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Ms. Marg Pollon
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Dear Ms. Pollon,

Thank you for your email of October 17, 2019, regarding the Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative.

I commend you for your enthusiasm and willingness to assist Alberta municipalities with their emergency management activities. While preparedness and resilience begins with individuals, primary responsibility for emergency management rests with Alberta's municipal governments to manage emergencies in their communities, with support from the Government of Alberta as required.

Emergency events require tremendous response and recovery efforts with a strong role for non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to support the efforts of municipal and provincial officials. To ensure the best use of resources and keep volunteers safe, it is important NGO efforts are closely co-ordinated with the municipal local authority. The Government of Alberta prefers to engage NGOs through the NGO Council to ensure consistency and transparency in response and recovery activities. If you have not already been in contact with the NGO Council of Alberta, I recommend you contact them and consider joining the NGO Council. The NGO Council can be reached through Brent Davis, Samaritan's Purse in Calgary, at 403-250-6565, or info@samaritan.ca.

Regrettably, I am unable to meet with you at this time. Shane Schreiber, Managing Director of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency, is responsible for emergency management activities for the Government of Alberta and will be available to meet with you in my stead. Mr. Schreiber will be in contact with you regarding a mutually agreeable meeting date.

Thank you for your continued interest and support of emergency management in Alberta.

Yours very truly,


Kaycee Madu
Minister of Municipal Affairs

cc: Shane Schreiber, Managing Director, Alberta Emergency Management Agency