

## FRIDAY EVENING – February 9, 2024

6:30 PM Welcome: Marg Pollon, ED Bridges of Love (BofL)  
Opening Prayer: Tom Pollon, Director Bridges of Love  
Bridge Over Troubled Water: Music Video  
The Order of the Red Blanket: Tribute to Lt. Col. Irene Stickland  
Greeting from Olds Mayor/Introduction: Mayor Judy Dahl  
Key-note Speaker: Laura Stewart, FireSmart Specialist

### “Applying the FireSmart System to Strengthen Community Wildfire Resilience”



Laura Stewart has worked with Alberta Forestry and Parks in the Wildfire Management Branch for 10 years as the Provincial FireSmart Specialist. Before joining the Alberta Wildfire team, Laura spent five years with a municipal fire department as the Community Safety Education Coordinator. In this role, Laura was responsible for coordinating all home fire safety, emergency preparedness and injury prevention programming. In 2012, FireSmart planning, and education were added to Laura's portfolio, and she led the municipal FireSmart program.

**Short Presentation Overview:** Exploring resilience and preparation for wildfires: This presentation will delve into effective strategies for recovery and rebuilding community's post-wildfire, emphasizing the adoption of FireSmart principles. It will also focus on proactive measures for future wildfire preparedness.

**THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING THIS INFORMATIVE SESSION AS  
TOGETHER WE CONTINUE TO BUILD RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

## SATURDAY – February 10, 2024

### 9: 00 AM –10:30 AM CERT ORGANIZATION

How to conduct the continual data-gathering and evaluation process at the scene of a disaster, documentation and introduction to ICS.



Marg Pollon, founder, and Executive Director for Bridges of Love Ministry, has a medical background as a Laboratory Technologist. Pandemic preparedness was the beginning for preparing churches to be ready to care for their community. Since 2006, the focus has broadened to cover any disaster through Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

### 10:45 AM – 12:15 PM TERRORISM

**Integrated National Security Enforcement Team - The RCMP has refocused its National Security Investigations Sections (NSIS) to increase the capacity for the collection, sharing and analysis of intelligence among partners.**



SGT. Eyvi Smith is a twenty-year Member of the RCMP having served in a general duty capacity in the Yukon for eight years, and five years with the Great Lakes Marine Security Enforcement Team based out of Niagara-on-the-Lake. Sgt. Smith has been posted for the past eight years with the Calgary Integrated National Security Team in charge of the Public Engagement Unit.

**CPL. Shawn MacDonald** is a nineteen-year member of the RCMP. Cpl. MacDonald started his RCMP career in Rocky Mountain House, before being posted to Calgary where he worked in the RCMP Federal Drug Section and Federal Serious and Organized Crime. Cpl. MacDonald has been posted for the last eight years to the RCMP Integrated National Security Enforcement Team in Calgary.

### 12:15 PM – 12:45 PM LUNCH

### 12:45 AM – 4:00 PM Medical Disaster Operations, Units 1 & 2

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



Tara Miller is a Registered Nurse with 35 years of experience in a variety of roles. She is presently an operating and recovery room nurse at the Olds Hospital. She has experience in ICU, rural hospitals and emergency in Calgary and Red Deer. She has worked in the NWT, England and a brief time in Saudi Arabia.

SATURDAY February 17, 2024

8:30 AM – 9:00 AM Coffee/Muffins

9:00 AM – 10:30 AM CERT FIRE SAFETY & UTILITY CONTROLS –  
Randy Smith, Retired Fire Chief

Fire Chemistry, Fire & Utility Hazards, Fire Suppression Safety, Hazardous  
Materials...



**Randy Smith** started his career in Fort McMurray AB where he joined the Municipal Fire Department in 1980. During his career he had the opportunity to work in number of communities such as Iqaluit Nunavut, Terrace BC, Innisfil ON. And Rocky View County where he spent 34 Years in the Fire Service, 24 years as a Chief Officer. Randy 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. Randy received the Exemplary Service Medal from the Government of Canada; Queens Golden Jubilee Medal for volunteer service; The RCMP Commissioners Commendation for Bravery; and The Governor Generals Medal for Bravery.

10:45 AM – 12:15 PM CERT LIGHT SEARCH & RESCUE – Randy Smith  
S & R size-up, conducting interior and exterior search operations, Safe techniques for lifting, leveraging, cribbing, and victim removal.

12:45 PM – 2:15 PM PSYCHOLOGY OF TRAUMA

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.



**Santuzza Wolff** is the CEO of Outsmart Stress. She has journeyed with and through stress in all areas of life. In her home country of Suriname, she graduated with a Bachelor’s degree in Social Work, and in Canada supplemented her expertise further with a Master’s in Social Work from UofC. She also went into the nitty gritty of stress and now hold a certificate in Stress management where she is convinced that stress can become a well-known ally in daily life.

2:30 PM – 4:00 PM PERSONAL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS, The Pollons  
“Yourself, your family, then your neighbours!” Your personal preparedness in an emergency will make all the difference in being able to assist your community.



After 20 years building Bridges of Love, **Tom & Marg Pollon** indeed understand the reason why on a flight, instructions are given to put on one’s own oxygen mask first, before helping others! Bridges of Love has been fortunate to have seasoned instructors for this module where they have learned from the best! They look forward to sharing CERT disaster preparedness plans for self and family as well as encourage CERT grads to form teams in their community.

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM CERT Review, Graduation (Certificate, Photo ID)

# Welcome

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

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