



Aboriginal Disaster Resilience Project Resources

Information Guide: Ontario

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
Terrasses de la Chaudière
10 Wellington Street, North Tower
Gatineau, Quebec

Postal Address:
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4

Email: InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca

Phone: (toll-free) 1-800-567-9604

Fax: 1-866-817-3977

TTY: (toll-free) 1-866-553-0554

Emergency Management Ontario

The Emergency Management Ontario (EMO) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards, including contact information for the Provincial Emergency Medical Assistance Team; Provincial Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Teams; and the Provincial Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team. Unlike other provinces, the Ontario provincial government does not provide comprehensive listings of regional EMO offices. Please go to the links below to learn more about Ontario's provincial emergency response resources.

Ontario's Emergency Medical Assistance Team (EMAT):

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/insideemo/insideemo.html>

Keywords: Emergency Management Ontario

Ontario's Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear Response Teams (CBRNE):

http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/emcommunity/response_resources/cbrne/cbrne.html

Keywords: emergency management Ontario chemical biological

Ontario's Heavy Urban Search and Rescue Team (HUSAR):

http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/emcommunity/response_resources/husar/husar.html

Keywords: Ontario emergency management heavy search and rescue

General Contact Information

Tel: (416) 314-3723
 Toll-free: 1-877-314-3723
 Fax: (416) 314-3758

Mailing Address: Ministry of Community Safety
 and Correctional Services

Emergency Management Ontario, 77
 Wellesley Street West Box 222
 Toronto, Ontario
 M7A 1N3

<http://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html>

The EMO website provides detailed information about signing up for Ontario emergency email alerts. As well as providing either direct information or links to alerts and warnings, the EMO website provides hazards information on:

- Floods
- Forest Fires
- Road Safety
- Wildfires
- Winter Power Outages
- Winter Storms
- Chemical Emergencies
- Earthquakes
- Pandemics
- Thunder Storms
- Tornados

Local District Contacts

The Chiefs of Ontario has a directory of all the First Nations in Ontario. You can find more information and resources on their website:

<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org/directory>

Keywords: Chiefs of Ontario directory

The First Nation Net website has an interactive map that shows you where all of the First Nations in Ontario are located.

<http://firstnation.ca/>

Keywords: Ontario First Nation communities

The website below provides a starting point for identifying local district contacts for your community. In Ontario contact information for municipal districts is available at

<https://www.omb.gov.on.ca/english/ContactUs/ContactUs.html>

Keywords: Ontario municipal board contact

Areas and Districts

School Districts

The Ontario First Nations Net website has useful information regarding schools, including information about each First Nation school in Ontario.

<http://firstnationschools.ca/>

Keywords: Ontario First Nations Schools

For School Districts in Ontario go to

<http://www.edu.gov.on.ca/eng/sbinfo/boardList.html>

Keywords: Ontario school board

Electoral Boundaries and Districts

Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources has a "Maps" section which may be helpful

<http://www.elections.on.ca/en-CA/Tools/ElectoralDistricts/EDMaps/EDMapsintro.htm>

Keywords: Ontario electoral districts map

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>

First Nations Police Agencies

There are several First Nations police agencies that provide services to First Nations reserves in Ontario. These include:

<p>Six Nations Police</p> <p>http://www.snpolice.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Six Nations Police</p> <p>Wikwemikong Tribal Police</p> <p>http://www.wikwemikong.ca/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=60&Itemid=89</p> <p>Keywords: Wikwemikong tribal police services administration</p> <p>Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service</p> <p>http://www.naps.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Nishnawbe-Aski Police Service</p> <p>Treaty Three Police Service</p> <p>https://treatythreepolice.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Treaty Three Police Service Kenora</p> <p>UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service - M'Chigeeng First Nation</p> <p>http://www.uccmpolice.com/</p> <p>Keywords: UCCM Anishnaabe Police Service</p> <p>Anishinabek Police Service - Garden River</p> <p>http://www.apscops.org/</p> <p>Keywords: Anishinabek Police Service</p>	<p>Akwesasne Mohawk Police</p> <p>http://www.akwesasne.ca/akwesasne-police</p> <p>Keywords: Akwesasne Mohawk Police</p> <p>Walpole Island Police Service – Bkejwanong Territory</p> <p>http://walpoleislandfirstnation.ca/directory/</p> <p>Keywords: Walpole island Bkejwanong directory</p> <p>Rama Police Service - Chippewas of Rama First Nation</p> <p>http://www.ramapolice.ca/</p> <p>Keywords: Rama Police Service</p> <p>Hiawatha Police Service - Hiawatha First Nation</p> <p>http://www.hiawathafirstnation.com/services-departments/fire-police/</p> <p>Keywords: Hiawatha First Nation Fire Police Service</p> <p>Batchewana First Nation of Ojibways</p> <p>http://www.batchewana.ca/content/content.html?page=34</p> <p>Keywords: Batchewana BFN Police Services</p> <p>Georgina Island First Nations Police</p> <p>http://georginaisland.com/community-services/fire-police-services/</p> <p>Keywords: Georgina Island First Nations Police</p>
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Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the websites give you contact information.

You can locate Ontario Provincial Police detachments at

<http://www.opp.ca/ecms/index.php?id=326>

Keywords: OPP detachments

ADRP: Resources

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Ontario at

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/on/detach/index-eng.htm>

Keywords: Ontario RCMP detachments

Fire Protection Areas

The Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada has lots of useful information on their website, including the Provincial/Territorial contact information to reach your Aboriginal representative.

<http://www.afac-acpi.ca/Ontario.html>

Keywords: Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada Ontario

AANDC also has a Frequently Asked Questions page on their website regarding First Nation Fire Protection.

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1374066558460/1374066706710>

Keywords: AANDC First Nation fire protection

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

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

Keywords: Ontario fire halls

Territorial Geological Organization

In Ontario see the Ontario Geological Survey

http://www.mndmf.gov.on.ca/mines/ogs/default_e.asp

Keywords: Ontario mines minerals

Geography - General

Ontario's Ministry of Natural Resources has a "Maps" section which may be helpful

<http://www.ontario.ca/environment-and-energy/land-information-ontario>

Keywords: Ontario natural resources map

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

Ontario: Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Ontario is called the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

www.e-laws.gov.on.ca/html/statutes/english/elaws_statutes_90e09_e.htm

Keywords: Ontario emergency management and civil protection act

There are a few definitions and legal requirements under the Act which are important to understand (note that this list is selected from a larger list and the text has, in some cases, been edited for length).

“emergency” means a situation or an impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or other health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise

“emergency area” means the area in which an emergency exists

“emergency management program” means a program developed under section 2.1 or 5.1

“emergency plan” means a plan formulated under section 3, 6, 8 or 8.1

“employee of a municipality” means an employee as defined in section 278 of the Municipal Act, 2001

“head of council” includes a chair of the board of an improvement district

“local board” means a local board as defined in the Municipal Affairs Act

“local services board” means a Local Services Board established under the Local Services Boards Act;

“member of council” includes a trustee of the board of an improvement district

Thus, if you are a municipality or “provincial government body” you are required to develop a disaster plan. Further under the legislation, plans must be reviewed annually:

(3) Every minister of the Crown described in clause (1) (a) and every agency, board, commission or other branch of government described in clause (1) (b) shall review and, if necessary, revise its emergency plan every year.

Community History

The following websites are good resources for finding out community and cultural information. Each of the following websites will have links to other First Nations websites in the province and in Canada.

The Chiefs of Ontario have a directory of all the First Nations in Ontario. You can find more information and resources on their website:

<http://www.chiefs-of-ontario.org>

Keywords: Chiefs of Ontario

The Ontario Federation of Indigenous Friendship Centres also has lots of information and links to resources. You will find more information on their website.

<http://www.ofifc.org/>

Keywords: Ontario friendship centres

The Ontario Native Women's Association has useful resources and contact information

<http://www.onwa.ca/>

Keywords: Ontario Native Women's Association

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.

Ontario Archives

<http://www.archives.gov.on.ca/>

Keywords: archives Ontario

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Keywords: Ontario natural resources map

General Territorial Statistics

You can find statistics on the Ontario Ministry of Finance's website

<http://www.fin.gov.on.ca/en/economy/demographics/>

Keywords: Ontario statistics demographic economic

Supplemental Territorial Hazards Information

Forest and Wild Fires

<http://www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/forest-fires>

Keywords: Ontario forest fires

Floods

<https://www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/floods>

Keywords: floods safety Ontario