



ESS WATCH



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LONG RANGE PROVINCIAL FORECAST

The Environment Canada forecasts for February, March and April are:

Precipitation:

Majority of the province is predicted to receive normal levels with below normal for the southern tip of Vancouver Island and the Queen Charlottes and a swath through the upper northern region predicting above normal levels of precipitation.

Temperature:

Approximately 60% of the province is predicted to experience above normal levels with the upper north area and the central region of the province to predict normal levels of temperature for the next three months.

EMERGENCIES NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

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

- Wildfires
 - Feb. 7 – California – a fast moving wildfire has resulted in 1,500 homes in the Anaheim and Orange counties being evacuated by emergency officials. So far no reports of damage or injury but high winds and difficult terrain is hampering the over 600 fire fighters in attacking this fire.
- Floods
 - Jan. 30 – Bolivia – torrential rains have caused multiple river overflows and have resulted in approximately 17,500 people being affected. There are also 5 deaths reported and several bridges and an estimated 600 homes damaged by the flooding.
 - Feb. 3 – Guyana – with the resumption of the annual rain season there are numerous flooding events throughout the country. So far it is estimated that over 35,000 people have been affected by heavy rain flooding and landslides.

HIGHLIGHTED COMMUNITY ESS WEBSITE

Recently a local community website was introduced to our office and it was an enjoyable visit. We encourage all readers to stop by and see what is happening in the very active community of Gabriola Island in terms of ESS development. Well done!

Here is the link: <http://www.essgabriola.com/gessnew/indexn.php>

PEP - ESS OFFICE NEWS

1. The ESS table top display units were delivered to the following winners of our draw:

Winning Name	Community
Jean Morgan	Courtney
Jim Bailey	Vernon
Joyce McLeod	Kitimat
Marie Salem	Kamloops
Ron Higo	Port Moody
Betty Atchison	Kimberley

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ESS ACTIVITY

Date	# of Persons Assisted	Event
January 2006	88 3 5 2	32 separate house fires 1 apartment fire 2 mudslide 1 Police incident
Total – 2006	98	36 separate incidents

DETAILED ESS INCIDENTS FROM THE PAST MONTH

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

2006	Incident	# of people assisted	Community
Jan 1	House Fire	4	Sorrento
Jan 1	House Fire	3	Abbotsford
Jan 3	House Fire	2	Lumby
Jan 4	House Fire	3	Nanaimo
Jan 4	House Fire	2	Cranbrook
Jan 5	House Fire	2	Merritt
Jan 5	House Fire	1	Parksville
Jan 7	House Fire	1	Squamish District
Jan 8	House Fire	4	Chilliwack
Jan 10	House Fire	4	Prince George
Jan 10	House Fire	3	Stewart
Jan 11	House Fire	2	Mission
Jan 11	House Fire	4	Prince Rupert
Jan 12	House Fire	1	Prince George
Jan 11	Mud Slide	1	Nelson
Jan 13	Mud Slide	4	Trail
Jan 16	House Fire	6	Chetwynd
Jan 17	House Fire	3	View Royal
Jan 18	House Fire	1	Nelson
Jan 19	House Fire	1	Vancouver
Jan 21	Police Incident	2	Coquitlam
Jan 24	House Fire	6	Lake Country
Jan 24	House Fire	1	Kelowna
Jan 25	House Fire	8	Surrey
Jan 25	House Fire	3	Squamish
Jan 26	House Fire	5	Winfield
Jan 27	House Fire	2	New Westminster
Jan 27	House Fire	3	Coquitlam
Jan 28	House Fire	3	Kamloops
Jan 28	House Fire	1	Burnaby
Jan 28	House Fire	0	Saanich
Jan 29	House Fire	4	Kelowna
Jan 29	House Fire	0	Abbotsford
Jan 29	House Fire	2	Fort St. John
Jan 30	House Fire	3	Vancouver
Jan 31	Apartment Fire	3	Richmond
	TOTAL	98	

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