

Greater Sudbury Emergency Management Update Report



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This report aims to provide The City of Greater Sudbury Emergency Services Committee with an update on information as it relates to recent business activities within the Emergency Management Section of the Community Safety Department.

The Emergency Management Section provides leadership, guidance and direction to ensure the safety of residents in community emergencies. This Section is governed by the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA). The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management and the Greater Sudbury Emergency Management Advisory Panel provide further direction and advice to the Emergency Management Section. This Section offers 24/7 support with a primary focus on the safety of our citizens through the effective management of community risks and emergencies.

Basic Emergency Management (BEM) Course

On May 30-31 and September 19-20 CGS Emergency Management hosted two sessions of the Basic Emergency Management (BEM) course.

The course provided an opportunity for participants to learn about emergency management in Ontario; including the systems and processes for preventing, mitigating, preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters.



The BEM course is a two-day provincially certified course taught through the City of Greater Sudbury's Emergency Management Office. The training was provided by Emergency Management Officer Latoya McGaw and Regional Advisor North, Business Continuity and Emergency Management Unit at Ontario Ministry of the Attorney General, Carolyn Salem. A total of 46 participants received this training.

The course dates for 2020 will be announced at the end of the year.

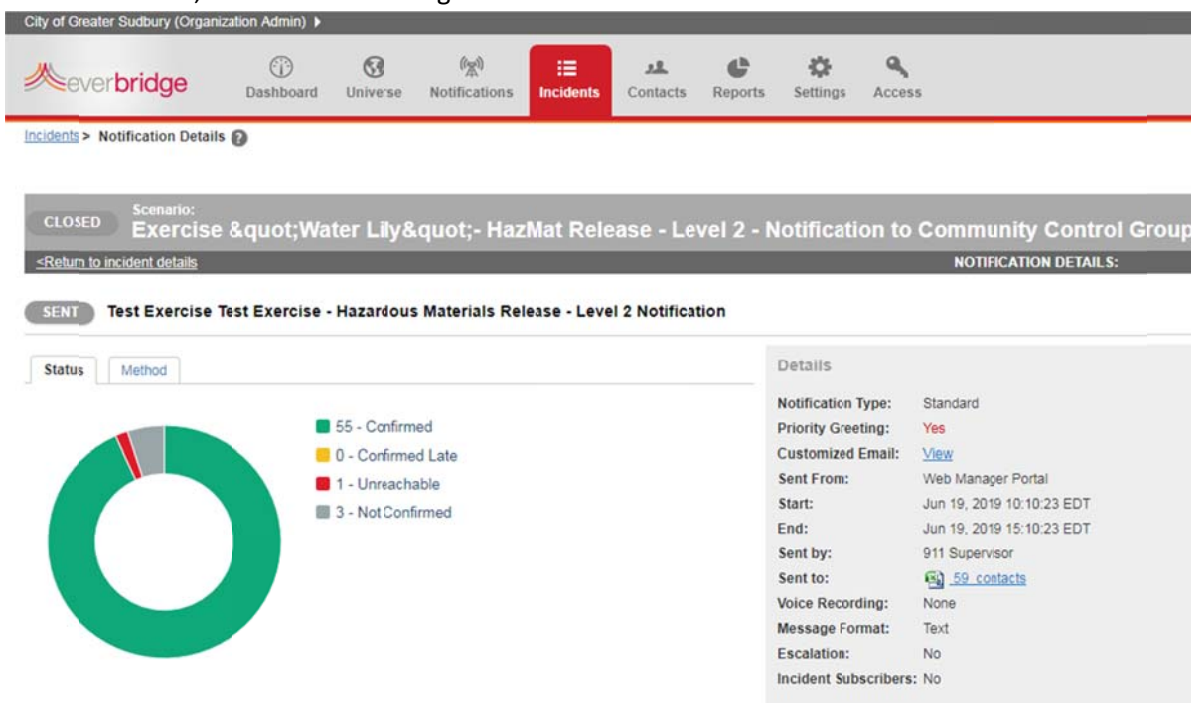


Strathcona Mill's Joint Health and Safety Week

During Strathcona Mill's Health and Safety Week, June 10-14, the CGS Emergency Management was invited to deliver a presentation on Personal Preparedness. The presentation highlighted the various hazards/emergencies that could occur in the community. It encouraged community members to "be prepared" by taking steps/actions that could help to reduce the impact of emergencies on their families, property, the environment and their community. The presentation was attended by 58 Glencore workers.

Exercise Water Lily

A second hazardous material quarterly testing for 2019, "Exercise Water Lily," was held on June 19th. The exercise was designed to test the communication process between response and partner agencies who would be involved in a hazardous material release event. The reporting results were extremely positive in terms of Community Control Group members reporting back in response to the test notification, as noted in the image below.



The exercise also provided a training opportunity and ongoing awareness for the Community Control Group and staff. Activities such as this assist in continuously improving our Standard Operating Procedure (SOPs) by identifying gaps and assists responding and partner agencies in enhancing their response procedures.

2018 Compliance Results

The Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) requires all Ontario municipalities and provincial ministries to develop, implement and maintain an Emergency Management program. The



Act establishes the minimum standards for emergency management programs required by municipalities and specifies the requirement in the Act for mandatory emergency management programs. Emergency Management programs require several key elements, including:

- Conducting an annual Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA)
- Establishing a Municipal Emergency Control Group
- Identification of Critical Infrastructure
- Preparation of an Emergency Response Plan
- Establishing an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)
- Conducting annual exercise and training for Municipal Emergency Control Group
- Public Education and Awareness
- Appointing a Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMEC)

The Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) performs an annual year-end audit of all municipal emergency management programs in Ontario. A yearly statement of compliance must be submitted by the Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC), declaring that the Municipality has completed all the annual requirements.

The City of Greater Sudbury engaged in many initiatives in 2018 to achieve compliance with the requirements of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Ontario Regulation 380/04.

OFMEM has reviewed Greater Sudbury's submission and has determined that the Municipality was compliant with the EMCPA in 2018.

2019 Annual Compliance Training

To meet the 2019 legislative training requirement, the Emergency Management Team selected "IMS 200 – Basic Incident Management System" as the annual training component. In this course, participants will solidify their knowledge of core principles and concepts of Incident Management functions and organization. The course will also provide opportunities to learn how to command a single incident, build familiarization with incident facilities, and practice resource management as well as the management of communication.





On June 25 & 26, the Community Safety Department in partnership with the Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management (OFMEM) offered the first of three, two-day sessions of the IMS 200 training course. The second training session was held on September 18 & 19.

The Basic Incident Management course is the next progression in the training component required to transition from the current departmental model in the EOC to the Incident Management System (IMS) response model.

Children's Water Festival

The Children's Water Festival was held on September 18 & 19 in Greater Sudbury. The Festival is an educational event for elementary students to learn about the importance of water in their daily lives. The Emergency Management Section participated in this event and used the opportunity to provide students and their chaperones with information on the importance of having enough water stored for their family and pets during emergencies.

Staff also used the event to encourage community members to be prepared for the various emergencies that could affect Greater Sudbury.



The Emergency Management Section had encounters with approximately 229 students and their chaperones.

Operation Brian

Greater Sudbury Airport performed a full-scale exercise on September 25, 2019, as mandated by Transport Canada. The training provided an opportunity to test airport protocol, procedures, communications, and planning for emergency and security-related incidents. Staff from the Emergency Management Section also participated in the exercise, which provided an opportunity to assess overall community preparedness and response in the event of a major aircraft incident.