

REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

July 4, 2019

EOC Update: Prepare Now for Wildfire Season

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) is reminding residents to prepare now for wildfire season. To ensure your family is safe and informed, take a moment to sign up for CivicReady® Mass Notification System. CivicReady is a communication service that provides important updates on wildfires, evacuation alerts, orders, and rescinds as well as Emergency Support Services (ESS) information and public meetings.

Notifications can be received through email, text and/or phone call. To learn more about CivicReady, please visit the RDOS Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) website:

<https://emergency.rdos.bc.ca/civic-ready/>

Residents and visitors can also get the latest information updates by following the RDOS on Twitter and Facebook: <https://twitter.com/EmergMgtRDOS>

<https://www.facebook.com/RegionalDistrictOfOkanaganSimilkameen/>

Wildfire Preparedness Guide

On average, there are more than 1,600 wildfires in British Columbia every year. If you live in a risk area, it's imperative that you take time to get ready. PreparedBC has released a Wildfire Preparedness Guide which focuses specifically on what residents can do to prepare themselves before, during and after a wildfire. The guide includes tips on how to handle wildfire smoke, wildfire related stress and how to FireSmart a property.

The Wildfire Preparedness Guide was created by Emergency Management BC, in partnership with the BC Wildfire Service, FireSmart BC and the Office of the Fire Commissioner, and is available online: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery/preparedbc/know-your-hazards/wildfires>

Wildfire Readiness Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-NmVROeq6vA&feature=youtu.be>

RDOS Emergency Operations Centre

Earlier this year, the RDOS completed construction of a new regional Emergency Operations Centre. The EOC is located near the RDOS headquarters in Penticton and serves as a central command and control facility. An EOC is normally activated at the request of the Incident Commander or senior staff to provide overall jurisdictional direction and control, coordination and resource support during an emergency event. The EOC is staffed by trained personnel and contains information display screens, communications and supporting equipment and supplies to ensure efficient operations and effective emergency management.

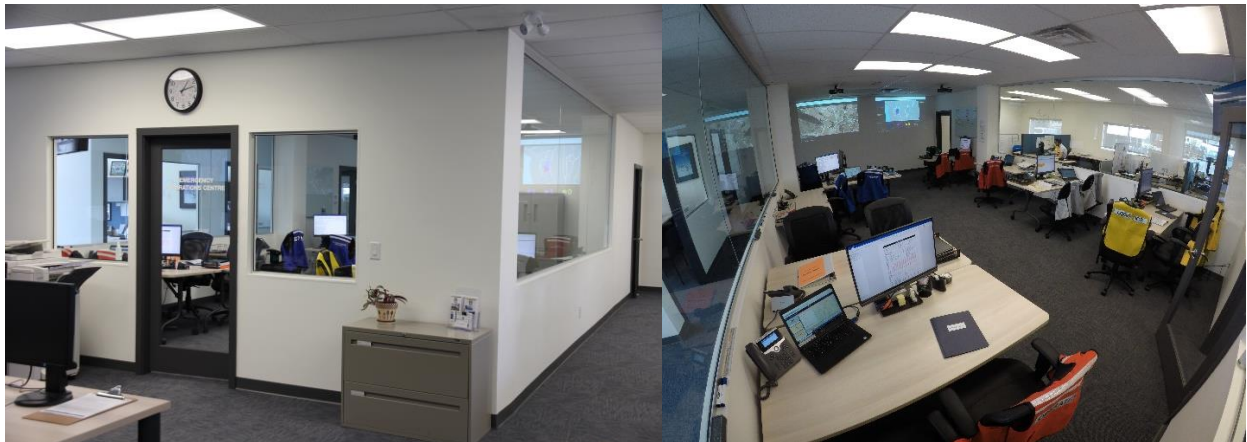
RDOS Mobile Emergency Operations Centre

The RDOS has established an EOC trailer which can be deployed to remote locations within the Regional District to serve as a mobile Incident Command post.

For more information, please contact RDOS Emergency Services Manager Sean Vaisler:
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