



Bowen Island ESS Newsletter

APRIL/MAY 2019

Emergency Support Services (ESS) is the heart of disaster response. Whether it's helping displaced families find shelter or assisting with food and clothing, ESS provides the services and support needed by those affected by a disaster

INTRODUCTION TO PET SERVICES

In October, Bowen ESS sponsored, Heather Ferguson from CDART (Canadian Disaster Animal Response Team) to teach the Introduction to Pet Services course. We had a great turnout. Animal care during disasters (earthquakes, fire, extreme weather, etc) is a concern for animal owners, animal industries, emergency management and the general public. **One of the many functions of ESS is to provide care for domestic pets while their owners are receiving services at a RC (Reception Centre)**



PET FIRST AID

In April, Diane Charette organized the Pet First Aid course with Heather Ferguson from CDART. It was well attended and appreciated and has 8 more on waiting list for possible next year. Many emergency pet first aid procedures were covered and participants used a variety of animal stuffies to perform the tasks. In addition to having a 72-hour emergency kit for your family, you should also prepare one for your pet. Preparing in advance will increase the likelihood that your pet remains safe and healthy during an emergency.

A Pet First Aid Kit provides you a vital set of emergency items and first aid supplies to help you respond to any injuries on a furry friend. Contained in a durable, lightweight carrying case, the kit is an excellent item to have for the home or the car. You can purchase one for \$50 through Bowen ESS.



MAY 5-11TH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Emergency Preparedness Week (EP Week) is an annual event that takes place each year during the first full week of May and is an opportunity to encourage Canadians to take concrete actions to be better prepared to protect themselves and their families during emergencies.

Once again we will be having a display at BICS and a few other places on island. This is a great time to build your emergency kit and make test your family plan.

By taking an active role in your community, you are helping to build a culture of preparedness in Canada. While governments at all levels are working hard to keep Canada safe, everyone has a role to play in being prepared for an emergency

UPCOMING ESS EVENTS

June is the Bowen Island Fire Department Open House from 11-3pm. ESS has a display table set up. Everyone is welcome to attend and if you'd like to help out, that would be great!

July Canada Day, we will be setting up an ESS information table. If anyone would like to help out please contact Carolyn or Jen.

August Bowfest we will be at this venue. If you would like to help out please contact Carolyn or Jen.
Or just drop by for a chat!

JOBS AND INTERESTS WITHIN THE BOWEN ESS STILL.....

Volunteers can get involved as well as learning about family and personal preparedness. There are jobs that require specific training and others that can utilize someone's particular interests.

ESS VOLUNTEERS FOR RECEPTION CENTRE

ESS volunteers will be setting up a Reception Centre on May 21st starting at 6pm and are asking for all ESS volunteer to come out and get familiar with what it takes to set up a RC, what one might look like on Bowen and practice helping evacuees through the Centre. Please email Tess at ttaylor@bimbc.ca if you are available and please let me know if you have a preferred role in the Reception Centre.



B.I. ESS EMERGENCY SUPPLY SALES

Disasters or emergencies can happen anywhere. Anytime. So be ready for any situation. Order your emergency supplies through Bowen ESS. We get a discount from our supplier, then pass a savings to you, and donate the rest to volunteer/nonprofit emergency programs such as Bowen Island CDART.

For more information on products and costs please contact Carolyn

Next order deadline May 15th

TRAINING SCHEDULE

- On going. Introduction to ESS course through JIBC (2 weeks to complete, 3 hour online course, mandatory pre-requisite for all other courses). This course starts at the beginning and middle of each month. Must register with JIBC.
- EMRG-1613 Group Lodging Applied Learning – October 26th 2019
- EMRG-1612 Introduction to Group Lodging – October 26th 2019
- Emergency First Aid – TBD
- Food Safe Level 1– TBD

GRANT UPDATE

To date we have purchased the following through the UBCM ESS grant:

- Mobile Display Board/ room dividers
- Cots, sheets, pillowcases, pillows
- Childrens Comfort Kits, Emergency Kits
- Yaesu Amateur Radios, 2 way radios
- Big Berkley Water Purifier, Honda Generator
- ESS T-Shirts and Baseball Hats
- Binders, 3"x8" "Bowen Island Emergency Support Services" Banner
- Large "Reception Centre" Banners Printer, Sandwich Board
- RC Vests, Wheeled Totes for storage of Reception Centre Materials
- Folding Tables and Chairs for RC, Pop up tent
- And a Trailer to store and transport supplies

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WEB LINKS

Bowen Island ESS

<https://www.bowenislandmunicipality.ca/ess>

Provincial Emergency Program

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safety/emergency-preparedness-response-recovery>

Training/Courses

<http://www.jibc.ca/programs-courses/schools-departments/school-public-safety/emergency-management-division/government-and-corporate/emergency-support-services>

Emergency Food and Supplies
<http://www.numanna.com>
<http://www.getprepared.gc.ca>
<http://www.72hours.ca>



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