

## 2006 ESS Volunteer of the Year



**Donna Grobell, Cranbrook**

Donna has accomplished in a short time what other may only hope to do so in a decade. An ESS volunteer since 1998, Donna has taken on a number of local and regional roles including ESS Level One (formerly PDA) Coordinator, Disaster Child Care Coordinator, Emergency Social Services Director for the City of Cranbrook, and is a past member of the South East Mobile Support Team and a past Emergency Social Services Association Regional Representative.

She assisted in New York following 911 through the Red Cross, and was assigned as a supervisor within days of arriving. She also represented Canada at the memorial service in New York.

Donna has been instrumental in establishing the Canadian Disaster Child Care in BC and providing training to ESS volunteers province wide.

Donna has a reputation for building strong teams as well as starting a support network in communities throughout the East Kootenays. Using her ability to build partnerships with organizations and agencies involved in emergency management, Donna most recently provided leadership in pandemic planning at the local level. She understands the need to build partnerships and is extremely well respected by all who work with her. Her commitment and leadership to ESS, to the volunteers and to her community is recognized.