
PEP - Emergency Social Services Office Monthly Bulletin

LONG RANGE PROVINCIAL FORECAST

The Environment Canada forecasts for July, August and September are:

Precipitation: The map shows almost all provincial regional districts can expect below normal levels of precipitation expect for the Stikine, Kitimat – Stikine and Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional districts which are predicted to see normal levels.

Temperature: The map shows the entire province and even the entire country is expected to receive above normal levels for temperature over the next three months.

EMERGENCIES NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL

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

- Wildfires
 - June 25 – Utah, USA – a 12,000 acre complex fire (a combination of three separate lightning started fires) is still raging out of control northwest of St George. So far there are 50 primary residences in the community of Motoqua as well as the community of Enterprise and the Goldstrike Mine is potentially threatened by the fire.
 - Floods
 - June 18 – Indonesia – widespread flooding had resulted in tens of thousands being evacuated from their homes in at least 3 provinces. The damage reports are only estimates as most transportation routes have been affected and make a number of villages inaccessible.
 - June 22 – 5 Eastern States, USA – heavy rains and storms have impacted 5 Eastern States (Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey) with thousands of people being evacuated from their homes. There were a number of river bank breaches and potential dam impacts throughout the area. The National Guard was activated to assist in flood recovery operations throughout the regions.
 - June 30 – Romania – heavy rains resulting in flash floods has left at least 10 people dead and hundreds of displaced residents in the northern areas.
-

HIGHLIGHTED WEBSITE

Given the recent forest fire activity in the Province we have considered that a visit to the **Ministry of Forests Wildfire News** website would be helpful to our ESS community. On this site you will see historical fire information regarding the activities undertaken by the forest firefighters in the province, where fires are presently occurring and their status as well as much more information dealing with the hazard ratings of our forests in regards to fire potential and any corresponding fire restrictions. Enjoy your visit to:

<http://www.for.gov.bc.ca/pScripts/Protect/WildfireNews/index.asp>

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ESS ACTIVITY

Date	# of Persons Assisted	Event
June 2006	85	23 separate house fires
	186	7 apartment fires
	20	1 forest fire
	unknown	1 hydrate fire fighters

291		
May 2006	69	20 separate house fires
	144	6 apartment fires
	to be determined	1 flood
	14	2 police evacuations
	45	1 broken water main
8	1 severe storm	

280		
April 2006	69	22 separate house fires
	15	1 apartment fire
	11	1 hotel fire
	20	1 police incident

115		
March 2006	64	24 separate house fires
	63	2 apartment fires
	1	1 flood
	99	1 ferry sinking

227		
February 2006	92	27 separate house fires
	12	2 floods
	4	1 dangerous goods
	40	1 apartment fire
	63	1 bus fire

211		
January 2006	88	32 separate house fires
	3	1 apartment fire
	5	2 mudslides
	2	1 police incident

98		
Total – 2006	1,222	184 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
Jun 3	House Fire	6	Burnaby
Jun 3	House Fire	3	Burnaby
Jun 3	House Fire	4	Westside
Jun 4	House Fire	1	Port Alberni
Jun 4	House Fire	2	Saanich
Jun 9	Forest Fire	20	Thornhill
Jun 5	House Fire	4	Kelowna
Jun 6	House Fire	2	Central Saanich
Jun 10	Apartment Fire	16	Surrey
Jun 10	House Fire	7	Victoria
Jun 13	House Fire	2	Agassiz
Jun 15	Apartment Fire	29	Duncan
Jun 15	House Fire	6	North Vancouver
Jun 15	House Fire	0	Abbotsford
Jun 17	House Fire	2	Castlegar
Jun 18	Apartment Fire	9	Vancouver
Jun 18	House Fire	3	Surrey
Jun 18	Apartment Fire	70	Penticton
Jun 19	House Fire	2	Nanaimo
Jun 20	House Fire	5	Surrey
Jun 21	Hydrate Fire Fighters	Unknown	Pender Island
Jun 21	House Fire	4	Courtenay
Jun 21	House Fire	8	Quesnel
Jun 22	Apartment Fire	15	Port Alberni
Jun 24	House Fire	1	Abbotsford
Jun 25	House Fire	4	Nanaimo
Jun 26	Apartment Fire	14	Abbotsford
Jun 26	Apartment Fire	42	Burnaby
Jun 27	House Fire	4	Vernon
Jun 27	House Fire	1	Victoria
Jun 28	House Fire	4	Chilliwack
Jun 29	House Fire	1	Prince George
	TOTAL	291	

Your feedback is important to us at the ESS Office.
Please send your comments, questions or tips to:
David Tomaz, Provincial ESS Coordinator,
at 1-800-585-9559, by fax at 250-952-5831
or e-mail at David.Tomaz@gov.bc.ca.