



Lac du Bonnet has an active **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM** coordinated by the **Municipal Emergency Coordinator**.

The Lac du Bonnet region is a wonderful place to visit or live but there are some real hazards that may impact our municipal infrastructure, private dwellings and the wellbeing of our residents.

The **Emergency Management Program** activates our **Emergency Plan** in support of POLICE, FIRE, EMS, PUBLIC WORKS, CORRECTIONS, CONSERVATION, ENVIRONMENT and other agencies during large scale emergency events that require coordination between attending agencies or require evacuation of our citizens for public safety.

During an evacuation information would be disseminated to the public by means of our **CONNECT** Community Notification Program, through our Emergency Management FACEBOOK page and through our municipal webpage.

Our Emergency Social Services team would set up in the Lac du Bonnet Community Hall to receive evacuees, register them so that we are able to remain in contact with evacuees as they move to stay with friends & family or seek out commercial accommodations. Our team is also prepared to support evacuees with the provision of “necessities of life” during their evacuation and coordinate any long term support of evacuees through the Provincial Emergency Social Services department.

Our Emergency Management Program prepares for many potential emergency situations including weather events – snow storms / rain-hail storms / wind events / tornados / overland flooding/ high water on the Winnipeg River system /wildfires / disruption of our utilities and other infrastructure and other large scale emergency situations.

There are various components of our **Emergency Management Program**.

Emergency Preparedness Plan

- The plan is a living document and is in a continue state of updating information, protocols and procedures
- Our plan is based upon our Risk and Vulnerability Assessment that is completed every 2 years to identify the potential hazards that exist in our community
- The plan is tested with various levels of exercises

Emergency Management Team

- Our Emergency Management team currently consists of 13 volunteers who have roles on the team including
 - Assistant Emergency Coordinator
 - Planning
 - Operational liaison
 - Administration
 - Emergency Social Services
 - Logistics

- Communication
- Transportation
- Security
- Our team is always looking for additional persons with related skill sets to augment our Emergency Management team. **If you would like to be considered please send your resume to mec@lacdubonnet.com**

Emergency Operations Center

- Our main Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located on the 2nd floor of the Fire Hall located at 170 Minnewawa Street in the Town of Lac du Bonnet.
- A secondary EOC is located in the RM of Lac du Bonnet Administrative building at 4187 PR 317 in the RM of Lac du Bonnet.
- At both of these locations the team can access multiple phone lines and radio channels to provide communication between our team and the various first responding agencies.

Public Education Program

- The Emergency Management Program utilizes our [CONNECT](#) Community Notification Program, RM OF LAC DU BONNET website and LAC DU BONNET EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT *FACEBOOK* page to provide situational awareness to the public on prevention and response activities prior to, during and after an emergency situation.
 - To register for our [CONNECT](#) community notification program follow the link on the Lac du Bonnet website HOME page and register your name, address, phone numbers and email addresses or drop by the RM or Town of Lac du Bonnet offices and pick up a registration form.
- Our program follows the Government of Canada **72 HOUR PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM**. This program recommends residents be independently prepared for all emergency situations for the first 72 hours. This level of individual preparedness allows for our emergency services to deal with the emergency at a higher level during the first hours of an emergency rather than diverting their focus to provide service to individuals.
- Details on the **72 HOUR PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM** can be found below on this webpage. Follow the link to [GET PREPARED.CA](#) for further information
- Our Program strives to work internally with both municipalities and with groups from the agricultural sector, business community, area residents and cottage subdivisions to provide information, advice and planning to successfully prevent and respond to large scale emergency situations.
- Our program accepts invitations to attend public and private functions to put on informational displays covering a wide range of topics that our program prepares for.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM ACTIVATION

Our program prepares for an ALL RISKS approach to disaster management. Our program provides community information and emergency response coordination for a range of events including:

WEATHER EVENTS

- Snow storms impacting our infrastructure and residents
- Tornados and wind events
- Rain and associated flooding events

INFRASTRUCTURE EVENTS

- Loss of roads / bridges / culverts
- Loss of water distribution
- Loss of potable water supply
- Loss of sewer system
- Loss / disruption of hydro distribution
- Loss / disruption of phone / cell service

WILDFIRES

- FIRE SMART program
- Weekly Fire risk information provided in FACEBOOK page
- FIRE BAN notification program
 - Signs posted at our municipal boundaries
 - FACEBOOK notifications
 - Email notifications to Cottage Associations and RV parks
 - [CONNECT](#) notifications
 - Cottage associations & RV parks posting signs and sharing emails

OTHER EMERGENCY SITUATIONS

- Multi casualty motor vehicle collisions
- Multi casualty boating accidents
- Missing person large scale searches
- Chemical spills requiring evacuation or “shelter in place”
- Aircraft crash / airport event
- Milner Ridge Correctional Center evacuation

CRIME PREVENTION

- Our Emergency Management program supports the RCMP in the development of crime prevention programs including:
 - RURAL CRIME WATCH
 - CITIZENS ON PATROL