



# MEMBER RELEASE

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TO: Mayor & Council, Chair & Board, Senior Staff

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RE: **PROVINCIAL MOBILIZATION PLAN  
FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES**

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This communication is being forwarded to provide information on a mutual aid planning process that the province is undertaking and how you can participate in the plan.

## **Provincial Mobilization Plan - Mutual Aid for Emergency Services**

Emergency Management BC (EMBC) has recently engaged the services of Dave Mitchell and Associates to develop a Mobilization Plan for the Province of British Columbia.

The Plan will be based on the successful Mutual Aid Plan created during the 2010 Olympic Winter Games to ensure that fire service resources could be deployed in support of communities faced with significant events which exhausted their available resources or exceeded their ability to provide an effective response.

The initial goal of the project being carried out by Mr. Mitchell is to provide local authorities with a set of criteria and terms of engagement under which they may request provincial assistance in extraordinary circumstances and to provide assistance on behalf of the province, if requested.

In 2010 a specific EMBC Interim Policy and Procedures Bulletin was created in order to lay out the reimbursement guidelines that would be provided should local government fire services be engaged during wildland urban interface fires. The intent is for the Mobilization Plan to replace this document for 2011.

Mr. Mitchell and his associates have been tasked to meet with a cross section of stakeholders in the next two months in order to develop an understanding of the perspectives and interests that may be considered in the development of the Mobilization Plan.

Another consideration is that the Plan be viewed as a template for the mobilization of other resources during major emergency incidents.

If you would like to be contacted with respect to the stakeholder consultations, please submit your contact information to EMBC using the [ofc.ofc@gov.bc.ca](mailto:ofc.ofc@gov.bc.ca) e-mail address.

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