

## LONG RANGE PROVINCIAL FORECAST

The Environment Canada forecasts for May, June and July are not yet available and the website still shows the information listed below:

### Precipitation:

The area of the province located in the southwest corner and just larger than Vancouver Island is expected to receive normal levels of precipitation. The remainder of the entire province is expected to receive below normal levels for the period noted above.

### Temperature:

The temperature map shows that about 80% of the province will expect above normal temperature. Normal levels should be experienced in the southern portion of the province only.

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## EMERGENCIES NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

Recent global emergencies and their aftermath's affecting large numbers of people and property include but certainly not limited to:

- Volcano
  - April 17 – Comoros – the active volcano, Karthala, on the island Grand Comoro has had an eruption. This volcano is known to erupt every 11 years or so and so the threat to the population was mitigated by early warning but the ash fallout had contaminated the villages' water system making it undrinkable. This has impacted 38,000 people.
- Floods
  - April 24 – Somalia – heavy rains and the resulting floods have wreaked havoc in this country. There are reports of at least five deaths and at least one thousand others displaced. Thousands of livestock have also been reported dead that directly impacts upon the area food and economic status.

- Earthquakes
  - April 10 – Indonesia – a magnitude 6.8 earthquake was felt on the island of Sumatra. No reports of casualties were initially reported with more damage to some homes in the region. Many residents took to running to high ground in anticipation of a tsunami event like the one in late December 2004 in this same region.

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## HIGHLIGHTED WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

It is National Emergency Preparedness Week from May 1 – 7, 2005. This annual calendar event is designed to remind all of us the importance of preparing ourselves and family members. The guidelines and suggestions on getting this very important step initiated are available at:

<http://www.epweek.ca/>

*If your ESS team and/or community have a website relating to your ESS program please let David Tomaz (email [David.Tomaz@gov.bc.ca](mailto:David.Tomaz@gov.bc.ca)) know about it. We will post the site addresses through this publication to let other volunteers know about you and your local programs.*

## MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ESS ACTIVITY

Date	# of Persons Assisted	Event
April 2005	79	19 separate house fires
	53	2 police investigations
	5	1 house destroyed by vehicle
	137	
March 2005	65	19 separate house fires
	33	3 apartment fires
	1	1 flood
	99	
February 2005 revised	90	17 separate house fires
	50	1 apartment fire
	7	3 floods
	2	1 collapsed roof
	149	
January 2005	247	31 separate house fires
	405	3 landslides
	282	7 flood
	934	
	<b>Total – 2005</b>	<b>1,319</b>

## DETAILED ESS INCIDENTS FROM THE PAST MONTH

The following information is intended as a “snapshot” of recent ESS activity:

2005	Incident	# of people assisted	Community
Apr 2	House Fire	4	Squamish
Apr 3	House Fire	3	Courtenay
Apr 3	House Fire	2	Abbotsford
Apr 4	House Fire	7	Abbotsford
Apr 5	Police Investigation	34	Vancouver
Apr 8	House Fire	3	Abbotsford
Apr 10	House destroyed by vehicle	5	Surrey
Apr 11	Police Investigation	19	Kamloops
Apr 11	House Fire	1	Gibons
Apr 12	House Fire	5	Vancouver
Apr 13	House Fire	9	Campbell River
Apr 18	House Fire	5	Richmond
Apr 19	House Fire	5	Surrey
Apr 24	House Fire	9	Maple Ridge
Apr 24	House Fire	7	Nanaimo
Apr 27	House Fire	2	Clearwater
Apr 28	House Fire	1	Kamloops
Apr 28	House Fire	2	Burnaby
Apr 29	House Fire	7	Maple Ridge
Apr 30	House Fire	4	Armstrong
Apr 30	House Fire	3	Fort St John
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>137</b>	

This publication is also available on the ESS website at <http://www.mhr.gov.bc.ca/ess/watch.htm>

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