

How to Build and Lead an Emergency Management Team



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If there is no suitable emergency management team locally, you may wish to create an Emergency Planning Committee, Emergency Management Committee, or an Emergency Management Working Group.

- ✓ Create and maintain your contact list of key personnel
- ✓ Aim to hold a minimum of 2-3 meetings per year

Ideas for Who to Invite

- Local governments (municipal, regional, First Nations)
- First responder agencies (Police, fire, ambulance, Search and Rescue)
- Public works; Utility and critical infrastructure providers
- School districts
- Providers of critical goods/service brought into your community
- Protectors of key cultural resources
- Topic-specific representatives from your business sector
- Economic development agencies, e.g. Chambers of Commerce, Tourism Bureau
- Relevant Provincial ministries and agencies: Ministry of Jobs, Economic Development and Innovation; Ministry of Agriculture; Ministry of Forests; Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure; Ministry of Emergency Management and Climate Readiness
- Consultants & contractors specializing in economic development and resilience

Examples of Objectives and Responsibilities

- Write/update economic resilience or response plans in partnership with local governments
- Provide guidance for your community's emergency management program
- Provide networking and relationship-building opportunities
- Provide opportunities for training and emergency exercises
- Review "seasonal readiness" information, e.g. flood forecasts, wildfire outlooks

