

2007 ESS Volunteer of the Year



Alvina Berggren – Fort Nelson

Alvina Berggren of Fort Nelson is no stranger to meeting the needs of others. Over the past 18 years Alvina has contributed immensely to community disaster preparedness, response and recovery initiatives.

Alvina became an emergency social services volunteer after a nearby forest fire threatened her home. Alvina, her family and out-of-town guests had to evacuate. While there was a happy ending for Alvina, she saw a need to assist others less fortunate and took steps to help make a difference in someone's life.

Currently an active member of the northern emergency social services mobile support team, Alvina is always ready to help others anytime, anywhere and in any type of weather.

Alvina sets a wonderful example to others with her positive attitude, humanitarian spirit. Her commitment to helping others extends far beyond her own community – Alvina has also helped victims of disaster in other areas of BC, in the Manitoba floods of 2005, and as a Red Cross disaster response representative in Louisiana, New York, and Puerto Rico.

To further help reduce human suffering, Alvina also shares her expertise, knowledge and experience by training other emergency social services volunteers.