



Overview



**BC EMERGENCY
Management
Structure**



**LOCAL
GOVERNMENT
AUTHORITY**

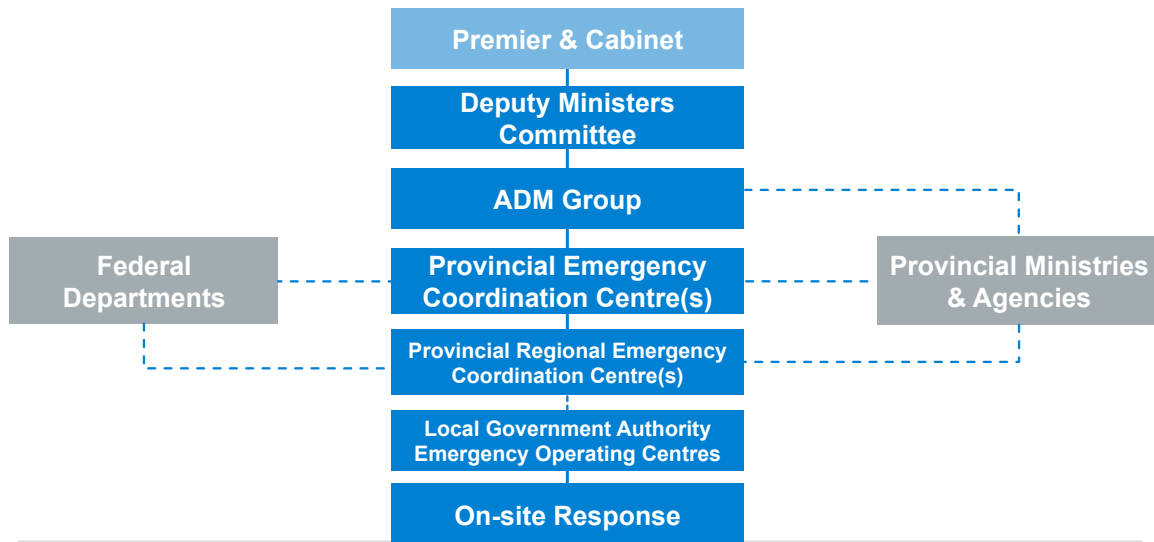


**RESPONDING TO
EMERGENCIES**



**PROVINCIAL
SUPPORT**

BC Emergency Management Structure



Shared Responsibility

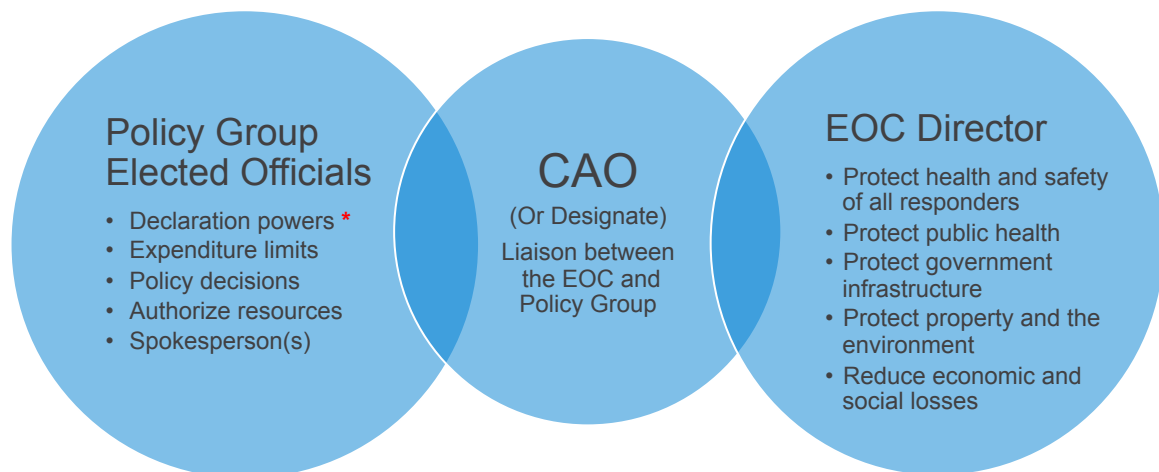


Local Authority Emergency Planning



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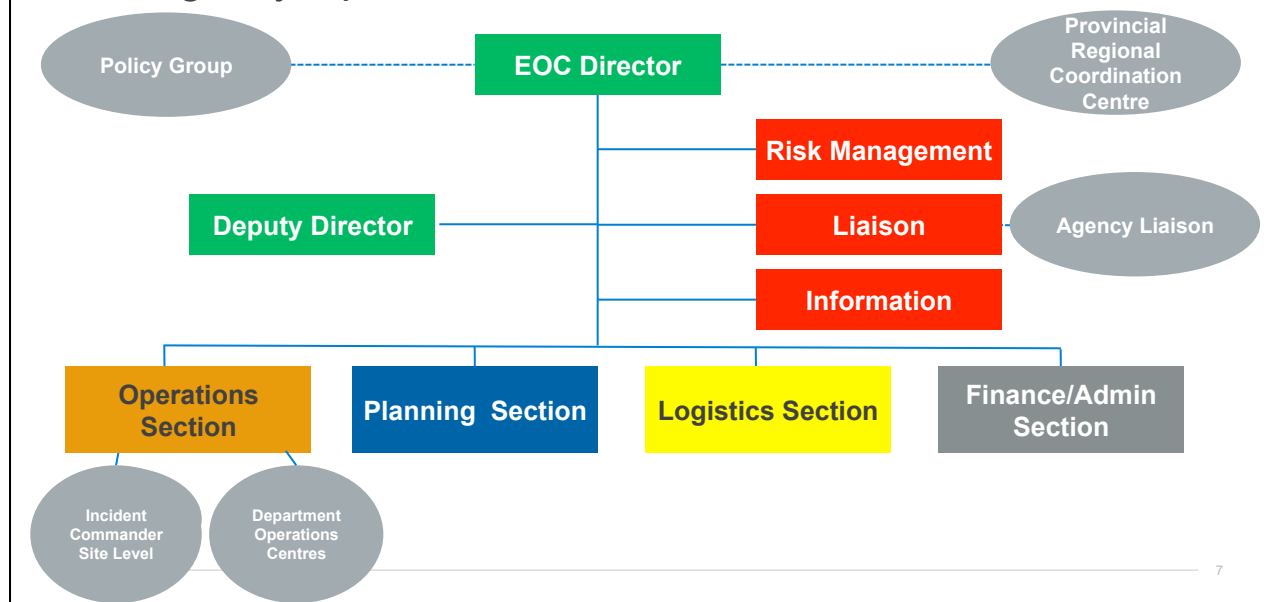
Local Government Operational Roles



*The Local Authority or head of the local authority must declare a state of local emergency, however the other functions of the Local Authority (Policy Group) may be delegated and some jurisdictions have done this in B.C.

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Emergency Operations Centre Structure



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Role of the Policy Group

(Elected Officials)



Obtains Status & Briefing

Obtains current situation status & briefing on priority actions taken & outstanding from EOC



State of Local Emergency

Authorizes declaration and termination of a "State of Local Emergency"



Sets limits

Sets expenditure limits



Input

Provides input for public emergency information activities



Recommendations

Formally recommends outside support/ resources (Provincial support)



Voice

Speaks through their spokesperson for the jurisdiction

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Implementing an Emergency Plan

The local authority can implement its emergency plan if an emergency appears imminent or if a disaster has occurred.

- A person designated in the local emergency plan may implement the plan
- The plan may also be implemented if another jurisdictional area has requested assistance
- A Provincial Task number must be requested and approved by Emergency Management BC (EMBC) if the local authority wishes to recover its costs and ensure those responding are fully insured
- The Emergency Plan can not conflict with the Provincial Emergency Plan



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Declaration of a State of Local Emergency

The local authority may declare a **"State of Local Emergency"** when it is satisfied an emergency exists or is imminent.

- The declaration must identify the nature of the emergency and be made by bylaw or resolution if made by a local authority, or by order, if made by the head of a local authority
- The head of a local authority must use best efforts to obtain the consent of the other members of the local authority before making the declaration
- The head of a local authority must, convene a meeting of the local authority to assist in directing the response to the emergency as soon as practicable after making a declaration



State of Local Emergency











The declaration of a **"State of Local Emergency"** must be forwarded to the Minister of Public Safety and be made public immediately after the declaration.

- The contents of the declaration must be advanced to the Minister and published to make the population of the affected area aware
- A declaration expires in **7 days** unless cancelled by the Minister, the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the local authority or the head of the local authority
- A declaration can be extended with the approval of the Minister or the Lieutenant Governor in Council, for periods of not more than 7 days each
- The measures contained within a declaration of a state of local emergency can not conflict with a Provincial declaration



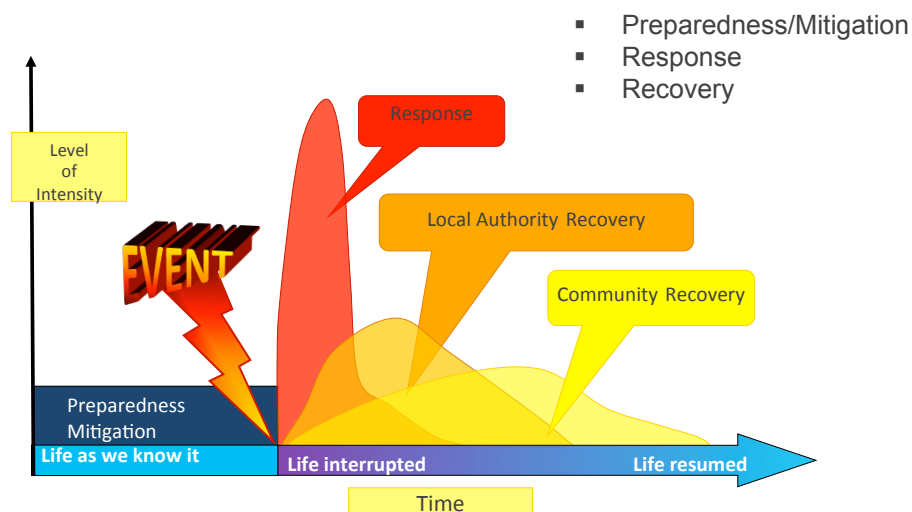
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Emergency Powers under Declaration

Acquiring the use of land  Or personal property	Prohibiting Travel 	Procuring and fixing prices for  or rationing food, clothing, fuel, equipment, medical supplies
Requiring persons to render assistance  that they are qualified to provide	Causing evacuations 	
Requiring restoration of facilities.  distribution of supplies and coordination of services	Authorizing entry  into buildings and onto land	Borrowing money to pay expenses  With approval of the Minister but without approval of the electors.
Construction works 	Causing demolitions  Or removal of trees and structures	

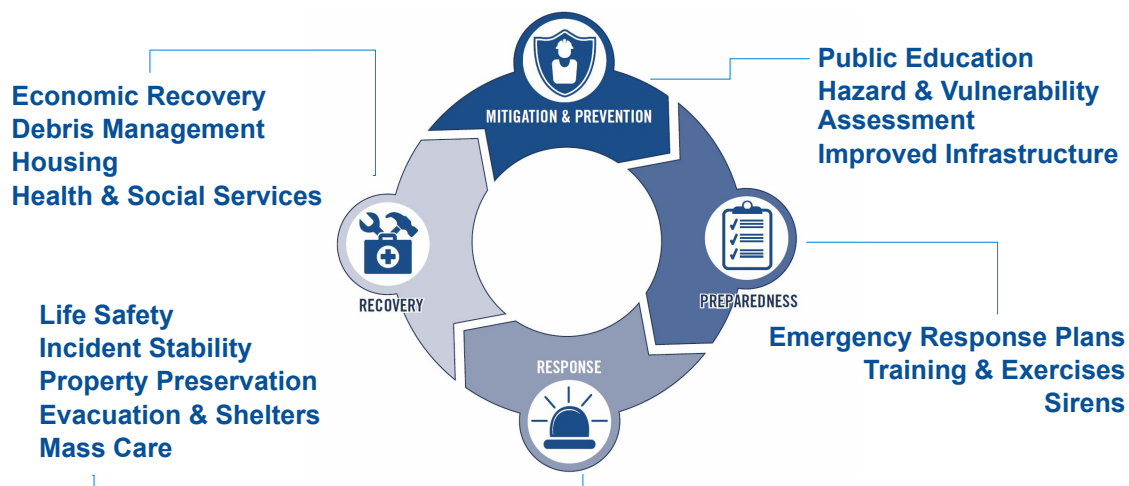
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Comprehensive Emergency Management Timeline



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Local Authority Emergency Management



Source: Emergency Management BC web content

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Local Authority Response

- Site Management and Response
- Activation of Emergency Operations Center and Emergency Response Plans
- Deployment of local authority resources
- Working with neighbouring communities
- Activation of Emergency Social Services (ESS), including a reception centre
- Declaration of State of Local Emergency
- Providing Public Information
- Prepare for and support On-going Communication

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Provincial Support in Response

- Activation of Provincial Emergency Coordination Center (PECC) and Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centers (PREOC) as required
- Provision of PREOC expertise and resource support to local authorities
- Reimbursement of eligible local response costs
- Provision of information through the Emergency Info BC website and Twitter account

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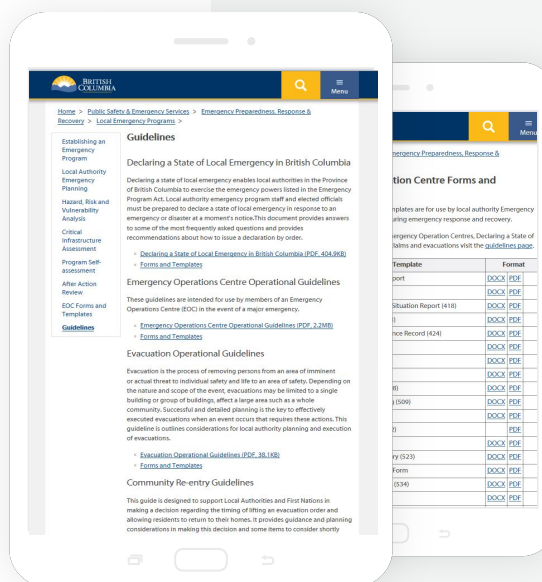
Forms and Support

Available on the **BC Government** website in the **Local Emergency Program** section



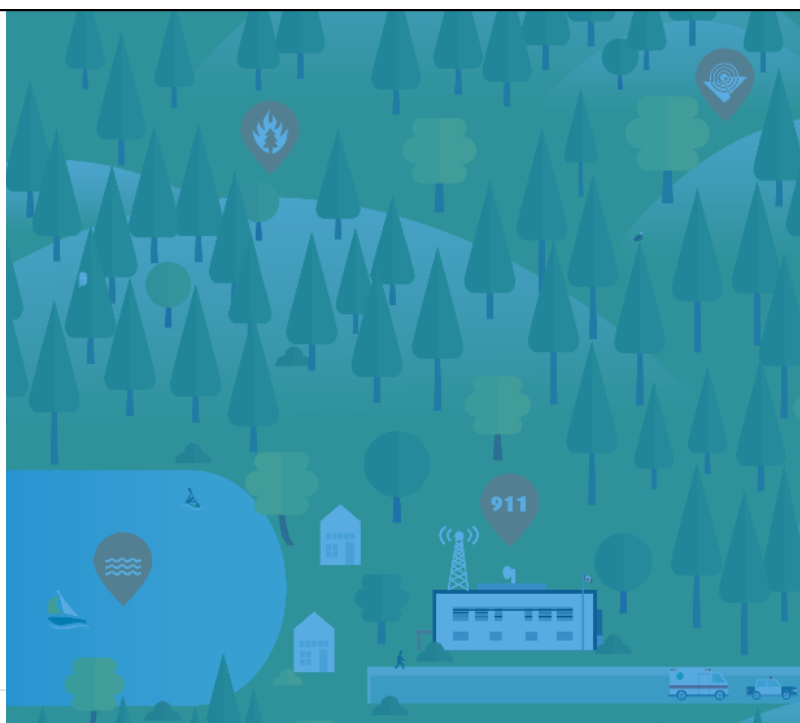
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FORMS & TEMPLATE



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Questions?



Thank you!

