



Bowen Island ESS Newsletter

AUG/SEPTEMBER 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

ESS Reception Centre Drill

In May, Tess Taylor organized a Reception Centre exercise for our volunteers. It was very successful. We tested skills that we have trained for and applied ESS procedures with volunteer evacuees (and ate pizza!).

Thank you to Ceridwen Harris, Cameryn Harris, Beth Welsh, Katie Welsh, Jennifer Harris, Jonathan Lyons and Michelle Johnson. We very much appreciate that you took time out to help us with the drill. And thank you to the ESS volunteers that did an excellent job! Tess, Reidun, Carolyn, Bruce, Peter, Diane, Jayne, Susan and Jeanine.



CDART and ESS PET SERVICE

Diane Charette continues to organize the Bowen Island CDART (Canadian Disaster Response Team). We are working together gathering information, recruiting volunteers and collecting and purchasing emergency supplies to livestock and pets. Diane has acquired 2 grants and is working on getting volunteers and training for the CDART program. Thank you so much all you've done and continue to support our island and animals. WOOF, MEOW.....

CDARTs work in providing pet services (pet care and accommodation) during an emergency is



instrumental to the work of ESS.

Research has repeatedly shown that many residents refuse to evacuate without their pets – the work of CDART is critical to ensuring the safety and well-being of Bowen Island pet owners during a disaster.

If you would like to volunteer with Bowen Island CDART please contact Diane -

boweniscdart@hotmail.com



BOWFEST

ESS, CDART, the NERPs and the Emergency Communications team are sharing a booth at Bowfest Saturday, August 24th. We will be handing out information to help Bowen Islanders understand the hazards they face and how to be prepared in a disaster. Being prepared makes everyone's job, safer and easier.

If you are able to help out at our booth for a few hours (between 11:30 and 5) please contact Carolyn or Jen.

Or just drop by for a chat!

READY TEDDY will be there so come and get your photo taken with him.

BIFD OPEN HOUSE and HAVE A DRINK ON US

In June the ESS Team attended the Bowen Island Fire Department Open House. We handed out emergency preparedness info and free water. Thanks Ted, Bruce, Jen and Carolyn

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.



On going training for new volunteers: 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

ON-ISLAND TRAINING AND COURSES

Sat, September 28th - CPR/ AED training – BI Municipal Hall

The course is full but a few spots are reserved for ESS volunteers: please contact Jen ASAP to register

October 26th 2019 – Group Lodging Course

EMRG-1612 Introduction to Group Lodging – BI Municipal Hall

Learn about the basic functions of a group lodging facility during emergencies or disasters. This course covers the fundamentals for ESS responders who may be called upon to work in, or support the activities at a group lodging facility. The purpose of this course is to prepare ESS responders for working in local facilities designated as group lodging

EMRG-1613 Group Lodging Applied Learning - BI Municipal Hall

Apply Group Lodging skills and practices in a mentored functional exercise. Practice key basic tasks by responding to a mock emergency affecting a community.

Please contact Jen ASAP to register (If we don't fill the course we can invite off island volunteers)



Group Lodging Course at North Shore Emergency Management

Saturday, November 9th 2019 – Full-scale exercise

Full scale reception centre and group lodging exercise – Bowen (BICS)

Mark your calendars; we need all hands on deck for this one!

Exercise Smokey Isle - The purpose of this functional exercise is to provide a safe and 'no-fault' learning environment for members of Emergency Support Services to become familiar with and refine the skills needed to respond to a 'Level 3' activation. This exercise will simulate an interface wildfire in the forested area near Seymour Bay, impacting communities near Seymour Landing and Cowan Point on the southeastern side of the island. ESS volunteers will need to setup a reception centre and group lodging facility to process evacuees and persons affected by the incident. More information will be sent out.

Please let us know asap if you are able to attend.

Saturday, December 7th 2019

CPR/ AED training – BI Municipality – 4 hours

TBD

Food Safe Level 1

Please let us know if you are interested in taking food safe...

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

Kaito Solar Dynamo Trek Radio/Flashlight

WAS \$50.00 ON SALE for \$40.00



- Radio and Flashlight
- AM: 150-1710 KHz
- FM: 87-108 MHz
- Short Wave: 9.3-15.6 MHz (2 Bands)
- NOAA Weather Band: 1-7 Channels
 - Built-in rechargeable Ni-MH battery for recharging cellular devices or gadgets
 - Hand crank and Solar panel for fast and efficient recharging
 - USB port for charging and recharging

Emergency Food and Supplies
<http://www.numanna.com>

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