
PEP - Emergency Social Services Office Monthly Bulletin

LONG RANGE PROVINCIAL FORECAST

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

Precipitation: the map indicates that the entire west coast, the eastern Rocky Mountains ranges and the northern border with the Yukon can expect below normal level of precipitation. There is one spot on the map, in the area of Prince George, which shows a prediction of above normal levels.

Temperature:
The entire province except for the Lower mainland and Southern Vancouver Island is predicted to experience above normal levels of temperature.

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:

- Volcanoes
 - May 4 – Indonesia – Mount Merapi, near Jakarta, had required more than 5,000 people to leave their homes. There were plans being prepared for the further evacuation of additional 32,000 villagers living near the slopes of the mountain but so far the status of the volcano has remained at a stage just below mandatory evacuation of the residents.
- Floods
 - May 15 – Tanzania – event has left at least 19,000 people homeless in the northern Kilimanjaro region. There are reports of 998 homes having been submerged by flooding waters.
 - May 26 – New England USA – three separate counties have reported significant impacts from flooding. New Hampshire reported 25 homes destroyed 235 homes with major damage along with another 4,800 homes affected in 100 communities. Massachusetts reported an estimated 14,000 homes in 4 communities and Maine reported 1,000 homes affected by flooding damage.
 - May 29 – Thailand - flooding and landslides have resulted in 77 deaths and 38 people reported as missing. The housing damage reports show 555 houses destroyed and 3,120 damaged. The government reported that this event affected 170,600 residents of which 1,240 people were actually evacuated.

- Typhoon
 - May 22 – Vietnam – typhoon Chanchu has claimed 26 lives at this point. There are still reports of missing ships (mainly fishing vessels) and an estimated 181 people missing . There are reports of as many as 330 fishermen on 15 ships being saved and supported by neighbouring Chinese ships.
- Earthquake
 - May 27 – Indonesia – a 6.3 magnitude on the Richter scale earthquake has left a great impact in the area of Yogyakarta. Presently reports are showing 5,141 deaths and at least 200,000 people left homeless.

PEP - ESS OFFICE SECTION

Announcing Public Safety Lifeline Volunteers Years of Service Pins

We are pleased to announce that years of service pins are now available to recognize the valuable time contributed by PEP registered volunteers within the Public Safety Lifeline disciplines. The pins are available in five year increments (5-35 years) for **Emergency Social Services, Emergency Radio, Search and Rescue, Road Rescue** and **PEP Air** groups. Volunteers that attended the annual volunteer awards banquet on April 29, 2006, received years of service pins. Visit the PEP website at <http://www.pep.gov.bc.ca/volunteer/pslvpins.html> to see more information about this event.

To order, group leaders or Emergency Program Coordinators must complete an order form (available on the PEP website). Use one form per discipline, listing individual volunteer's years of service and submit to your PEP Regional Office for approval and processing. The requested pins will be returned with a copy of the order form to the PEP Regional Office. Presentation of the pins should be arranged between the Regional Manager and the requesting group or Emergency Program Coordinator. Pin presentation folders are also available upon request from the PEP Regional Offices.



MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ESS ACTIVITY

Date	# of Persons Assisted	Event
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 fire
	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	931	152 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
May 2	Apartment Fire	56	Burnaby
May 5	House Fire	6	Kelowna
May 5	House Fire	1	Salmon Arm
May 6	House Fire	2	Peachland
May 8	House Fire	4	Prince George
May 9	House Fire	2	Surrey
May 9	House Fire	2	Clinton
May 10	Police Evacuation	10	Vancouver
May 10	House Fire	2	Langford
May 12	House Fire	2	Surrey
May 14	House Fire	3	Vancouver
May 15	Apartment Fire	22	Vancouver
May 15	Apartment Fire	13	Victoria
May 17	Apartment Fire	10	Vernon
May 17	House Fire	1	North Vancouver
May 17	House Fire	6	Esquimalt
May 17	House Fire	2	Cortez Island
May 18	Flood	To be determined	Passmore
May 19	House Fire	6	Mission
May 19	House Fire	4	Victoria
May 19	House Fire	2	View Royal
May 19	Apartment Fire	20	Vancouver
May 22	Broken Water Main	45	Vancouver
May 25	Apartment Fire	23	Vancouver
May 25	House Fire	4	Langley
May 25	Severe Storm	8	Langley
May 26	House Fire	4	Courtenay
May 28	House Fire	7	Castlegar
May 31	Police Evacuation	4	Saltspring Island
May 31	House Fire	7	Salmon Arm
May 31	House Fire	2	Nanaimo
	TOTAL	280	

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