

BRIDGES OF LOVE MINISTRY SOCIETY FRAMEWORK

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Mission Statement: To provide resources and opportunities for followers of Jesus Christ, to be shining lights in their communities, living out their faith in tangible ways. **“Living Proof of a Loving Saviour”**

Project: *“The Power of Civil Society, Moving at the Speed of Trust”* Two year Alberta Civil Society Fund grant commitment completed in March, 2024.

Bridges of Love’s programs: Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative, FEPI (2005) and Community Emergency Response Team, CERT (2014)



Followers of Jesus Christ have been given the double mandate of both loving God and our neighbor. Bridges of Love's **Faith Emergency Preparedness Initiative** (FEPI) provides opportunities, for the local church to fulfill the greatest commandment, reflecting His Love.

Building a bridge of love to a community can take many forms and as with any bridge design, the architecture can be quite varied. Emergency Preparedness is an opportunity for the local church to reflect Christ's love, ready to care for the community, during times of disaster. **Churches helping Neighbours.**



“Crosswalk” a FEPI extension, is an on-line portal located on Bridges of Love's website. This secure site is non-threatening to those who are going through a difficult time. Their need is posted on the site with no name visible. When a FEPI church sees the need, they can decide whether they can fill the request, or perhaps they need other churches in the community to become involved as well. Once a decision to assist is made, information on the individual is shared from Bridges of Love Ministry. **Love is Action**



When disaster strikes, civil society is often first in line, to offer a hand up. Community Emergency Response Team training enhances the capacity of civil society to provide immediate disaster assistance, bridging the critical gap between time of disaster, and arrival of emergency services. Community Emergency Response Team training offers a SAFE 'neighbours helping neighbours' response. CERT is a grass-roots strategy that is both practical and realistic, strengthening community safety and preparedness, through increased civic participation. **Neighbours helping Neighbours**

HOW DOES A CHURCH OR INDIVIDUAL BECOME INVOLVED?

- Become a FEPI Partner by filling out the Church Contact and Resource Assessment Form helping communities during times of disaster (On-line).
 - Become a “Crosswalk” member to assist those going through challenging time.
- Host/or attend a CERT training Summit inviting church and community members to attend (Out-reach opportunity).
- Volunteer through Bridges of Love Ministry or get involved in CERT Summits.
- Be a prayer and/or financial supporter of Bridges of Love Ministry. Together we can accomplish much for God's Kingdom!