

# Alberta Parks Emergency Management Questionnaire

February 2021

## Overview

Large-scale and localized emergency events, like wildfires or floods, are increasing in frequency and intensity. These sudden events require park preparedness in the dual roles of evacuating people out of harm's way or receiving displaced communities and assets supporting response and recovery. Over the next two years, Alberta Parks is working to enhance response to disasters and emergencies, mitigate risks through risk assessments and mitigating measures, prepare adequately for all hazards and incident in parks, and outline recovery plans and crisis management for enhanced parks operations resiliency.

## The Ask

- Below are six questions sets – each one focused on an aspect of emergency management preparedness.
- You may respond directly into this document and/or provide separate/additional submission(s).
- Please provide response back **by March 15, 2021**.
- Responses and questions can be emailed to [Brad.Marshall@gov.ab.ca](mailto:Brad.Marshall@gov.ab.ca)
- A summary of findings will be compiled and shared back to the email address of all submitters.

## Questions

### 1. Emergency Response Plans

- a. Do you have Parks Emergency Response Plans (ERPs) at either the provincial/territorial, regional or park level? If so, could you forward a copy of any templates or examples used at any level? (please ensure any confidential information is redacted). **We have ERP for each of our 13 camping parks. We do not currently have ERPs for the remaining 7 unstaffed day use parks or other 12 unserviced parks. Example attached. We hired a consultant to work with us to develop the template and the content.**
- b. What frequency are ERPs reviewed and updated? **Annual reviews are to be conducted by each Park to update contact numbers etc. System wide review every 5 years.**
- c. Is any version of ERPs (whole, partial, simplified, redacted) proactively made available to the public, before a request comes forward? **Not to date. Have not been requested.**

### 2. Municipalities/First Nations/Industry Stakeholders

- a. Are local adjacent jurisdictions/major stakeholders involved or informed in any Parks ERPs and if so, to what extent? **The ERP advises Park Managers to reach out to local municipalities and/or other stakeholders annually to develop awareness and positive working relationships.**
- b. Are there regional or local, emergency focused, Mutual Aid Agreements and/or Memorandums of Understanding which Parks are signatories to? IF so, could you forward a copy of any templates or examples used at any level?(please ensure any confidential information is redacted) **No**

### 3. Standardization

- a. Is Incident Command System-Canada (ICS-Canada) the standard your organization uses in training and response to incidents, impacting or involving parks? If not, please explain. **In the event of major incident in the province or in or near a park then the**

provincial Fire and Emergency Services would lead the response and they do use ICS Canada

#### 4. Training

- a. Do you have any minimum training standards, for any temporary or permanently assigned roles connected with emergency management?
- b. If training is delivered, is it delivered internally, through government-wide centralized coordination, private sector sources, through partnerships or some other source?

Training may include basic fire training, first aid and AED training, water safety training, and Incident Command System (ICS) training.

The fire training was offered internally by the Forest Fire suppression folks but a lot of our staff are volunteer fire fighters. There is also a fire extinguisher training course online that anyone can do.

First Aid is done internally through PSAccess. Boating safety is an online course offered by the feds.

Incident Command training is offered by Fire and Emergency services and is available to any of our staff internally.

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#### 5. Staff Resourcing

- a. Is there any identified staffing allocations to Emergency Management in your organization, for planning and/or preparedness, specified in performance management documentation and measured in Full-Time-Equivalent positions (ie. 0.5 FTE)? No

#### 6. Budget

- a. Is Emergency Management planning and/or preparedness funded in the annual operating budget and if so, what is the annual allocation and what deliverables does the funding enable? No

#### Wrap Up

Just a quick acknowledgement that responses to these types of asks require a bit of time, which is never in abundant supply. We appreciate your support towards protecting people and parks during times of imminent threat. On behalf of Alberta Parks, thank you for your attention and we look forward to sharing our findings back with you.