



Aboriginal Disaster Resilience Project Resources

Information Guide: Alberta

General Information

Provincial/territorial emergency management organizations coordinate response activities, conduct planning and research, train, administer, and deliver disaster financial assistance programs in their respective province or territory. Funding agreements between emergency management organizations and AANDC help to ensure successful coordinated response and recovery efforts, better clarify roles and responsibilities, and support enhanced preparedness activities, including training and development of more robust community emergency plans for on-reserve First Nations.

For all aboriginal communities not considered as on-reserve First Nations communities, Provincial/Territorial emergency management organizations provide the same level of support as they do any community within their respective jurisdictions. These include Metis, First Nations in settlement areas and Inuit communities

You can use the keywords listed in your internet search engine (Google, Yahoo, Explorer, etc.) to find the information online.

AANDC is currently negotiating provincial/territorial bilateral agreements regarding emergency management service provision for on-reserve First Nations

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216#a2>

Keywords: AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

For general information regarding AANDC's role in emergency management, please contact:

AANDC Public Enquiries Contact Centre

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
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10 Wellington Street, North Tower
Gatineau, Quebec

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Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4

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Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)

The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards, including information regarding Regional Managers and staff throughout the province who are able to take calls and do their best to answer any questions about hazards that you may have.

General Contact Information

Tel: (780) 422-9000
Toll-free (in Alberta): 310-0000

AME Agency Response Readiness Centre:
Tel: 1-866-618-AEMA (2362)
Fax: (780) 644-1044

E-Mail: aema@gov.ab.ca

<http://www.aema.alberta.ca/> OR <http://www.emergencyalert.alberta.ca>

Keywords: Alberta Emergency Management Agency

AEMA provides detailed information as to influenza alerts, Alberta fire bans, Alberta Environment advisories and warnings, river ice observation reports, and Canadian Avalanche Centre bulletins. You can find most of this information under “Personal Emergency Preparedness”. You can also use the ‘search’ function on the website to find more information.

As well as providing either direct information or links to alerts and warnings, the AEMA website provides hazards information on:

- Avalanches
- Disease Outbreaks
- Earthquakes
- Flooding
- Hazardous Material Spills
- Vehicle Safety
- Choking
- Suffocation
- Strangulation
- Landslides
- Tornados
- Severe Weather
- Fires
- Air Quality
- Drinking Water Quality
- River Ice
- Bike and Pedestrian Safety
- Poison Prevention

- Firearms Injury Prevention
- Power Outages
- Motor Vehicle Safety

The Office of the Fire Commissioner's (OFC)

The Office of the Fire Commissioner's (OFC) activities include the following:

- providing technical advisory services to Alberta communities and organizations that deliver fire and emergency response and prevention services for citizens
- coordinating high-quality, uniform training and certification standards for Alberta's fire rescue and search and rescue personnel
- provides various public safety education campaigns and materials aimed at encouraging Albertans and visitors to Alberta to act safely
- collecting, analyzing and publishing fire and emergency response data generated by fire rescue departments and search and rescue teams

Other activities within the OFC's mandate include advising municipalities on delivery of their public safety education and providing technical inspection and fire investigation services to ensure compliance with Alberta's building and fire codes.

The officers work with Alberta's municipalities, Métis settlements, and First Nation communities towards having effective and well-managed safety and fire-protection systems in place. The officers work from regional offices in urban centres and co-operate with search and rescue organizations, police, fire and emergency medical services, and various governmental, non-governmental, and industrial partners. An officer is available no matter what the time is. Below you will find contact information for regional offices:

<p>Red Deer</p> <p>Fire Field Officer Tel: (403) 340-4987 Fax: (403) 340-5210 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362</p> <p>Mailing Address: Suite 207, Provincial Building 4920 - 51 Street, Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6K8</p>	<p>Calgary</p> <p>Fire Rescue Officer Tel: (403) 592-4219 Fax: (403) 297-4174 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362</p> <p>Mailing Address: #250, 7015 Macleod Trail Calgary, Alberta T2H 2K6</p>
<p>Camrose</p> <p>Fire Field Officer Tel: (780) 679-1270 Fax: (780) 672-1354 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362</p> <p>Mailing Address: Main Floor, 4910-52 Street Camrose, Alberta T4N 6K8</p>	<p>Edmonton</p> <p>Executive Director and Fire Commissioner Tel: (780) 644-4692 Fax: (780) 415-8663 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362</p> <p>Mailing Address: 16th Floor, Commerce Place, 10155 – 102nd Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4L4</p>
<p>Lethbridge</p> <p>Assistant Fire Commissioner Tel: (403) 381-5483 Fax: (403) 382-4426 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362</p> <p>Mailing Address: 360 Provincial Building 200-5 Avenue S. Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4C7</p>	<p>Edmonton</p> <p>Assistant Fire Commissioner Tel: (587) 268-2014 Fax: (780) 415-8663 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362</p> <p>Mailing Address: 16th Floor, Commerce Place 10155 – 102nd Street Edmonton, Alberta T5L 2W4</p>

Keywords: Office of the Fire Commissioner, Alberta, Regional Offices

Local District Contacts

The website below provides a starting point for identifying local district contacts for your community. In Alberta, contact information for municipal districts and counties is available at the website of Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties:

<http://aamdc.com/>

Keywords: Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties, members map

Areas and Districts

School Districts

For School Districts in Alberta go to

http://www.clearview.ab.ca/School_Boards

Keywords: Alberta public school boards, Clearview

Electoral Boundaries and Districts

Elections Alberta has a website with information regarding elections and electoral divisions:

<http://www.electionsalberta.ab.ca/Public%20Website/112.htm>

Keywords: Alberta, Electoral Districts

Territorial Policing

The First Nations Policing Program (FNPP), is administered by Public Safety Canada

“A First Nations self-administered policing agreement is an arrangement between Canada, the participating province or territory, and the First Nations community. In these arrangements, the First Nation develops, manages and administers its own police service under provincial legislation. Independent police commissions provide for the impartial and independent oversight of police operations, and the police chief is responsible for the management and administration of the service.”¹ As of Feb 22, 2013, over 80% - or 528 of 617 – of the eligible First Nations communities are under the policing program.

Please check with your Band leaders to see if your community is currently participating in the program.

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the territorial policing boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/plcng/brgnl-plcng/index-eng.aspx>

Keywords: First Nations Policing Program

¹Public Safety Canada. (2015). *Trends in Indigenous Policing. Models: An International Comparison*. Retrieved from <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/trnds-ndgns-plc-mdl/index-eng.aspx#a5>

ADRP: Resources

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Alberta at

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ab/det-eng.htm>

Keywords: RCMP, Alberta

The Alberta Justice and Solicitor General website also offers information on First Nation Policing services in Alberta:

http://www.solgps.alberta.ca/programs_and_services/public_security/law_enforcement_oversight/Pages/first_nations_policing.aspx

Keywords: Alberta First Nations community policing service, Justice and Solicitor General

Fire Protection Areas

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

Alberta Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information at

<http://www.firehall.com//departments.php?prov=ab>

More information on firefighting can also be found at the Alberta Firefighters Association:

<http://www.albertafirefighters.com/index.php>

Keywords: Alberta Firefighters Association

On the website of the Aboriginal Fire Fighters Association of Canada you can find the contact information of regional representative for Alberta:

<http://www.afac-acpi.ca/About.html#Contact>

Keywords: Aboriginal Firefighters Association, About us

Regional contact for Alberta:

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Territorial Geological Organization

In Alberta see the Alberta Geological Survey

<http://www.ags.gov.ab.ca/>

Geography - General

The Government of Alberta has a “Maps and Data Summaries” section which may be helpful

<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/reports/>

Keywords: Government of Alberta, electoral boundaries, maps and data summaries

Civil Emergency Measures Act

AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

The National Emergency Management Plan of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) lists the roles and responsibilities of the department and its partners in emergency management. It furthermore describes the concept for operations for responding to and managing an emergency affecting First Nation communities across Canada. The Plan is available for download at:

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216>

Keywords: AANDC, Emergency Management Plan

Alberta: The Emergency Management Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Alberta is called the Emergency Management Act.

<http://www.qp.alberta.ca/documents/Acts/E06P8.pdf>

Keywords: Alberta, Emergency management act

In this Act,

(a) “Agency” means the Alberta Emergency Management

Agency referred to in section 3.1(1);

(a.1) “Cabinet Committee” means the committee of the Executive Council appointed under section 4;

(b) “declaration of a state of emergency” means an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council under section 18;

(c) “declaration of a state of local emergency” means a resolution or order of a local authority under section 21;

(d) repealed 2007 c12 s3;

(e) “disaster” means an event that results in serious harm to the safety, health or welfare of people or in widespread damage to property;

(f) “emergency” means an event that requires prompt co-ordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the safety, health or welfare of people or to limit damage to property;

(g) “local authority” means:

(i) where a municipality has a council within the meaning of the Municipal Government Act, that council,

(ii) in the case of an improvement district, the Minister responsible for the Municipal Government Act,

ii) in the case of a special area, the Minister responsible for the Special Areas Act,

(iv) the settlement council of a settlement under the Metis Settlements Act,

(v) the park superintendent of a national park or the superintendent's delegate where an agreement is entered into with the Government of Canada under section 9(b) in which it is agreed that the park superintendent is a local authority for the purposes of this Act, or

(vi) the band council of an Indian band where an agreement is entered into with the Government of Canada under section 9(b) in which it is agreed that the band council is a local authority for the purposes of this Act;

(g.1) "Managing Director" means the individual who holds the office of Managing Director of the Agency by virtue of an appointment under section 3.1(2), and includes any individual acting in that capacity;

(h) "Minister" means the Minister determined under section 16 of the Government Organization Act as the Minister responsible for this Act;

(i) "municipality" means the area comprising a municipality within the meaning of the Municipal Government Act or an improvement district or special area and includes

(i) the settlement area of a settlement under the Metis Settlements Act,

(ii) the area comprising a national park where an agreement is entered into with the Government of Canada under section 9(b) in which it is agreed that the park superintendent is a local authority for the purposes of this Act, and

(iii) the area comprising an Indian reserve where an agreement is entered into with the Government of Canada under section 9(b) in which it is agreed that the band council is a local authority for the purposes of this Act.

Community History

Provincial archives are a great place to search for early history on your community – it may be a bit confusing to access information at first, so take some time to get orientated to each website.

Alberta Archives

<http://culture.alberta.ca/archives/>

Keywords: Alberta Archives

Community Information

Aboriginal Affairs Northern Development Canada (AANDC) has many resources available on their website. The Alberta regional office has contact information available, as well as information on Aboriginal People and Communication, Agreements and Legislation, Economic Development, and Education:

<http://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1100100020655/1100100020659>

Keywords: AANDC, Regional Office, Alberta

The Government of Alberta has a "Maps and Data Summaries" section which may be helpful

<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/reports/>

Keywords: Government of Alberta, maps and data

General Territorial Statistics

Statistics Canada also provides statistical information for the province Alberta:

<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/pro01/pro109-eng.htm>

Keywords: [Statistic Canada](#), [Alberta](#), [Tables by province](#)

You can find statistics on the Finance and Enterprise Alberta website

<http://www.finance.alberta.ca/>

Keywords: [Government of Alberta](#), [Finance](#), [Statistics](#)

Vital Statistics

<http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/VitalStatistics.cfm>

Keywords: [Service Alberta](#), [Vital Statistics](#)

Supplemental Territorial Hazards Information

Droughts

[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/ppe9917](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/ppe9917)

Keywords: [Alberta](#), [Agriculture and Rural Development](#), [Agriculture moisture situation updates](#)

Forest and Wild Fires

<http://wildfire.alberta.ca/>

Keywords: [Alberta government](#), [Environment and Sustainable Resource Development](#), [forest and wildfire](#)

Floods

<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/advisories/>

Keywords: [Alberta](#), [Environment and Sustainable Resource Development](#), [Advisories and warnings](#), [floods](#)