



AKBLG CONFERENCE

Canadian Red Cross in the Kootenays

THE RED CROSS MOVEMENT

- The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) is the world's largest humanitarian organization.
- Founded in 1919, the IFRC comprises 189 national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies.
- 13 million volunteers worldwide.
- Canadian Red Cross has been in communities across Canada since 1909.

Fundamental Principles:
Humanity
Impartiality
Neutrality
Independence
Voluntary Service
Unity
Universality



B.C. Government and CRC Auxiliary to government (ATG) agreement

Areas of cooperation:

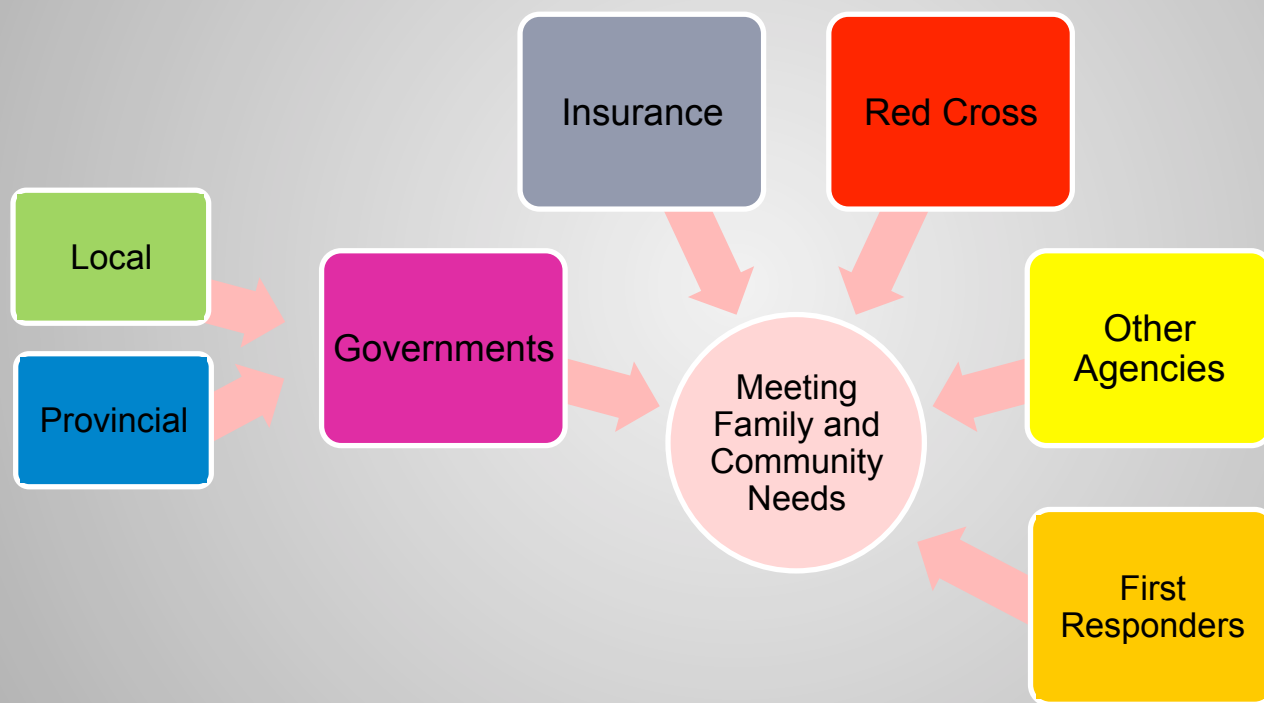
- Emergency management in the area of human services
- Catastrophic disaster response
- Public Education
- Health programming, including but not limited to health equipment
- Health emergencies



“...framework for collaboration in the delivery of public humanitarian programs and services...”
(August 2012 Auxiliary to Government Agreement)



COMMON GROUND



AGENCY PARTNERS



BC Association of Specialized
Counseling & Victim Services



**Mennonite
Disaster
Service**



Buddhist Compassion Relief
Tzu Chi Foundation



Samaritan's Purse®
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF



**Police Victim Services
of British Columbia**



BC Housing



JUSTICE
INSTITUTE
of BC

Emergency Management Division



Society of
Saint Vincent de Paul



VICTIM SERVICES



BRITISH
COLUMBIA



St. John Ambulance



CANADIAN
RED CROSS
CROIX-ROUGE
CANADIENNE



FIRST NATIONS'
EMERGENCY SERVICES
British Columbia, Canada



CRWRC CONTINUING AS...

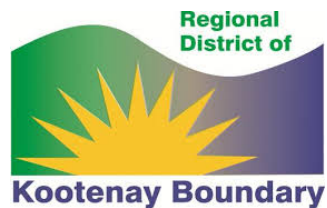
WorldRenew
LIVING JUSTICE • LOVING MERCY • SERVING CHRIST

Community Partnerships Program

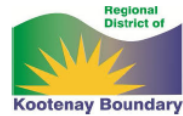
- Emergency relief
- Community strengthening
- Safety & wellbeing
- Indigenous programming
- Disaster Risk Reduction



CURRENT LOCAL AUTHORITY CONTRACTUAL PARTNERS



Partnership Report Back Regional District of Kootenay Boundary 2015-2016



Executive Summary

When an emergency or disaster strikes in the Regional District of Kootenay Boundary (RDKB), a growing number of Red Cross Emergency Social Services (ESS) volunteers are ready to help. Five years into the partnership between the RDKB and the Canadian Red Cross to deliver ESS, Red Cross continues to strengthen response systems in more and more communities. The 2015 Rock Creek/Westbridge Wildfire response highlighted the value

of this partnership as we came together to meet the challenges posed by a fast-moving fire that forced hundreds to evacuate. In 2016, the partnership continued to expand the service to the entire RDKB. A team of responders in Boundary is now active, and our more experienced Red Cross team members are sharing their skills and building new ones by travelling to support people in need during large Red Cross responses across Canada.



Partnership Report Back
Regional District of Kootenay Boundary
2015-2016

Responses & Deployments

AUGUST 2015

Rock Creek/Westbridge Wildfire - The team supported the RDKB's response to the Rock Creek Wildfire by assisting in the Emergency Operations Centre, managing a resiliency centre, and directly assisting with clients' longer-term recovery needs. The ESS Red Cross Team Lead participated in the Unmet Needs Committee until the end of the recovery phase in spring 2016.

AUGUST 2015

Stickpin Wildfire - ESS Red Cross personnel were actively engaged in planning and on standby for this wildfire that had the potential to travel north from the United States. Grand Forks and Christina Lake were on evacuation alert as the flames moved closer.

JANUARY-MARCH 2016

Syrian Refugee Arrival - Two volunteers from Trail deployed to Victoria and Surrey as case workers, supporting refugees' immediate needs as they began their new lives in Canada.

MARCH 2016

Oasis Landslide - The team supported a family of four with emergency lodging following their evacuation.

MAY-AUGUST 2016

Northern Alberta Wildfires - Trail's Team Lead volunteered on two rotations as a Case Management Supervisor to help people in need in Fort McMurray as that community recovered from a devastating wildfire.

JULY 2016

Grand Forks house fire - The team provided two families with food, clothing and lodging.

AUGUST 2016

Trail house fire - The team supported one person displaced by fire.

DECEMBER 2016

Grand Forks Apartment Unit Fire - The team supported one person with food, clothing and emergency lodging.





PARTNERSHIP REPORT BACK RD OF CENTRAL KOOTENAY CASTLEGAR 2017

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Canadian Red Cross is proud of its successful partnership with the Regional District of Central Kootenay to deliver Emergency Social Services (ESS) for small-scope disasters across the region. In the first year of the partnership, the Red Cross is working alongside the Regional District to build, prepare, and manage a highly trained team of local volunteers to provide emergency assistance from the onset of an emergency or disaster right through the recovery process, helping ensure seamless access to care for impacted individuals and families.

The Red Cross ESS team grew to 58 volunteer responders across the regional district in 2017. The volunteers developed their skills and leadership abilities with responses to seven house fires and one landslide.

58



volunteers

8



responses

20



people assisted
in past year

EMERGENCY SOCIAL SERVICES

Working together towards a common goal:

- Help people to fulfill their basic needs following emergency events. Seamless transition from the 72 hours of ESS Services (funded by provincial government) to Red Cross Recovery Support (funded by donors)
- Collaboration across agencies to address needs
- Facilitate a diverse, community-based support network
- Build resilient communities



Summer 2015 – Rock Creek



- 44 Wildfires within the RDKB between August 12th and September 3rd, 2015

SERVICES

- Direct aid for basic needs
- Mass Registration
- Family reunification (Remote)
- Cash Transfer Programming
- Surge Support – shelters & reception centers
- Pre-positioned goods
- Long-term recovery assistance



THANK YOU

