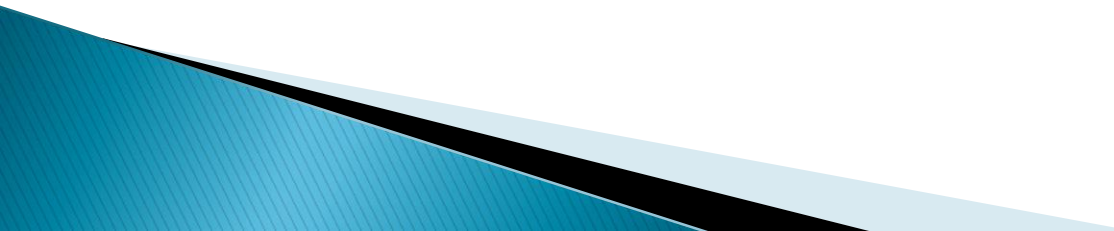


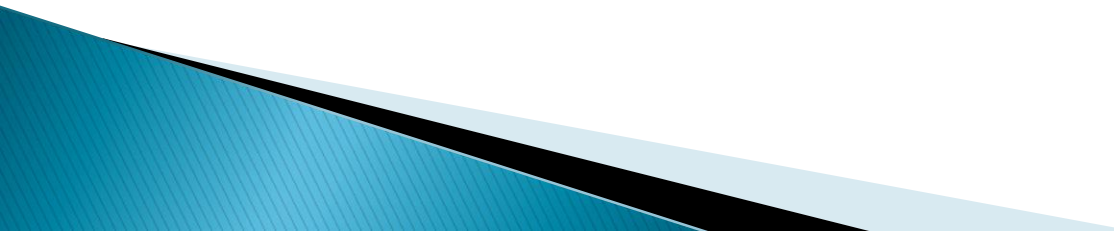
Evolution of BCERMS to BCEMS BC Emergency Management System

EPBC Conference
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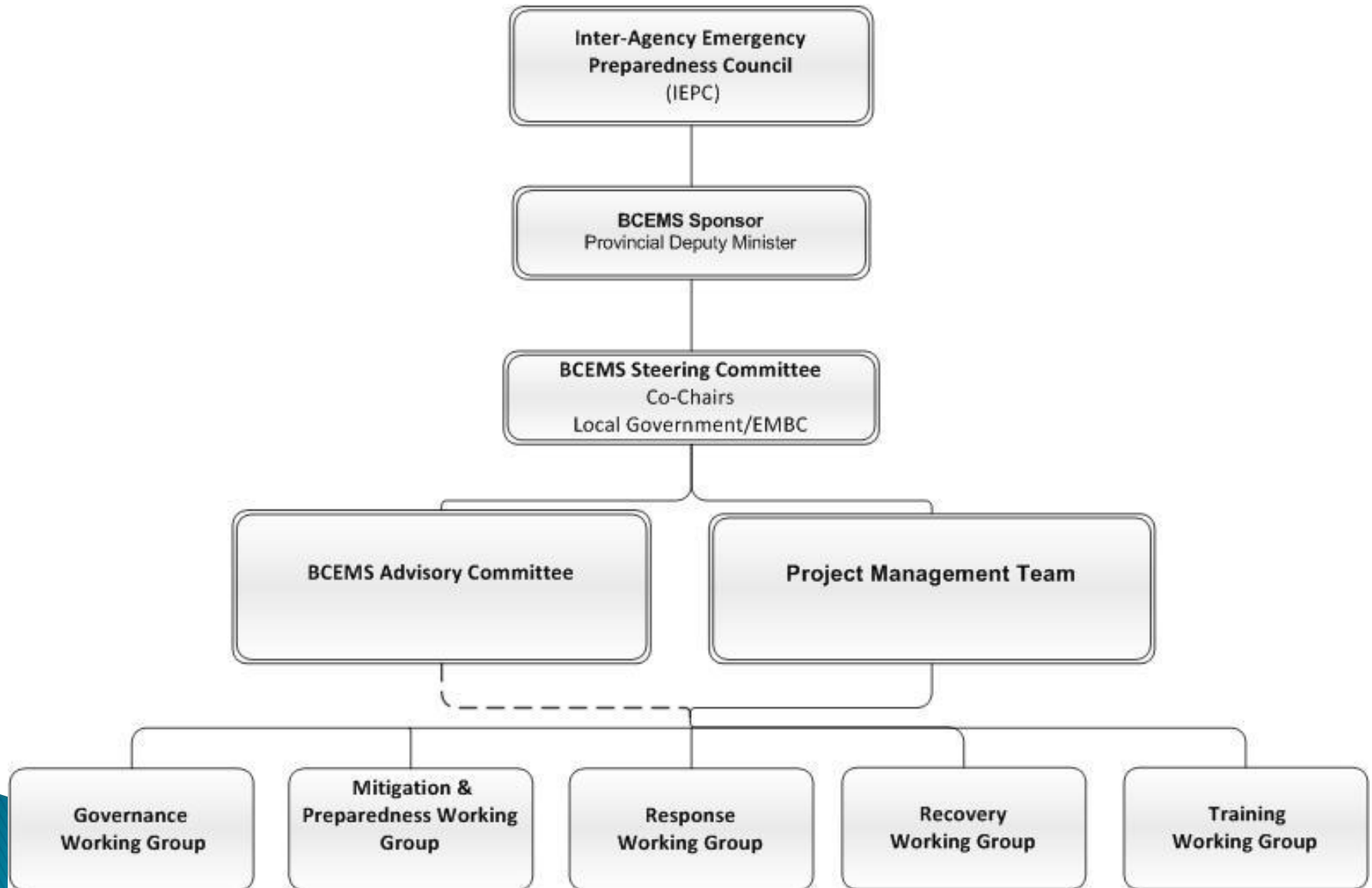
BCERMS - Background

- ▶ Original Overview 2000 Document focused on Response
 - ▶ Stakeholders survey (2009-10) supported a refresh
 - ▶ EMBC internal review (2011) supported a refresh and expansion to include all phases of emergency management
 - ▶ IEPC (Inter-Agency Emergency Preparedness Council) directed EMBC to lead refresh (2013)
 - ▶ BCERMS evolved to BCEMS – British Columbia Emergency Management System (2014-15)
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Focus of Refresh

- ▶ Ensure integrated approach
 - ▶ Review/update response content
 - ▶ Develop content for other emergency management phases
 - ▶ Create linkages between phases and establish a continuum
 - ▶ Broaden relevance to all emergency management stakeholders
 - ▶ Maintain legislated responsibility to provincial entities:
 - ▶ Ministries, Crown Corporations and Provincial Agencies
 - ▶ Continue recommended use by Local Authorities & Stakeholders
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Project Organization Structure



Integrated Engagement

▶ **Local Authorities**

- Urban / Rural
- Small to Large
- Regional Districts

▶ **Regional Entities**

- Regional Health Authorities
- Translink
- BC Fire Chiefs
- BC Police Chiefs
- BC Emerg Health Service

▶ **Provincial Government**

- Provincial Ministries/Agencies
- Crown Corps

▶ **Federal Government**

▶ **First Nations**

▶ **Volunteer Sector**

▶ **Corporate Sector**

▶ **Private Sector**

BCEMS Guide

Target Audience

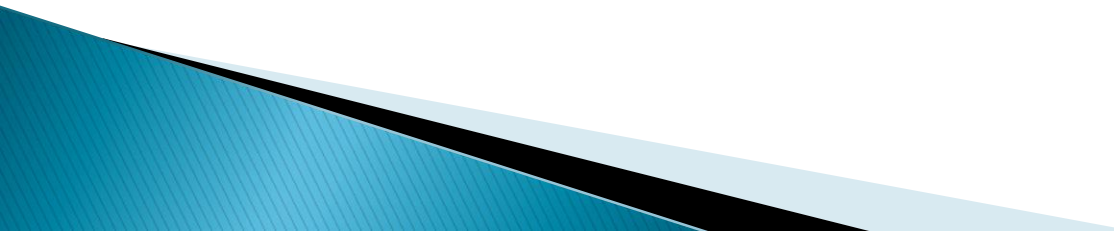
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“Not intended to be a general public document”



BCEMS Guide

Goals:

- Promote understanding of BCEMS framework, emergency management (EM) legislation and other applicable legislation/regulations, EM principles and terminology
 - Describe four phases of emergency management, the components of each phase and linkages across phases
 - Enable EM practitioners to apply BCEMS in assessing, developing and strengthening their EM programs
 - A Guide (**what**) vs Operational Procedures (**how**)
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Sections of the Guide

1. Introduction

- Why BCEMS
- Target Audience

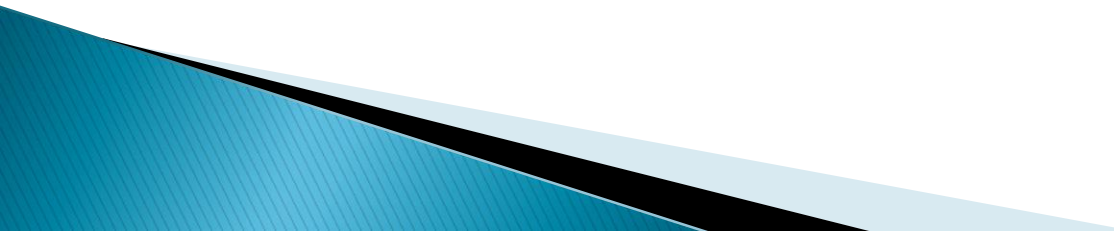
2. Governance

- Relevant legislation and regulations

3. Foundations for BCEMS

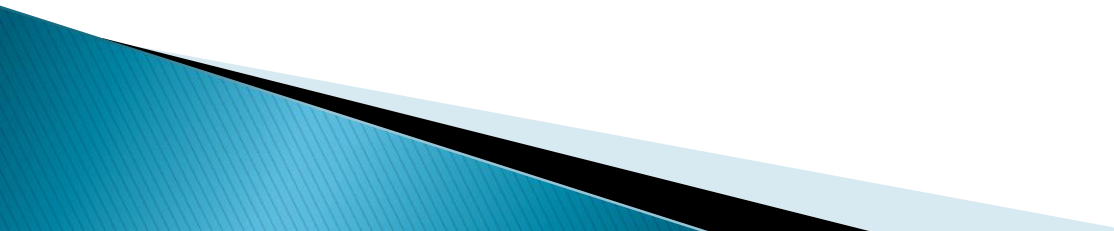
- Background
 - Vision, Mission, Purpose
 - Guiding Principles
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BCEMS Guiding Principles

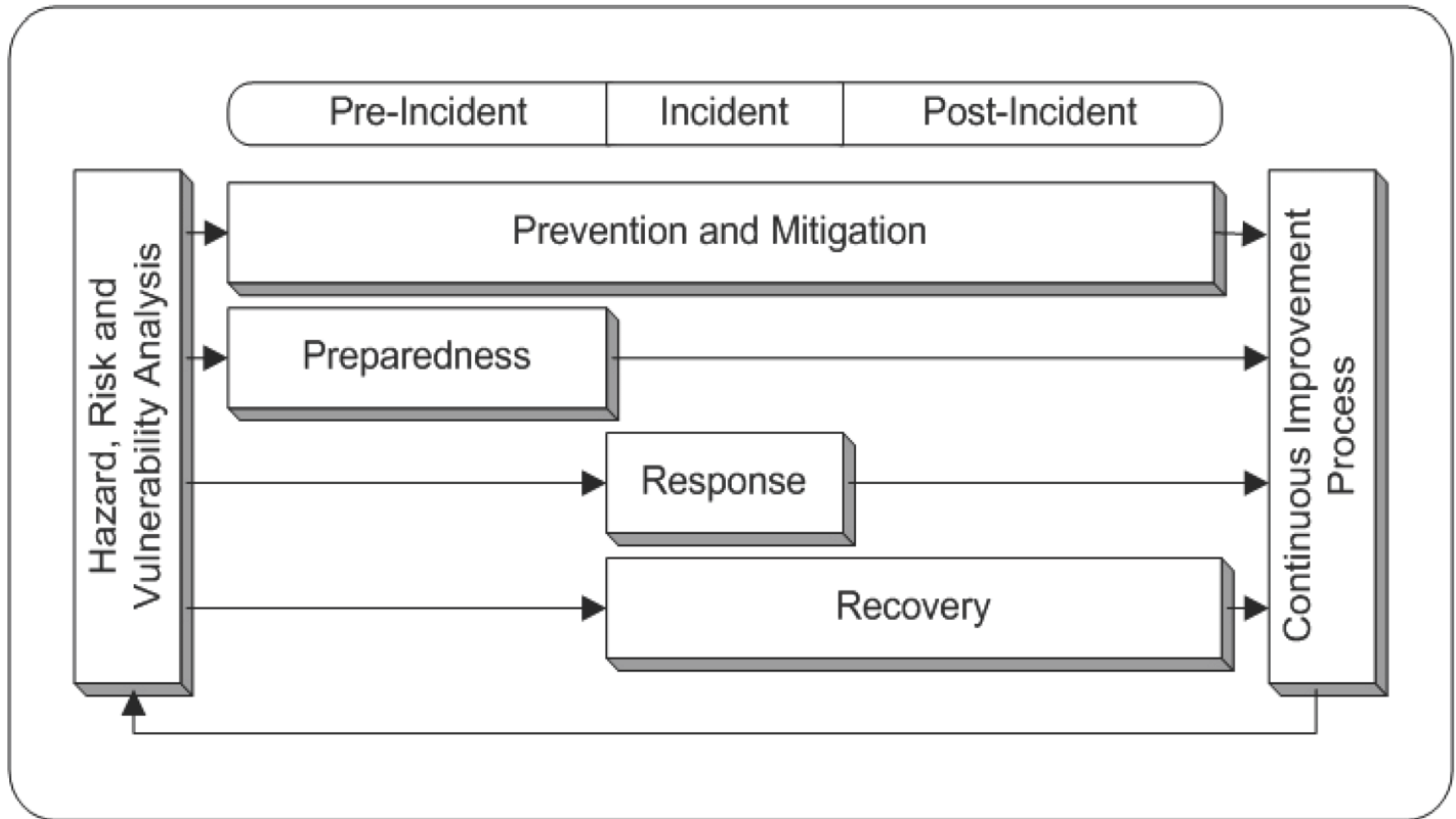
- Health and Safety
 - Shared Responsibility
 - All-Hazards Approach
 - Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement
 - Common Approach to Emergency Management
 - Clear Communication, Consistency and Continuity
 - Continuous Improvement
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Sections of the Guide Con't

4. Getting Started

- Establishing an Emergency Management Program
 - Identifying Stakeholders
 - Conducting a Hazard Risk Vulnerability Assessment
 - Maintenance and Continuous Improvement
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Four Phases of EM




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5. Mitigation

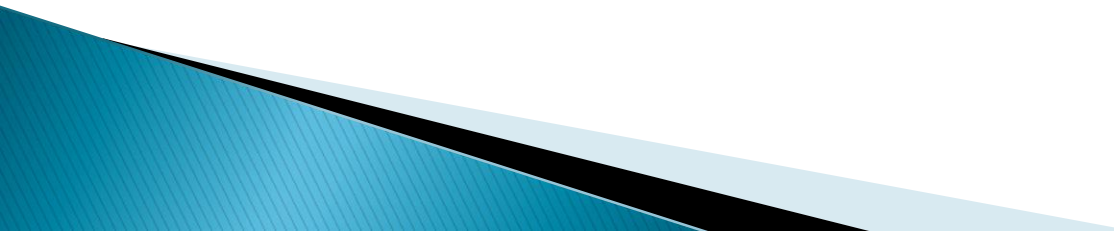
- Definition & Key Considerations
- Managing risk
- Tools and activities

6. Preparedness

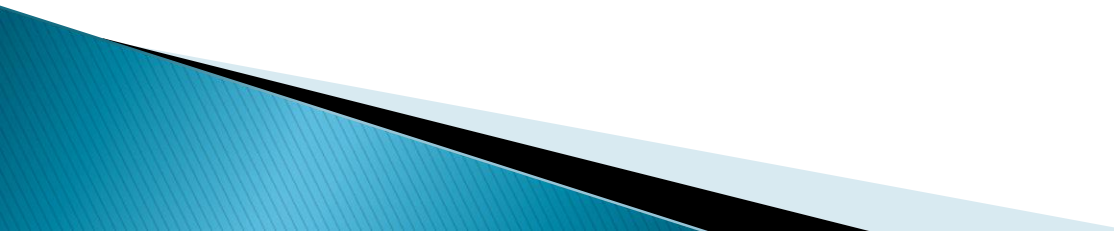
- Definition & Key Considerations
 - Planning & Business Continuity
 - Resources
 - Training & Exercises
 - Public Education
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7. Response

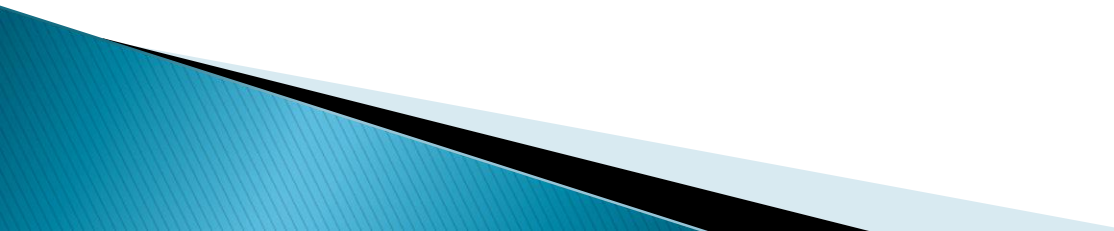
- Definition & Key Concepts
 - Goals
 - Levels & structure
 - Response Management Model (Incident Command System – ICS)
 - Key Activities
 - Communication and Information Management
 - Resource Management
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BCEMS Response Goals

- Ensure the health and safety of responders
 - Save lives
 - Reduce suffering
 - Protect public health
 - Protect infrastructure
 - Protect property
 - Protect the environment
 - Reduce economic and social losses
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8. Recovery

- Definition & Key Concepts
 - Key Activities
 - Stages of Recovery
 - Models & Structure
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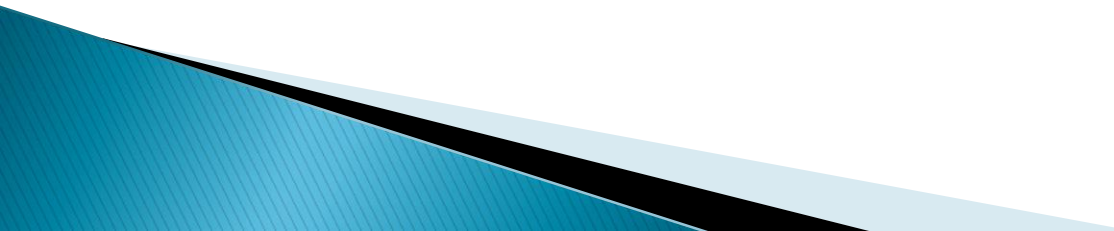
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9. Next Steps – possible program assessment tool

“Checklist for Emergency Management Program Considerations”



Consultation Phase

- ▶ Shared with more than **250** different agencies
 - ▶ Received **49** feedback responses:
 - **> 95%** very positive with few suggestions for change
 - ▶ High Level Feedback:
 - Target Audience = Emergency Mgmt Practitioners
 - Guide vs Operational Procedures
 - Inventory of all Related Legislation and Regulations
 - Required vs Recommended
 - Implications/Changes: Liability, Bylaws, Plans, Training
 - Forms and Templates
 - Checklist Assessment vs Benchmarks/Standards
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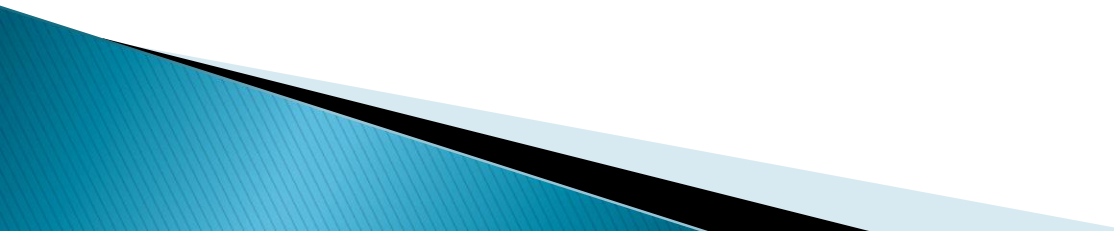
Successes

- High level overview of Emergency Management in BC
- Provides a “continuous cycle” foundation to support BC emergency plans and programs
- Provides guiding principles applicable to all phases
- Reinforces BC’s four levels of coordination: Site, Site Support, Provincial Regional and Provincial Central
- Continues to utilize the Incident Command System
- Incorporates research and best practices acquired over the last 10 to 15 years

“BCEMS Vision: Resilient Communities across BC”



Project Timeline

- ▶ June 30/15 = Content developed
 - ▶ July 30/15 = Draft BCEMS Guide compiled & formatted
 - ▶ Aug 1 – Nov 6 = Outreach and consultation process
 - ▶ Nov 9 - Dec 31 = Review, prioritize and incorporate all feedback and approved recommendations
 - ▶ Jan 29, 2016 = Target date for IEPC approval and publication of new BCEMS Guide
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Questions



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