

2004 ESS Volunteer of the Year



Marie Salem, Kamloops

The countless hours spent by Marie Salem over the last five years in developing a well-trained Emergency Social Services (ESS) volunteer team in Kamloops paid off during Firestorm 2003. As the local director of ESS, Marie was responsible for the organization and operation of a large evacuation reception centre in Kamloops and others in the central region. At Sportsmart Place in Kamloops, 11,000 evacuees were processed and 700 volunteers were involved in providing essential services such as food, clothing and shelter to evacuated residents over a six week period last summer. Marie continues to work closely with city and emergency personnel to improve local emergency preparedness planning.