



# Rural Disaster Resilience Project Resources

## *Information Guide: Alberta*

### General Information

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#### Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA)

The Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards, including information regarding Regional Managers and staff throughout the province who are able to take calls and do their best to answer any questions about hazards that you may have.

<p>General Contact Information Tel: (780) 422-9000 Toll-free (in Alberta): 310-0000 Fax: (780) 644-1044 E-Mail: <a href="mailto:aema@gov.ab.ca">aema@gov.ab.ca</a></p>	<p>Randy Tiller, Field Operations Team Lead E-mail: <a href="mailto:randy.tiller@gov.ab.ca">randy.tiller@gov.ab.ca</a> Alberta Emergency Management Agency 250-7015 Macleod Trail SW Calgary, AB, T2H 2K6 Office: 403 297 6470 Cell: 403 815 9665</p>
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<http://www.aema.alberta.ca/> or <http://www.emergencyalert.alberta.ca>

AEMA provides detailed information as to influenza alerts, Alberta fire bans, Alberta Environment advisories and warnings, river ice observation reports, and Canadian Avalanche Centre bulletins. As well as providing either direct information or links to alerts and warnings, the AEMA website provides hazards information on:

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| Avalanches                 | Landslides                 |
| Disease Outbreaks          | Tornados                   |
| Earthquakes                | Severe Weather             |
| Flooding                   | Fires                      |
| Hazardous Material Spills  | Air Quality                |
| Vehicle Safety             | Drinking Water Quality     |
| Choking                    | River Ice                  |
| Suffocation                | Bike and Pedestrian Safety |
| Strangulation              | Poison Prevention          |
| Firearms Injury Prevention | Motor Vehicle Safety       |
| Power Outages              |                            |



## The Office of the Fire Commissioner's (OFC)

The Office of the Fire Commissioner's (OFC) activities include the following:

- providing technical advisory services to Alberta communities and organizations that deliver fire and emergency response and prevention services for citizens
- coordinating high-quality, uniform training and certification standards for Alberta's fire rescue and search and rescue personnel
- provides various public safety education campaigns and materials aimed at encouraging Albertans and visitors to Alberta to act safely
- collecting, analyzing and publishing fire and emergency response data generated by fire rescue departments and search and rescue teams

Other activities within the OFC's mandate include advising municipalities on delivery of their public safety education and providing technical inspection and fire investigation services to ensure compliance with Alberta's building and fire codes.

<p>Central Region Frank Harris, Fire Field Officer Tel: (403) 340-4987 Fax: (403) 340-5210 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362 Email: frank.harris@gov.ab.ca Mailing Address: Suite 207, Provincial Building 4920 - 51 Street, Red Deer, Alberta T4N 6K8 <a href="http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/central-region.cfm">http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/central-region.cfm</a></p>	<p>North West Region Mike Shykora, Office of the Fire Commissioner Tel: (780) 624-6303 Fax: (780) 624-6552 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362 Email: Michael.Shykora@gov.ab.ca Mailing Address: Bag 900, Box 24, 9621 - 96 Avenue, Peace River, Alberta T8S 1T4 <a href="http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/northwest-region.cfm">http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/northwest-region.cfm</a></p>
<p>East Central Region Don Rosland, Fire Field Officer Tel: (780) 679-1270 Fax: (780) 672-1354 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362 Email: don.rosland@gov.ab.ca Mailing Address: Main Floor, 4910-52 Street Camrose, Alberta T4N 6K8 <a href="http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/east-central-region.cfm">http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/east-central-region.cfm</a></p>	<p>North East Region Ross Bennett, Fire Field Officer Tel: (780) 644-4692 Fax: (780) 415-8663 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362 Email: ross.bennett@gov.ab.ca Mailing Address: 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commerce Place, 10155 – 102<sup>nd</sup> Street Edmonton, Alberta T5J 4L4 <a href="http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/northeast-region.cfm">http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/northeast-region.cfm</a></p>
<p>Southern Region Jacen Abrey, Assistant Fire Commissioner Tel: (403) 381-5483 Fax: (403) 382-4426 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362 Email: jacen.abrey@gov.ab.ca Mailing Address: 360 Provincial Building 200-5 Avenue S. Lethbridge, Alberta T1J 4C7 <a href="http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/southern-region.cfm">http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/southern-region.cfm</a></p>	<p>North Central Region Jeremy Wagner, Fire Rescue Officer Tel: (587) 268-2014 Fax: (780) 415-8663 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362 Email: jeremy.wagner@gov.ab.ca Mailing Address: 16<sup>th</sup> Floor, Commerce Place 10155 – 102<sup>nd</sup> Street Edmonton, Alberta T5L 2W4 <a href="http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/north-central-region.cfm">http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/north-central-region.cfm</a></p>
<p>South Central Region Tom Harnos, Fire Rescue Officer Tel: (403) 592-4219 Fax: (403) 297-4174 24 Hour Tel: (866) 618-2362 Email: tom.harnos@gov.ab.ca Mailing Address: #250, 7015 Macleod Trail Calgary, Alberta T2H 2K6 <a href="http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/south-central-region.cfm">http://www.ofc.alberta.ca/south-central-region.cfm</a></p>	

## Local District Contacts

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The website below provides a starting point for identifying local district contacts for your community.

In Alberta, contact information for municipal districts and counties is available at <http://aamdc.com/>

## Areas and Districts

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### School Districts

For School Districts in Alberta go to [http://www.clearview.ab.ca/School\\_Boards](http://www.clearview.ab.ca/School_Boards)

### Electoral Boundaries and Districts

The Government of Alberta has a “Maps and Data Summaries” section which may be helpful: <http://www.environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/reports>

## Territorial Policing

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Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

You can locate RCMP Detachments in Alberta at <http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/ab/det-eng.htm>

## Fire Protection Areas

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Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

Alberta Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information at <http://www.firehall.com//departments.php?prov=ab>

## Territorial Geological Organization

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In Alberta see the Alberta Geological Survey <http://www.ag.gov.ab.ca/>

## Geography - General

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## Civil Emergency Measures Act

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### Alberta: The Disaster Services Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Alberta is called the Disaster Services Act.

[http://www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/publichealth/envhealth/program\\_areas/emergency\\_planning/documents/DISASTER\\_SERVICES\\_ACT.pdf](http://www.calgaryhealthregion.ca/publichealth/envhealth/program_areas/emergency_planning/documents/DISASTER_SERVICES_ACT.pdf)

There are a few definitions and legal requirements under the Act which are important to understand (note that this list is selected from a larger list and the text has, in some cases, been edited for length).

“Agency” means the Alberta Emergency Management Agency

“declaration of a state of emergency” means an order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council

“declaration of a state of local emergency” means a resolution or order of a local authority

“disaster” means an event that results in serious harm to the safety, health or welfare of people or in widespread damage to property

“emergency” means an event that requires prompt co-ordination of action or special regulation of persons or property to protect the safety, health or welfare of people or to limit damage to property

“local authority” means

(a) where a municipality has a council within the meaning of the Municipal Government Act

(b) in the case of an improvement district, the Minister responsible for the Municipal Government Act

(c) in the case of a special area, the Minister responsible for the Special Areas Act

(d) the settlement council of a settlement under the Metis Settlements Act

(e) the park superintendent of a national park or the superintendent’s delegate where an agreement is entered into with the Government of Canada in which it is agreed that the park superintendent is a local authority

(f) the band council of an Indian band where an agreement is entered into with the Government of Canada under section 9(b) in which it is agreed that the band council is a local authority

Thus, the local authority has the ultimate authority, unless the Government assumes direction and control under section 18. Further under the legislation, a municipality is broadly defined to include some unincorporated areas. Under Section 11, a local authority:

(a) shall, at all times, be responsible for the direction and control of the local authority’s emergency response unless the Government assumes direction and control under section 18

(b) shall prepare and approve emergency plans and programs.

## Community History

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Provincial archives are a great place to search for early history on your community – it may be a bit confusing to access information at first, so take some time to get orientated to each website.

Alberta Archives

<http://culture.alberta.ca/archives/>

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## General Territorial Statistics

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You can find statistics on the Finance and Enterprise Alberta website

<http://www.finance.alberta.ca/>

## Vital Statistics

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<http://www.servicealberta.gov.ab.ca/VitalStatistics.cfm>

## SuPPlemental TerRitorial Hazards Information

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Droughts

[http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/\\$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/ppe9917](http://www1.agric.gov.ab.ca/$department/deptdocs.nsf/all/ppe9917)

Forest and Wild Fires

<http://www.srd.alberta.ca/>

Floods

<http://www.environment.alberta.ca/forecasting/advisories/>