

## CERT INTRODUCTION & OVERVIEW

Following events of June 20, 2013 Alberta Floods, Bridges of Love Ministry (BofL) received funding through the **New Initiatives Program, part of The Calgary Foundation's Flood Rebuilding Fund Grant** to facilitate **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)** training. CERT basic emergency training is a grassroots strategy to strengthen community safety and preparedness through increased civic participation. Since the devastating floods in our Province, the importance of preparedness education, and training, involving the whole community has increasingly become recognized as critical to community resilience.

Bridges of Love Ministry began the development of an integrated network of local churches (Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative - FEPI, 2007) with support from partners (FEPI Advisory Council, 2008) to foster community preparedness and resiliency. With support from various emergency, health and safety organizations; four CERT Summits introducing CERT curriculum and presented by experts in the field, will be facilitated by Bridges of Love leveraging congregation and community participation. Through CERT basic training a standby task force with the capacity to respond in various roles prior to and during an emergency, will be ready to respond in an effective and coordinated manner.

Partnerships between government and community leaders focused on engaging the whole community in collaborative planning and capacity building; integration of community resources; outreach and localized preparedness education and training; emergency communications to all population segments; drills and exercises; and, volunteer programs, will support safer communities that are more prepared, and have greater resiliency when incidents occur.

Community-based preparedness planning allows us all to prepare for and respond to anticipated disruptions and potential hazards following a disaster. As individuals, we can prepare our homes and families to cope during that critical period. Through pre-event planning, churches, neighborhoods and worksites can also work together to help reduce injuries, loss of lives, and property damage. Church and community preparedness will enhance the ability of individuals and neighborhoods to reduce their emergency needs and to manage their existing resources until professional assistance becomes available.

Studies of behavior following disasters have shown that groups working together in the disaster period perform more effectively if there has been prior planning and training for disaster response. These studies also show that organized grassroots efforts may be more successful if they are woven into the social and political fabric of the community — neighborhood associations, schools, workplaces, places of worship, and other existing organizations.

Effective response therefore requires comprehensive planning and coordination of all who will be involved — government, volunteer groups, private businesses, schools, and community organizations. With training and information, individuals and community groups can be prepared to serve as a crucial resource capable of performing many of the emergency functions needed in the immediate post-disaster period. The CERT Program is designed to train individuals to be assets to help communities prepare for effective disaster response.

## SATURDAY MORNING – September 27, 2014

### 9:00 AM - FIRE SAFETY & UTILITY CONTROLS

In this unit you will learn about: Fire Chemistry, Fire & Utility Hazards, Fire Suppression Safety, Hazardous Materials...

**Randy Smith** BApp Bus:ES | **ROCKY VIEW COUNTY** Manager of Fire Services (Fire Chief) Randy has 34 Years in the Fire Service, 24 as a Chief Officer having his start in Fort McMurray. The best part of working in emergency services is that it has provided Randy with an opportunity to be a part of a team of responders that have a direct and positive impact on the lives of people in their community. He has been a volunteer with the Canadian Red Cross since 1997 working in the Disaster Management program as a trainer for volunteer groups across Canada

### 9:00 AM - DISASTER MEDICAL OPERATIONS

In a disaster, there may be more victims than rescuers, and assistance from medical professionals may not be immediately available. Topics covered: Treatment for life-threatening conditions — airway obstruction, bleeding, and shock — and for other, less urgent conditions; the greatest good for the greatest number of people conducting simple triage and rapid treatment



**May Mones, MD FRCPC** was a general practitioner in the Philippines before immigrating to Canada in 2012. She worked as a Bedside Physician at the Peter Lougheed Centre and Rockyview General Hospital and then went on to complete her Residency Training in Pediatrics at the Alberta Children's Hospital. She is Royal College Certified and recently started her practice as a Community Pediatrician in Cochrane.

### 10:45 AM - SEARCH & RESCUE

This presentation will discuss **Search and Rescue** in Alberta. It will also discuss some of the response efforts of the teams of Search and Rescue Alberta during the 2013 Southern Alberta Flood disaster response.



**Shane R Elder B. Mgmt, CRSP** is the current Vice President of Search and Rescue Association of Alberta. SAR Alberta has over 1300 members represented by over 40 teams throughout Alberta. Mr. Elder owns his own company which provides leadership and safety consulting and presents around the world. Mr. Elder is looking to complete a Masters degree in Disaster Planning and Emergency Management in the spring of 2015 from Arkansas State University.

### 10:45 AM - FOOD SAFETY

Jason's goal is not to 'educate', but to inform and convince people so they better understand the potential hazards of food, how to recognize risky situations, and what to do to reduce or eliminate that risk.'



The **Environmental Public Health Department** of Alberta Health Services helps to provide, protect and promote a healthy environment.

Since 2002, **Jason Feltham** has served as a Public Health Inspector with Alberta Health Services' Environmental Public Health program. For the past several years Jason has worked with this department's education team, facilitating Food Safety classes for both commercial food handlers and the public alike.

12:45 PM - DISASTER PSYCHOLOGY

Caring for Yourself, Your Buddy, and Victims. This covers how to provide "psychological first aid" in response to the impact of disaster on rescuers and victims.



Beth Henry, CEO of Prairies to Peaks Consulting Inc. has provided Certified Peer Support Training in the area of mental health throughout Western Canada. Beth has a keen interest in training and assisting those in care giving fields.

While we are responsible to others in a crisis situation, taking responsibility for others it is both easy to do and counter-productive. Practical strategies will be offered to safeguard community emergency responders.

12:45 PM - CERT ORGANIZATION

CERT Organization; CERT Mobilization; Documentation; ICS Functions and Video – "CERT in Action"; Next Steps...



Bridges of Love Ministry – Development of an integrated network of local churches to complement and enhance performance with existing emergency management organizations.

Marg Pollon, Founding Director - Marg's medical background, as a Laboratory Technologist was a natural fit connecting church with community through Pandemic Preparedness. Since 2006, the focus broadened to Emergency Preparedness and facilitation for CERT training.

2:30 PM - TERRORISM & CERT

What Is Terrorism? Terrorist targets, Terrorist weapons, Preparing at home, Work, and in your Neighborhood

Detective Stewart O'Neill, Criminal Intelligence Unit, Calgary Police Service:

2:30 PM - PERSONAL PREPAREDNESS & CERT EQUIPMENT

"Yourself, your family then your neighbours!" Your own preparedness in an emergency will make all the difference in you being able to assist your neighbours. You're personal preparedness plan should be tailored to the hazards in your community, but should include: learning about community alerts, warnings; developing household plans and conducting drills to practice; assembling/maintaining a 72-hour kit; and reducing hazards in the home.



Samaritan's Purse - Samaritan's Purse Canada is a nondenominational evangelical Christian organization that has been providing spiritual and physical aid to hurting people around the world since 1970.

Brent Davis, Emergency and Disaster Response Manager for Samaritan's Purse Canada is responsible for both Canadian disasters as well as major international disasters. Brent is also the chair of the NGO Council of Alberta, a coalition of NGO's that assist in Disasters.

Welcome

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

SUMMIT



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TOGETHER CERTS CAN SAVE LIVES AND PROPERTY