

2008 ESS Volunteer of the Year



Bev Wilson, Langford

Bev Wilson has been an ESS volunteer since 1996 when she began her career as a founding Director with the Langford ESS team. Since that time, Bev has continued to be active with the Langford team in one position or another. She has several other “firsts” in her career. Bev is one of the original ESS Trainers for the Justice Institute and is an original member and past Director of the first ESS Mobile Support Team in the province, the Vancouver Island Region Team. As an MST member Bev has been on deployments to Salmon Arm in 1998, the Fire Storm of 2003, fire evacuation response in Tumbler Ridge and Williams Lake in 2006, and flooding in Vanderhoof in 2007. Bev has also been a member of the Canadian Red Cross Disaster Program assisting on response following Hurricane George in Puerto Rico. In addition to her ongoing commitments to Langford and her MST and regional training roles, Bev volunteers on the organizing committee of the Vancouver Island Emergency Preparedness Conference. Bev exemplifies the dedication and spirit of generosity in volunteering that is the foundation of community emergency preparedness in British Columbia.

Dedicated volunteers like Bev are always there to meet the challenge as BC’s public safety lifeline. More than 1,300 highly-skilled men and women are volunteers serving in five programs: Search and Rescue, Emergency Social Services, Air Search, Amateur Radio and Road Rescue. They respond to an average of 6,000 emergencies annually.

To honour the commitment of provincial volunteers, the Provincial Emergency Program hosted an awards ceremony in Victoria. April 25-27, 2008.