



SEPA Annual Conference

Nov 5th to 8th 2018

Saskatoon SK



Wed Nov 7

8 – 9 am

Opening Ceremonies

SEPA Board

9 – 10:15

Government Relations EMFS Program Update

Ray Unrau, Deputy Commissioner –
Director Operations

Last year, EMFS provided the SEPA membership with an informal vision of the future state of Emergency Management in Saskatchewan. This year, Ray will update the membership on our progress. We are excited to show you what we have been up to and get your feedback on the concepts. Ray will focus on the following topics:

1. The Mobile Emergency Coordination Center
2. The unit in EMFS called the Intelligence Situation Assessment Team (ISAT)
3. The Virtual Emergency Operations Center
4. The revised training programs
5. Community Emergency Management Surveys



Ray Unrau began working as an EMT for MD Ambulance in 1982, advancing his knowledge to become a paramedic in 1987. In 1993 he joined the Saskatoon Fire Department. He transferred into the Training Division in 1999 where he instructed the departments EMS and Technical Rescue programs. In 2002 Ray found his passion managing Saskatoon’s Emergency Measures Organization. In 2016 Ray took on the role he has today.

10:30 – 12:00

Relationships – Building a Strong Foundation

Dr. Graham Strickert



Graham Strickert is a social-systems scientist specializing in hazards, with an interest in how human behaviours influence the environment around us, especially in light of extreme environmental events. His work has taken him from avalanche hazards that plague the ski industry in New Zealand, to the intricacies of water security in the Saskatchewan River Basin, and many places in-between. He is very interested in bridging the gap that exists between academia and the public, and has been making research relatable to the broader public through innovative means, like forum theatre. He is currently a Research Associate in the Global Institute for Water Security, and will be an Assistant Professor in the School of Environment and Sustainability at the University of Saskatchewan as of June

1st, 2016. He is also an Adjunct Professor with Yukon College. His most recent projects include Facilitating Empathy for Water Security in the Saskatchewan River Basin, Perspectives Performances, Project Blue Thumb, the Delta Stewardship Committee, Human Dimensions of a Thawing Landscape and the Delta Dialogue Network

1 – 5 pm

Extreme Wind and Wildfire Event

Panel and Moderated Discussion

On Tuesday Oct 17, 2017 a fast-moving grasslands wildfire traveled along the Alberta Saskatchewan border. High winds clocked at up to 130kph fueled the blaze into the evening. Evacuations were ordered in Burstall, RM of Deerforks, and Leader. The fire was stopped approximately 30 kms from Leader.

During this moderated session delegates will:

- Hear first hand accounts from the communities involved.
- Visually follow the events as they unfolded on a mapped simulation.
- Gain an understanding of the responses and actions taken by the various engaged agencies, communities and individuals.
- Recap and highlight achievements and successes
- Strive to gain an understanding of options for response improvement.

Draft list of representatives

Chief Russell Job – Burstall Fire Chief	Saskatchewan Health Authority
S/Sgt James Welter – Risk Manager, MOSS, RCMP	SaskPower
Kirsten and Sid McCurdy – Ranchers	Sask Trucking Association
Karrie Derouin – Reeve, RM of Chesterfield	Sask Highways – Lana Eering
Town of Eatonia	Sask Energy
Town of Leader	SaskTel
Town of Kindersley	

Thursday Nov 8

9 – 9:45

**Tomorrow's Weather Forecast:
Warmer, Wetter and Wilder -**

**David Phillips, Senior Climatologist
Environment and Climate Change Canada**

If you think we've been cursed and getting clobbered a lot harder and a lot more often recently you are not imagining it. It used to be that weather was dependable - summers were hot and humid and winters cold and snowy. More and more people are asking: What's happening to our weather? It's almost as if extreme weather has become the norm. A majority of experts suggest that we may be witnessing the beginning of profound climate change and bad weather may be proof of an overheated, out-of-control planet. On the other hand, maybe we are going through some rough times.

We can no longer assume that yesterday's weather will apply tomorrow. Coping with more variable and extreme weather will take more ingenuity and adaptability – something Canadians are good at. However, more communities and agencies need to mainstream extreme weather considerations into their existing public health policies and programs, disaster-risk strategies and emergency preparedness planning.



David Phillips, Senior Climatologist, Environment and Climate Change Canada

David has been employed with Environment Canada's weather service for 50 years. His work activities relate to the study of the climate of Canada and to promote awareness and understanding of meteorology. He has published several books, papers and reports, including a book on The Climates of Canada, and two bestsellers: The Day Niagara Falls Ran Dry and Blame It On The Weather. He is the originator and author of the Canadian Weather Trivia Calendar, the most popular calendar sold in Canada. David frequently appears on national radio and television as a commentator on weather and climate matters. He has been awarded the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada, the Queen Elizabeth Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals and has twice received the Public Service Merit Award. David is the recipient of three honorary doctorates from the universities of Waterloo and Windsor and Nipissing University. In 2001, David was named to the Order of Canada.

10 – 10:45

Emergency Management, Incident Management, Business Continuity Management - the Trifecta of Resilience –

Shannon Walter, ISM Canada

Emergency Management....Incident Management....Business Continuity Management. Historically these three disciplines have been managed and planned for separately. Emergency Management focusing on evacuations and managing emergency personnel. Incident Management focuses on the over management of the event from a strategic level. Business Continuity Management looking at the response and recovery if the event is a major or catastrophic incident. Why would we plan the three main stages of an incident separately when the success of each depends on the success of the other? This presentation will explore the differences and similarities between these three disciplines and how they should be integrated to make an organization more resilient during the unexpected disruptions.

Shannon Walter is a senior Business Continuity Management practitioner with 17 years of experience building full Business Continuity Management Programs in both the financial and insurance market spaces. Not only has she had the opportunity to develop numerous response frameworks, but she has also been in the crux of managing through incidents ranging from infectious disease, bomb threat, loss of location and threat of active shooter. Shannon became certified as a MBCI in 2006 and has been an integral member of establishing The BCI Canada Chapter. In 2009, she served as Secretary on The BCI Canada Board of Directors and in 2010 took on the role of Vice President. In 2011 she was elected President of The BCI Canada until her term ended in 2014. Currently, Shannon is the Enterprise Risk Manager for ISM Canada, an IBM Company.

10:45 – 11:30

What Did you Think Would Happen? –

James Brayshaw

You Squandered all Your Resilience Away?

When you keep writing cheques without making enough deposits, eventually the account runs dry. 'Yes' to this 'Yes' to that, help with this, fix that. Do you ever say "No"?

How is your resilience. Have you been sleeping ok...what are the four pillars of resilience and which agency is responsible for shoring them up to prevent an imminent collapse.

I gotta say, most of us have taken ourselves for granted. We stay up late to read the After-actions or draw lessons from the latest disaster or mass casualty incident, we get up early to respond to the unending emails, we skip lunch to get in on the webinar, we drink and eat more to make up for all the shitty work we keep loading onto ourselves and the time we missed out on hanging out with friends....
.....Gaaawwd !!! when are you gonna take care of yourself?

If you want to be a pillar for your family, organization, community, and Province then let's take a moment to rebuild the Four Pillars of Resilience.

You might be the last one to see how badly these pillars are crumbling but the good news is that even though you weren't born resilient, there is some good evidence to say we can regroup and restore our pillars of resilience. This is the only way to ensure we continue to be the productive, engaged, and fulfilled Emergency Planners (Emergency Planners are people too) that we want to be.

Being together for this 45-minute Plenary session on resilience will have you leaving with a plan on when to get off the top of the world and the path to take to get back on.

James Brayshaw As a Professional Firefighter in Saskatoon for 25 years, James has participated in Emergency Measures Organization work and has worked with a dedicated and caring group of colleagues to develop a robust Critical Incident Stress Team. His work as Chair of the Critical Incident Stress Management team includes educational components in Mental and Behavioral Health for the Fire Service. James also facilitates Mental Health Training through the Mental Health Commission of Canada. He works alongside Angellah, his wife, offering mental health coaching and education on behalf of Saskatchewan Mental Health Training & Support Teams. James finds immense reward through the opportunities he has had to assist both colleagues and citizens in crisis throughout his career. He brings this history to audiences through an edu-taining (educational yet entertaining) delivery that draws the audience into the content. This begins the process of inquiry that encourages progress for those whom he engages.

13:00 – 14:00

**Introduction to Saskatchewan First Nation
Emergency Management Team and the Gaps for
First Nation Communities in Saskatchewan when
dealing with On Reserve Emergencies**

**Michelle Vandevord - Interim Manager
of Sask First Nation Emergency
Management**

This presentation will introduce everyone to our organization. It will explain who we are and the services we are providing to First Nation Communities in Saskatchewan. I will talk about the gaps that we are finding with Emergencies in First Nation Communities. It will point out some of the changes we have been seeing and also some of the work that needs to be done for future events.

Michelle Vandevord – Is currently work for Saskatchewan First Nation Emergency Management as the Interim Manager for our department. A position that is new for me but very exciting and rewarding.

I'm from Muskoday First Nation. I have three daughters and four grandsons who I love to spend all my extra time with. I have lived on the reserve for over 25 years and served in various jobs with most of my time spent in Education as the School Coordinator.

One of the most important jobs that I have had over the years has been as a volunteer in my community. I have sat on many committee's and currently sit on the Lands Advisory Board. I have donated countless hours to the Elders and youth in my community as I know the time and energy is needed.

I'm a Volunteer Firefighter with the Muskoday Volunteer Fire Department serving as the Medic for the past 19 years. Our Fire Department is very active as we have a busy highway that runs directly through the middle of the reserve. We also have a MOU with our neighbor's in Birch Hills which also keeps us very busy.

14:30 – 15:30

SEPA AGM

SEPA Board and Members

15:30 – 16:30

SEPA – Where to Next Strategic Discussions

16:30

Closing ceremony