authority Emergency Management (EM) professionals
- Additional EM professionals from public and private sectors operating around the region added over time
- Evolved to serve as an independent body of EM professionals representing the profession and interests of the region



Atmospheric river road damage on the Malahat Highway 2021

REPC ROLE

1. Support the development of EM capabilities for the Metro Vancouver region
2. Facilitate the use of standards to ensure regional consistency and measurable results;
3. Facilitate regional situational awareness and information exchange
4. Maintain a repository of information for regional collaboration
5. Facilitate regional planning and initiatives, including with partners such as IPREM & EMBC
6. Establish task forces as required in response to emerging issues



Fraser Valley atmospheric river 2021

IPREM



Integrated Partnership for
Regional Emergency Management
in Metro Vancouver

IPREM collaborates with local, Indigenous, provincial government, and key organizational partners to strengthen regional emergency management planning in preparation for emergencies and disasters.

Focus areas include:

- Understanding and sharing regional emergency management planning priorities
- Strengthening coordinated and integrated regional emergency management planning
- Providing an interface between all levels of government
- Maintaining autonomy of local authorities while enhancing regional emergency management

BC EMERGENCY PROGRAM ACT MODERNIZATION



Road damage caused by landslide (location unknown)

- Clarifies roles and responsibilities of provincial government and local authorities
- BC Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation requires the local authority to prepare local emergency management plans
- The existing Emergency Program Act was introduced in 1993, and new legislation is needed to address modern realities like the COVID-19 pandemic, frequent floods and wildfires and the lasting impact such events have on people and communities in BC
- The current Emergency Program Act is focused heavily on the response phase of emergency management

METRO VANCOUVER EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

- Emergency management & response planning
- Corporate emergency management focuses on strategic level planning and response, and provides such services as the Regional Duty Officer and Local Assistant Fire Commissioner across all departments
- Operational coordination with member jurisdictions
- Business continuity
- Electoral Area A
- Collaboration and joint planning



Metro Vancouver Emergency Management

METRO VANCOUVER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE

- Dedicated EOC supports emergency response
- Located at the Metro Vancouver Head Office
- Critical role in every phase of emergency management, from being the hub for all coordination during an incident, to facilitating and directing recovery and demobilization
- MV Emergency Response Officers work in the EOC and can also assist on scene at emergency incidents in leadership roles.



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MV EOC ACTIVATIONS

Barnston Island Freshet Flooding

- **Late June 2022:**
Activated in response to
Fraser River freshet



MV EOC ACTIVATIONS

Minnekhada Wildfire

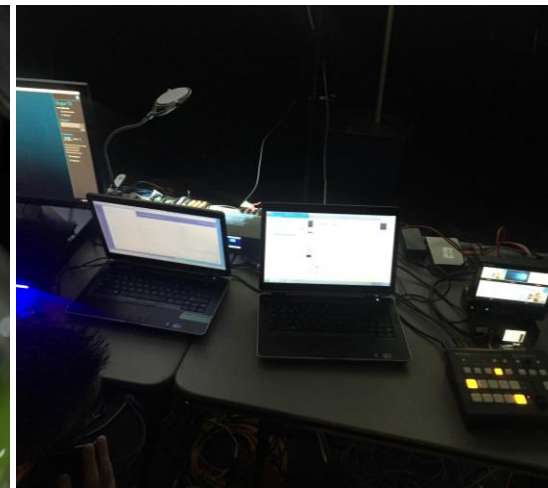
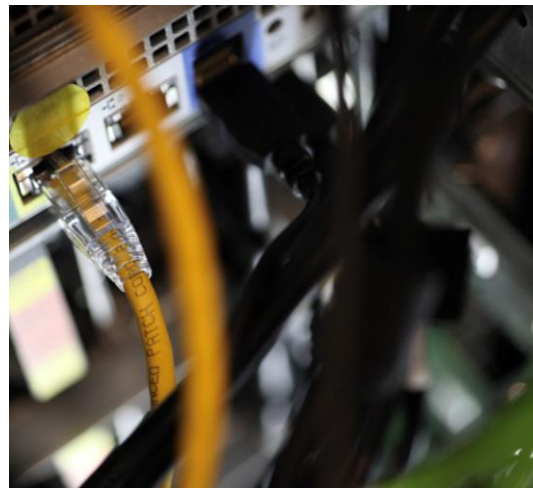
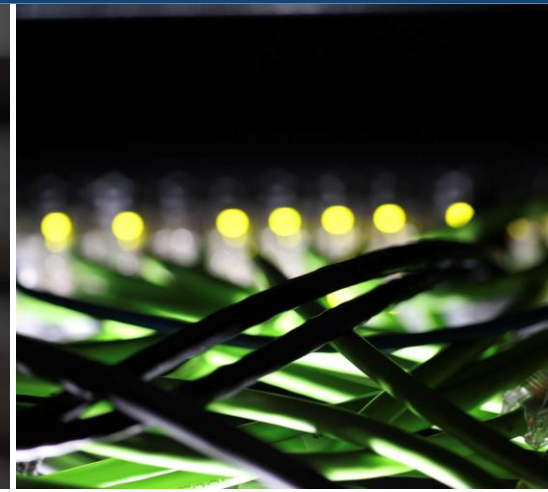
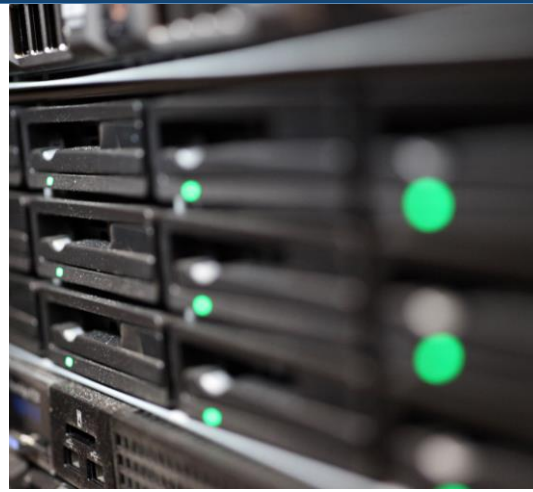
- **Early October 2022:**
Activated in response to a wildfire in a regional park



MV EOC ACTIVATIONS

Cyber Security Incident

- **Mid-October 2022:**
Activated in response to a cybersecurity incident



COASTAL RESPONSE EXERCISE 2023

February 7, 2023

- Multi-jurisdictional, multi-agency, regional earthquake response exercise

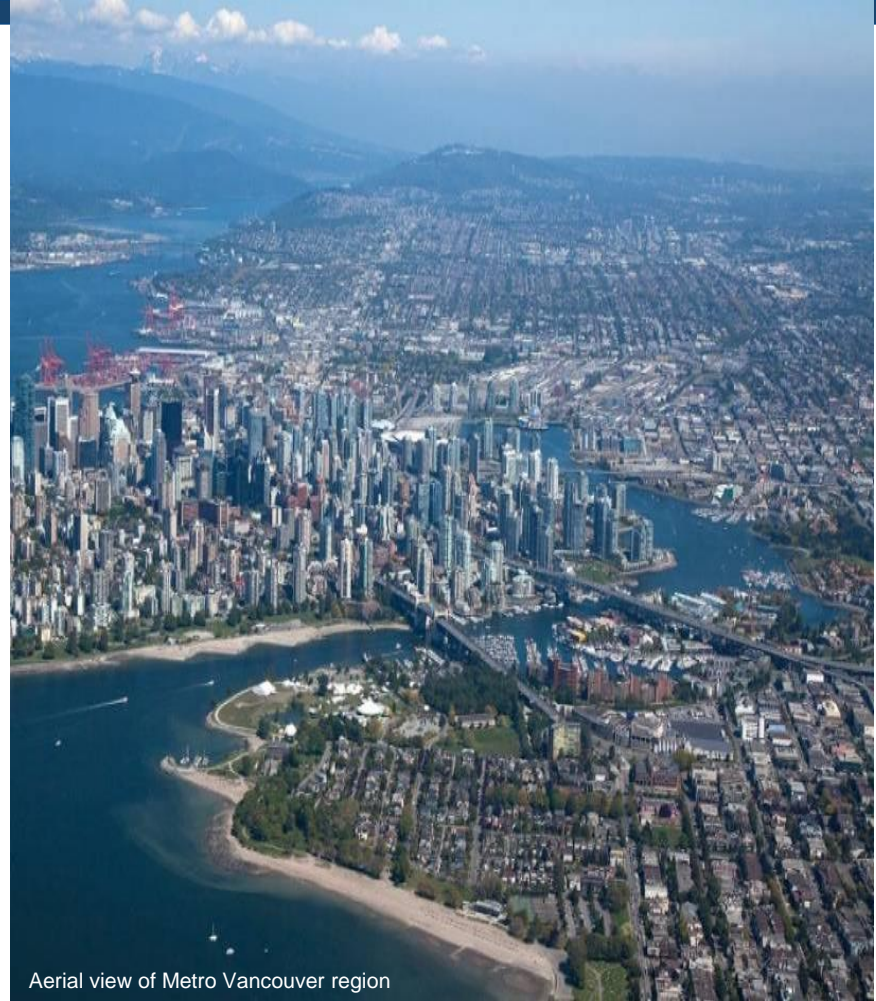
Continuous improvement in emergency response



Practicing skills and building knowledge

A REGIONAL VISION

- Disasters know no boundaries
- Recent international, national, and local emergencies have shown the need for a coordinated, integrated approach to regional emergency management – including planning, response, and recovery
- Regional collaboration, coordination, and communication is essential to ensure our region remains prepared



Aerial view of Metro Vancouver region



TOGETHER
WE MAKE OUR REGION
STRONG

Thank You

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