



## **Integrated Partnership for Regional Emergency Management in Metro Vancouver (IPREM)**

### **Strategic Plan 2012 and 2013**

#### **1. Vision**

A disaster–resilient region where all levels of government and key stakeholders work together seamlessly.

#### **2. Mission**

To develop and deliver a coordinated seamless regional emergency management strategy supported by an integrated concept of emergency operations, strategic priorities and supporting plans.

#### **3. Goals**

IPREM will develop and recommend improvements to the emergency management system in Metro Vancouver to promote:

- A professional, diverse, expertise based multi-disciplinary approach to emergency management
- Integrated planning encompassing the four pillars of emergency management (Planning and Preparedness, Mitigation, Response and Recovery)
- Collaboration with all levels of government, public and private sector agencies
- Identification of key technical networks and shared systems required for effective emergency management and promote their establishment
- Innovation and new concepts for more effective emergency management planning
- Expanding the boundaries of emergency management beyond the traditional community to advance service continuity

#### **4. Strategic Methodology**

IPREM is an inter-governmental entity working to improve emergency management with all levels of government and stakeholders across metro Vancouver. It was established in 2009 with full support from local, regional and provincial governments.



IPREM recognizes that emergency management is a shared responsibility and that the British Columbia Emergency Response Management System (BCERMS) is the accepted system under which all government agencies will work.

IPREM will:

- Establish benchmarks using best practices for the performance of the regional emergency management system
- Assess the status of the emergency management systems and capabilities in Metro Vancouver; identify gaps, options and recommend deliverables
- Develop regional emergency management concepts and common platforms
- Define regional priorities leading to solutions in the short and longer term
- Engage all partners to achieve success through cooperation and multi-jurisdictional education, training and exercises
- Leverage opportunities from emergency management initiatives and events across all stakeholders
- Prepare an annual business work plan

For 2012 and 2013, the overall priorities are shown below and the annual work plan/deliverables are shown in Appendix A:

A. Priority Regional Initiatives:

- Develop an All Hazard Integrated Regional Concept of Operations
- Establish a Regional Emergency Communications Strategy and a Proposed Governance Model
- Complete a Regional Hazard/Risk Assessment
- Enhance Critical Infrastructure Assurance

B. Secondary Regional Initiatives:

- Implement new process to establish and update Disaster Response Routes (including interface with iNET, Integrated Network For Emergency Transportation Concept)
- Finalize the Regional Disaster Debris Management Plan
- Coordinate and support implementation of relevant 2011 Stanley Cup Riot Review Recommendations (Furlong/Keefe Report), through the work of existing IPREM initiatives:
  - Coordinate Recommendations 7, 9, 14, 15, 17
  - Support Recommendations 1, 8, 47
- Organize regional exercises and workshops to support IPREM projects
- Respond to referrals, increase awareness, education and visibility of IPREM initiatives