

Office of Emergency Management

Overview of Responsibilities - Vancouver Parks Board -



Overview

- Legislation and authorities
- Emergency management pillars
- B.C.E.R.M.S.
- Emergency management in Vancouver
- Role of the Parks Board



Legislation and Authorities

- Constitutional authority is Provincial
- Emergency Program Act
- Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation
- Vancouver Charter
- By-Law # 5654



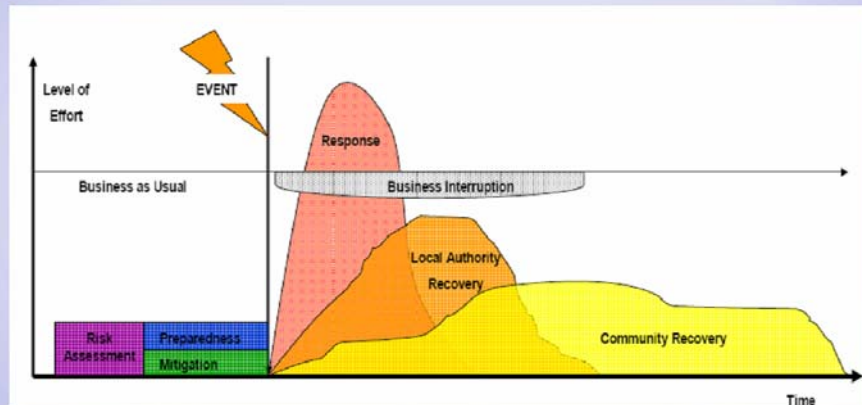
The 4 Pillars of Emergency Management

- Prevention and Mitigation
- Preparedness
- Response
- Recovery

Main goal is to save lives, preserve the environment and protect property and the economy



Recovery Graph



Provincial Emergency Program



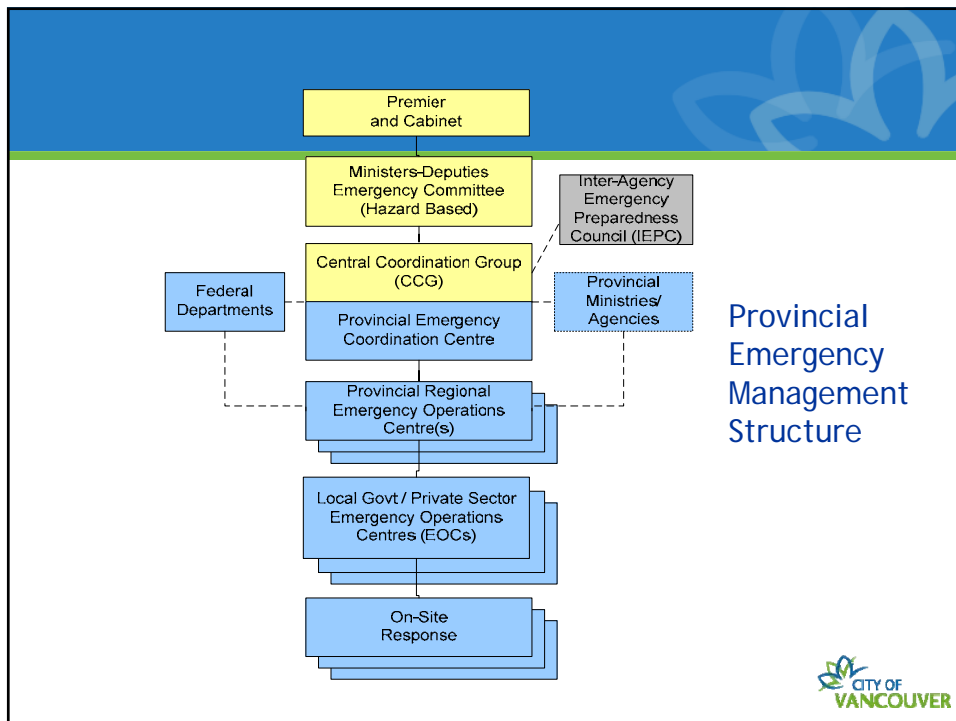
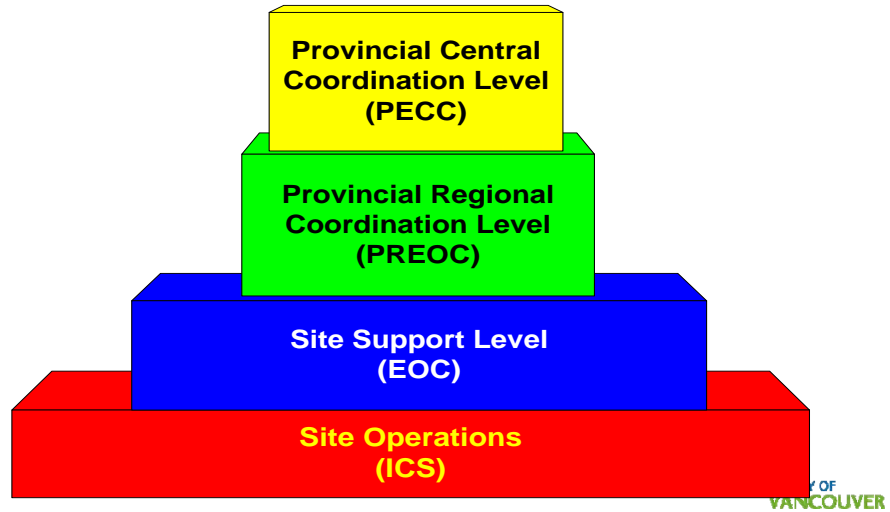
What is B.C.E.R.M.S. ?

British Columbia Emergency Response Management System

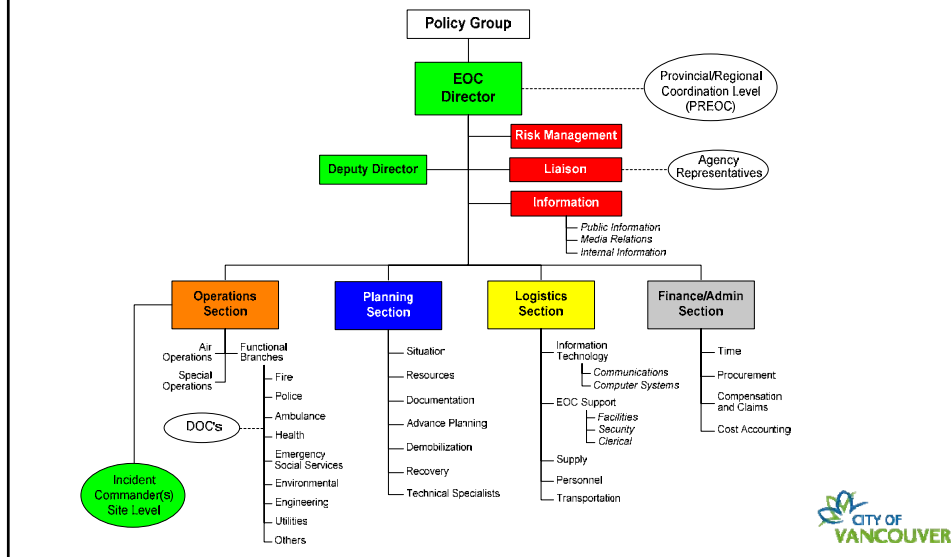
- A comprehensive management system used across BC for managing emergencies - based on Incident Command System (ICS)
 - ICS - Site level response
 - BCERMS - Site support
- A means of ensuring an integrated, coordinated and organized response and recovery at all levels



BCERMS Response Levels



Emergency Operations Centre



City's Commitment to Emergency Planning

- 1990 - City Council identified Emergency Preparedness as one of the City's seven corporate priorities
- 2000 - City Council approved a 10 year program to:
 - Upgrade infrastructure
 - Enhance the City's overall disaster preparedness
 - Currently in year 8 of the program
- City Council's proactive approach to emergency management has been studied internationally



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- Plan and prepare for emergencies and disasters (consequence management)
- Coordinate all City departments in supporting response to major emergencies
- Support Corporate Management Team and Mayor and Council with policy direction and decision making



What do we do?

- Work with all levels of government and the private sector
- Response priorities
 - Provide for Safety & Health of all Responders
 - Save Lives
 - Reduce Suffering
 - Protect Public Health
 - Protect Government Infrastructure
 - Protect Property
 - Protect the Environment
 - Reduce Economic & Social Losses



Role of Vancouver Parks Board

- City's Emergency Plan - 2002
- Specific Board responsibilities
 - Take steps to ensure the safety of family
 - Be available to support continuity of services
 - General Manager - Policy Group
 - Support coordinated recovery activities



Personal Preparedness

- Know the risks
 - Earthquakes
 - Windstorms
 - Pandemic,
 - Snowstorms
 - Extreme heat
 - Ice storm
 - Plane crashes
 - water contamination
- Make a plan
- Get an emergency kit
- Lots of online support
http://www.pep.bc.ca/hazard_preparedness/AllHazards_WEB.pdf





QUESTIONS?

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