



ESS WATCH



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LONG RANGE PROVINCIAL FORECAST

The Environment Canada forecasts for October, November and December are:

Precipitation: The province is likely to see below normal levels of precipitation with the exception of northern BC which is forecast to experience normal amounts of precipitation.

Temperature: Most of the province is going to receive above normal temperatures with the exception of most of Vancouver Island and the south most portions of the Kootenays which should see normal levels.

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:

- Floods
September 7 – Illinois – heavy rain drenched the area dropping four to five inches in a short period of time destroying 20 homes and damaging several hundred. Over 700 families were displaced from their homes.
- Hurricanes
September 17/18 – Mexico – Hurricane Lane affected 240,700 people and 32,400 were evacuated. Four people are reported to have been killed as a result of flooding and landslides.

- Tornadoes
September 28 – Maryland – Tornadoes touched down in several counties damaging 20 homes of which five of those homes were uninhabitable.
 - Typhoons
September 28 – Philippines – Typhoon Xangsane left 98 people killed, 81 injured and 72 missing. Nearly 400,000 families have been affected and over 56,000 homes totally damaged.
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ESS OFFICE STAFFING ANNOUNCEMENT

With David Tomaz's move to another position in PEP, all Regional ESS / Recovery Coordinator (RESSRC) duties for the Vancouver Island Region (VIR) will be temporarily the responsibility of the Manager of the ESS Office, Jeff Cornell until the vacant position is filled. When a successful candidate is selected the ESS website will be updated with this announcement.

If you have any questions please contact Jeff at 1-800-585-9559 or 250- 952-5819 or by email at Jeff.Cornell@gov.bc.ca

HIGHLIGHTED WEBSITE OF THE MONTH

With the arrival of fall comes the cold and flu season. The BC Nurse Line and Health Guide is a wealth of valuable, accessible information for you and your family.

www.bchealthguide.org/kbaltindex.asp

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF ESS ACTIVITY

| Date | # of Persons Assisted | Event |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| September 2006 | 53 | 21 separate house fires |
| | 63 | 5 apartment fires |
| | 116 | |
| August 2006 | 80 | 31 separate house fires |
| | 20 | 1 apartment fire |
| | Unknown | 1 gas leak |
| | 100 | |
| July 2006 | 81 | 20 separate house fires |
| | 500 | 2 apartment fires |
| | 3,679 | 5 forest fires |
| | 27 | 1 severe storm |
| | 2 | 1 police evacuation |
| | 100 | 1 apartment evacuation |
| | 4,389 | |
| 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 | 5,827 | 265 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 |
|----------|----------------|----------------------|----------------|
| Sept 1 | House Fire | 4 | Houston |
| Sept 1 | House Fire | 1 | Langford |
| Sept 5 | House Fire | 2 | Port Hardy |
| Sept 8 | House Fire | 1 | Kamloops |
| Sept 10 | House Fire | 1 | Surrey |
| Sept 10 | House Fire | 7 | Salmon Arm |
| Sept 11 | House Fire | 1 | 100 Mile House |
| Sept 11 | Apartment Fire | 20 | Vancouver |
| Sept 13 | House Fire | 3 | View Royal |
| Sept 13 | House Fire | 3 | Surrey |
| Sept 14 | House Fire | 1 | Surrey |
| Sept 14 | Apartment Fire | 9 | Nanaimo |
| Sept 16 | Apartment Fire | 15 | Coquitlam |
| Sept 16 | Apartment Fire | 7 | Vancouver |
| Sept n16 | Apartment Fire | 12 | Cranbrook |
| Sept 16 | House Fire | 1 | Port Alberni |
| Sept 18 | House Fire | 1 | Nanaimo |
| Sept 20 | House Fire | 3 | Aldergrove |
| Sept 22 | House Fire | 2 | Surrey |
| Sept 22 | House Fire | 4 | Prince George |
| Sept 23 | House Fire | 3 | Nanaimo |
| Sept 24 | House Fire | 5 | Delta |
| Sept 26 | House Fire | 4 | Maple Ridge |
| Sept 27 | House Fire | 1 | Lake Cowichan |
| Sept 29 | House Fire | 1 | Port Alberni |
| Sept 29 | House Fire | 4 | Kelowna |
| | TOTAL | 116 | |

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