April 23 - 24, 2024 • Virtual Course

Emergency Preparedness for Indigenous Communities



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Casey Neathway First Nations Health Authority (Vernon, British Columbia)



Caitlin Buxton-Carr First Nations Health Authority (Nanaimo, British Columbia)



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... and more



Indigenous communities across Canada are constantly facing emergencies and natural disasters caused by weather-related events such as floods, wildfires, tornadoes and landslides that are becoming more frequent and severe. As a leader in your Indigenous community, it is imperative for you to take proactive measures in order to ensure the health and safety of your community when emergencies inevitably occur.

Benefits of Attending

- Gain invaluable insights from experts nationwide, including speakers from diverse regions such as Nova Scotia, Québec, and beyond
- Listen to the most recent case studies on wildfires, floods, and natural disasters
- Acquire valuable insights and expertise on optimal methods, tactics, and groundbreaking approaches in emergency preparedness tailored for indigenous communities
- Revolutionize Business Continuity Planning for Indigenous Communities by exploring essential factors to consider for an effective approach
- Learn to execute an Indigenous Disaster Resilience Program by providing guidance, tools, and resources to establish a robust resilience initiative
- Empower Indigenous Communities with Crucial Information by retrieving essential data and resources to strengthen community resilience and preparedness in times of emergencies

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DAY ONE PROGRAM AGENDA: TUESDAY, APRIL 23, 2024

10:30 - 10:45 EDT

Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Chair



Erica Fleck, Director, Emergency Management and Community Safety, Halifax Regional Municipality

10:45 - 11:45 EDT



Cultural Resilience: Strengthening Emergency Preparedness in Indigenous Communities

Kellyann Meloche, Senior Manager, Disaster Risk Management, Canadian Red Cross (Kahnawake, Quebec)

- Promote traditional knowledge exchange
- Facilitate community-led training initiatives
- Establish culturally sensitive emergency response protocols
- Foster intergenerational communication and collaboration
- Engage in cultural preservation efforts alongside preparedness measures

11:45 - 12:45 EDT

Community Preparedness - Why is it so important?



Erica Fleck, Director, Emergency Management and Community Safety, Halifax Regional Municipality

- What does it mean to be prepared
- Must be prepared as an individual first
- Community cohesion and why it's important
- How to help each other

12:45 - 13:30 EDT Break

13:30 - 14:30 EDT



Fire Safety in Northern Communities

Shane Ferguson, Fire Safety Presentations with First Nation Communities in Northern Ontario, Amber's Fire Safety Campaign and Staying Alive Fire Safety Program (Thunder Bay, Ontario)

- Implement Winter Heating Inspections
- Enforce Strategic Snow Removal
- Establish Wildfire Preparedness Programs

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14:30 - 15:30 EDT

Climate and Emergencies: Beyond Environmental Impacts



Casey Neathway, Director, Regional Health Emergency Management and Environmental Public Health Services, First Nations Health Authority (Vernon, British Columbia)



Caitlin Buxton-Carr, Manager of Health Emergency Management, First Nations Health Authority (Nanaimo, British Columbia)

- The presentation will explore how a changing climate is impacting environmental emergencies, infectious diseases, and the public health impacts of these.
- Using case studies, the role of climate change in the frequency, intensity, and nature of emergencies will be examined.
- Considerations for public health, including the importance of a resilient healthcare system, will be demonstrated, including the need for a foundational Indigenous-led approach to wellness.

15:30 - 16:30 EDT



First Nations Health Authority - Supporting Interior Region Communities through the 2023 Wildfires

Shalyn Pigeon, Regional Manager, Health Emergency Management, First Nations Health Authority (Kamloops, British Columbia)

- Overview of the FNHA Health Emergency Management response structure
- Overview of community impacts throughout the Summer 2023
- FNHA supports at emergency support service reception centers
- Other FNHA community supports
- Continued advocacy work and next steps

16:30 EDT Closing Remarks from the Chair

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DAY TWO PROGRAM AGENDA: WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 2024

10:30 EDT

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Case Study

Bringing the Manitoba Health System Together to Support First Nations Wildfire Evacuations

Terry Skipper, Provincial Manager of Emergency Response and Recovery, Shared Health-Soins Communs (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

- The complexities of First Nation evacuations in Manitoba
- Challenges with timely access to evacuee health information
- Leveraging the Incident Command System to support a coordinated response
- Ensuring the continuity of health services post-evacuation
- Lessons learned from First Nations evacuations

11:30 - 12:30 EDT



Health: The Forgotten and Minimalized Role in Emergency Management and Planning

Jeff Beddome, Senior Advisor Emergency Disaster Management, Alberta Health Services Indigenous Wellness Core (Calgary, Alberta)

- Beyond the Emergency Medical Services & Day to Day
- Social Determinants of Health
- Bracing the Pillars of Emergency Management
- Emergency Social Services and...so what?

12:30 - 13:15 EDT Break

13:15 - 14:15 EDT



Cultivating Resilience: Training and Capacity Building for Emergency Preparedness in Indigenous Communities

Jeremiah Louis, Fire Chief, Takla Nation (Vernon, British Columbia)

- Foster strategic alliances with key stakeholders in the community
- Implement hands-on exercises to strengthen joint response capabilities
- Establish communication channels to share resources and information

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How DOTC Adapts the Incident Command System to Prepare for Community Emergencies

Maeengan Linklater, Director Of Operations, Dakota Ojibway Tribal Council (Winnipeg, Manitoba)

- The Importance of Planning Within
- The Utilization of Emergency Planning Tools
- Taking Stock on What You Have
- Believing in Yourself, Team, and Community
- Getting Things Done

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