

SPSA Emergency Services Officers and Support to Communities

Communities and municipalities are the first line of defense in an emergency and are responsible to plan for events that threaten the safety of people, property and the environment.

When an emergency exceeds the local response capacity, or where a local authority or First Nation requires extra support and/or resources, the SPSA can provide support and assistance.

- Local leaders decide when they need assistance from their mutual aid partners or SPSA.
- When support is needed, their area Emergency Services Officer (ESO) is there to assist.

First Nation Emergency Management

In Saskatchewan, the SPSA works in collaboration with First Nations Emergency Management to enhance public safety. The SPSA also works closely with Indigenous Services Canada, Tribal Councils/Agencies and the Federation of Sovereign Indigenous Nations (FSIN) to support emergency management on First Nations across the province.

- First Nations are responsible for protecting the people and property in their community by providing fire protection and emergency management. This includes emergency planning, working to prevent emergencies and directing and controlling their emergency response.
- The SPSA can assist First Nations in all aspects of emergency management, including:
 - Emergency plan preparation, equipment readiness and deployment;
 - Investigation services;
 - Public safety education and awareness; and
 - Training and certification in emergency management and fire disciplines.
- During an emergency, if a First Nation and their mutual aid partners have exhausted their response capacity, or they require additional assistance, the Province, through the SPSA, can provide additional response personnel, equipment and resources.

Municipal Emergency Management

In Saskatchewan, the SPSA works in collaboration with municipalities to enhance public safety. The SPSA also works closely with other provincial ministries and agencies to support emergency management across the province.

- Local authorities are responsible for protecting the people and property in their community by providing fire protection and emergency management. This includes emergency planning, working to prevent emergencies and directing and controlling their emergency response.
- The SPSA can assist local authorities in all aspects of emergency management, including:
 - Emergency plan preparation, equipment readiness and deployment;
 - Investigation services;

- Public safety education and awareness; and
- Training and certification emergency management and fire disciplines.
- Every local authority must establish an emergency plan in accordance with *The Emergency Planning Act*. An emergency plan indicates what services will be provided in an emergency and how those services will be delivered.
- During an emergency, if a municipality and their mutual aid partners have exhausted their response capacity, or they require additional assistance, the Province, through the SPSA, can provide additional response personnel, equipment and resources.

SPSA Emergency Services Officers

SPSA Emergency Services Officers (ESOs) work with elected officials and community leaders to plan for disasters such as flooding, wildfires, hazardous material spills and any natural or human caused public safety incident. They can conduct workshops and training on topics such as emergency management, emergency plan development and emergency operation centres.

During disasters, they coordinate support and response from various government departments and service organizations.

First Nations and municipalities can contact their local ESO by calling 1-800-667-9660 or, in an emergency, by dialing 9-1-1.