

Municipal-Provincial Collaboration:



Ontario's Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response supports municipalities during emergencies through a streamlined one-window approach known as Emergency Management Ontario — offering training, Ontario Corps deployment, access to provincial grants, and enhanced flexibility via proposed legislation.

Activating Provincial Support

Before an Emergency



- Ensure municipal leadership and emergency officials receive required training, connect with your regional Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response Field Officer to access:
 - Provincial training and exercises
 - Public education materials
 - Hazard and risk information
 - Planning tools and templates

During an Emergency



- Coordinate your response in line with your emergency management plan.
- If provincial support is needed, contact the 24/7 Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC).
- The Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response will assess the situation and deploy appropriate resources, such as:
 - Ontario Corps (trained volunteers and professionals)
 - Equipment and supplies
 - Regional field services staff
- **A formal emergency declaration is not required to request provincial assistance.**

After an Emergency



- Support local recovery coordination.
- Review eligibility for provincial disaster recovery programs.
- Conduct debriefs and after-action reviews.
- Update emergency plans based on lessons learned.

Emergency Management Modernization Act

If passed, the *Emergency Management Modernization Act, 2025*, will:

- Strengthen provincial leadership and coordination.
- Identify Ontario Corps as a key provincial resource and capability to be deployed to support communities across the province.
- Support municipal emergency management by recognizing the importance of community-led approaches and allowing flexibility for municipal emergency management programs based on needs and capacity.
- Enhance clarity and accountability in emergency management by outlining roles and responsibilities and clarifying processes for municipal declarations of emergency and requests for assistance.

Key Supports Available to Municipalities



Ontario Corps

Ontario Corps is a province-wide group of skilled professionals, partners and trained volunteers that Ontario can deploy at a moment's notice to support municipalities. Ontario Corps is equipped with the tools, supplies, and expertise to respond effectively to emergencies. Ontario Corps is:

- Not a replacement for first responders, but a resource to assist when called on.
- Able to mobilize within **24 hours** of a request, at **no cost** to the municipality.
- Support a wide range of emergency response needs, including logistics, shelter setup, volunteer coordination, and more.

The **Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC)** operates 24/7 to assess emergency situations and mobilize resources.

Community Emergency Preparedness Grant



- For municipalities with populations under 100,000. To date, 227 municipalities have accessed \$10 M in funding for generators, emergency kits, drones and other critical equipment, training and supplies.
- Supports emergency equipment and supplies, training and exercises, emergency plan development.

Preparedness Resources



- Senior and Elected Officials Workshops are available through your ministry Field Officer and Community Emergency Management Coordinator (CEMC).
- Online tools, templates, and best practices are available to support including Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment (HIRA) and emergency exercises.
- Public education campaigns: Materials are available in 13 First Nations and international languages. Materials can be ordered for use at community events, schools, and more.

Accessing Provincial Support

If your community needs provincial assistance during an emergency, contact the Ministry of Emergency Preparedness and Response through the 24/7 Provincial Emergency Operations Centre (PEOC). The PEOC will assess your request and coordinate the appropriate support.



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