



## Pre-Conference Training

Monday Oct 23

**08:30 to 17:00**

### Basic Emergency Management (BEM)

**Provincial EMFS**

This course is based on the four pillars of emergency management - mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The course provides participants with fundamental emergency planning knowledge to enhance their ability to either lead or be part of an EMO committee.

Prerequisites: BEM is a prerequisite for all other Provincial Emergency Management Training.

**08:30 to 17:00**

### Exercise Design

**Provincial EMFS**

This workshop is a combination of lecture and practice. At the end of the workshop, participants will have:

- 1) learned about exercise design,
- 2) practiced designing an exercise,
- 3) Receive a complete set of simple tools they need to conduct their exercises
- 4) Established a network with other communities interested in designing and conducting emergency exercises.

**08:30 to 21:00**

### ICS 200

**Provincial EMFS**

Basic ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents

This course provides training on and resources for those who are likely to assume a supervisory position within the Incident Command System during an emergency response.

Prerequisites: ICS I-100 Incident Command System.

**08:30 to 17:00**

### Community Emergency Response Teams

**Warman ERT**

WERT trains individuals who are volunteers from the community about disaster preparedness for hazards that may impact their area. Also train them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization and disaster medical operations. Using training learned from the classroom and during exercises. WERT members can assist others in their community following a disaster when professional responders are not able to help right away. The team also supports and helps professional responders once on scene.

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Tuesday Oct 24

**08:00 to 11:00**

## Basic Emergency Management (BEM) - continued

**Provincial EMFS**

This workshop is designed to outline the legislative authority and program policy in support of emergency management and to provide a step-by-step process for communities to develop and implement an Emergency Plan for their community.

Prerequisites: Recommend you have BEM and ICS I-100 Incident Command System.

**08:00 to 11:00**

## Occupational Stress

**Julius Brown OSI-Can  
Donna Bowyer CMHA**

**Occupational Stress Injury Initiatives** – Support, information, and resources around operational stress injuries and post-traumatic stress.

OSI-CAN is a support initiative that provides resources, hope, and recovery for veterans and first responders such as Firefighters, RCMP, Local Municipal Police, Emergency Medical Services, Hospital Trauma Personnel, Emergency Communications Personnel, and Corrections Officers who suffer from an Operational Stress Injury/PTSD.

### **Peer Support Groups**

Peer Support is the missing piece in people's recovery from mental illness. When you speak to someone with life experience of mental illness they really do 'get it'. When it is someone that is in recovery they have found the path that worked for them. This is what Peer Support is.

We will look at some of the evidence that shows peer support works and how to set up peer support. Peer support can work with just 2 people with a common goal – recovery. We will also look at what recovery means. Of course the first step is deciding you no longer want to be where you are. You want it to be different. Recognition is the first step.

We will look at some of the identification points for being mentally unwell. There is more than just mental health and mental illness. There is a whole range of being mentally unwell, in between health and illness. The sooner it is identified the quicker the recovery.

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## Session Information

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**13:00 to 14:00**

### North Saskatchewan River Contamination Incident

#### Panel

Prince Albert – Jason Everett, Fire Chief/EMO Coordinator  
North Battleford – Steward Schafer, Director of Operations  
Melfort – Gerald Gilmore, Director of Works & Utilities

Panel presentation and discussion of the challenges they faced to provide a clean water source for their jurisdictions during the Husky Oil Spill Clean-up.

**14:00 to 15:00**

### Role of the Insurance Industry Post-Disaster

#### Bill Adams

As our climate changes, the frequency and severity of extreme weather events is on the rise. Last May, when the Fort McMurray fire first started, few could have imagined that it would trigger the largest evacuation and costliest natural disaster in Canadian history.

This session highlights the critical role the insurance industry played during and after the Fort McMurray wildfire. The close partnership that formed between the insurance community and the local and provincial government helped produce a faster recovery and drastically better results for consumers, and provides many lessons learned and best practices that should be spread throughout the country.

**16:30 to 17:30**

### When it comes to talking about the weather, Canadians are opinionated! And rightly so

#### Claire Martin

But when it comes to talking about wild weather, dangerous weather and protecting Canadians from severe storms, well, that's an entirely different conversation.

“Uniquely pertinent to the overall theme of this meeting, I have spent two decades honing my communication skills as a trusted TV meteorologist. My lengthy on-air experience has afforded me the opportunity to develop relationships with key clients in emergency management, cultivate communications strategies, and plans - from the perspective of understanding how the client relationship works - rather than being referred to as simply a “consumer of the message”. I therefore acutely understand what works, and what doesn't. I also understand that when “weather matters”, frequent communication is as equally as valuable as a good forecast.

**8:30 to 10 AM**

**It Takes a Team to Face the Inferno -  
Nourishing Unity in Crisis**

**Darby Allan**

In the midst of a devastating natural disaster, how does one person manage a team’s countless, critical decisions? Allen, beyond being a brave and strategic leader, also practices empathetic team-building, including colleagues in his decisions and looking out for their needs. In this keynote, Allen offers actionable takeaways for leaders in any field: lessons on encouraging and trusting your teammates wholeheartedly; never losing focus on the moment by worrying about the larger story; and establishing unbreakable relationships that observe and celebrate the smallest of human elements—like the power of a Canadian flag to boost morale and welcome evacuees home.

**10:30 to 11:30 AM**

**Social Media**

**Breakout Sessions**

**Claire Martin**

Dealing with the media during times of crisis. Claire’s experience with helping the UK and Irish Meteorological Services address communication obstacles in regard to poor branding, inaccurate news stories and overcoming poor public perception of a disastrously ambiguous weather forecast.

**Managing Risk - Continuing Operations When  
the Unexpected (or Expected) Occurs**

**John Yamniuk**

All organizations are vulnerable to any natural, human caused (intentional/non-intentional), and or technological events and all face a certain amount of uncertainty and risk impacting the ability to deliver efficient, effective, and sustainable products and services. The approach to deal with new and emerging threats or disasters is now more essential than ever, particularly with global interconnectivity as well as reliance on technology to conduct day to day operations. Join DRI CANADA to explore the expected and unexpected risks that organizations face and tips on mitigation, prevention and preparedness to continue operations.

**Critical Stress Management**

**Barry Salmond**

Critical Stress recognition and management in the workplace. CISM group response to critical incidents providing peer support.

**Warman Emergency Response Team (WERT)**

**Randy Meginbir  
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**WERT BREAKOUT SESSION**

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## **Global Water Futures: Preparing for Water Threats in an Era of Change**

**Dr. Chris DeBeer**

The Global Water Futures (GWF) project ([www.globalwaterfutures.ca](http://www.globalwaterfutures.ca)), led by the University of Saskatchewan, is a \$144 million investment in water research that represents the single largest project of its kind in the world. GWF aims to place Canada as a global leader in water science for cold regions and to address the strategic needs of the Canadian economy in adapting to change and managing the risks of uncertain water futures and extreme events. Its overall mission is to improve disaster warning, predict water futures, and inform adaptation to change and risk management. The project will create Canada's first national water disaster warning system by creating robust forecasting tools capable of warning stakeholders of impending floods, seasonal water flows, droughts and water quality.

Chris DeBeer, the Science Manager for GWF, will introduce this project and describe the development, with Environment and Climate Change Canada, of a national water forecasting modelling system. The presentation will also explore previous floods in western Canada and Saskatchewan, and efforts by GWF and related research initiatives such as the Changing Cold Regions Network ([www.ccrnetwork.ca](http://www.ccrnetwork.ca)) to better understand these.

**14:30 to 15:30 AM**

## **Multi-Agency, Multi-Jurisdictional Searches: A Case Study**

**Breakout Sessions**

**Kent Orosz**

The majority of search and rescue operations for lost or missing persons are performed by small teams of ground searchers and a few police officers. Occasionally, searches can grow in scale to the point that many other agencies from multiple jurisdictional areas are needed to support the search effort. Having an influx of resources can be taxing to Search Managers who are not used to managing such a large-scale incident.

In this presentation, an overview will be given of the Ground Search and Rescue program in Saskatchewan and some of the training that volunteer searchers undertake. An example of a multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional search effort in Saskatoon will then be reviewed from an incident management perspective and looking at the scale-up and scale-down of the operation. Some creative licence will be used to fill in gaps and demonstrate a "best-fit" management structure of the search operation.

## **Business Continuity**

**John Yamniuk**

**"You Can't Stop Bad – Continuing Your Operations When 'Bad' Occurs!"**

Disasters have become more complex, severe, frequent, and widespread. Organizations must be prepared to deal with any type of natural, human caused, and or technological event and in an ever increasing interdependent/interconnected world, the importance of being prepared cannot be overstated. We are in it together in one form or another. Preparation goes beyond having plans in place – it includes understanding new and emerging threats, dependencies – internal and external, as well as having pre-established relationships with entities to make the organization more resilient and lessen the impacts of events when 'bad' does occur.

Join this session where examples of where having pre-established relationships mitigated impacts will be shared and practical tips provided for delegates to implement in their organizations.

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## ASIST – How we can help

**Trevor Tychkowsky**

A regional Incident Management team for Saskatchewan and Alberta. Trevor, along with several other emergency management personnel, saw the need for a Regional Incident Management Team that could respond as a trained group in level 3 emergencies. It was felt that small communities would not be able to fill the roles in the EOC for a long period of time and the Fort McMurray fire confirmed the suspicions that it doesn't matter how big you are, there is always a need for regional teams. Trevor is currently the President of the ASIST team and he and the other members are striving towards being well prepared for the next major incident.

**16:00 to 17:00**

## Beyond the Heroics of Hierarchy

**Dr. Graham Strickert**

Graham's presentation will feature an exercise to illustrate how multiple ways of organizing can improve emergency response and community resilience during catastrophic natural events.

## Thursday Oct 26

**9 to 10 AM**

## Suspicious Package / White Powder Threats

**Ray Unrau**

Recently, Saskatoon and area has been the victim of a series of suspicious package / white powder threats. So many in fact, that the City earned the dubious honor of being called the 'white powder package capital of Canada.' This experience has offered a rather unwanted, but valuable, series of lessons for our local responders, partners in the business community and our city officials.

The purpose of the session is share the lessons we have learned regarding our response capacity, incident management challenges, and the real impacts an unprepared business will experience during these types of disruptions."

**10:30 to 11:30 AM**

## Government of Sask - EMFS

**Duane McKay**

Session information and speakers will be updated as they are confirmed