

# 2024 BUDGET

## Emergency Program



### Our role

#### ***Net budget \$512,200***

The Saanich Fire Department is responsible for the administration of the Saanich Emergency Program. The mandate of the Program is to provide for continuity in government and the preservation of life and property through a coordinated response by elected officials, municipal departments, volunteer services, and such outside agencies may be able to assist during a major emergency or disaster.

### Services we provide

#### **EMERGENCY PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

##### ***Net cost \$491,000***

Emergency Program Administration supports efforts of the municipality to prepare for, respond to, and recover from major emergencies and disasters. Administration also provides management, leadership, recognition, and administrative support to Emergency Program volunteers. There are 100 Emergency Program volunteers supporting 3 components. These volunteers serve the community in areas of Emergency Support Services (ESS), Search, Emergency Radio Communications (COMMS), and the Neighbourhood Emergency Preparedness Program. ESS volunteers responded to nine callouts in Saanich in 2023 and supported significant provincial response efforts.

#### **EMERGENCY PROGRAM TRAINING**

##### ***Net cost \$13,600***

Complementing the Emergency Program and Saanich's emergency response and recovery capacity are more than 125 municipal staff trained in Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) response procedures. Training and exercise programs include incident command and emergency operations centre training. This program also supports the training and development requirements for 100 Emergency Program volunteers.

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### NEIGHBOUR HELPING NEIGHBOUR PROGRAM

***Net cost \$7,600***

The Neighbour Emergency Preparedness Program (NEPP) encompasses all educational outreach activities of the Saanich Emergency Program. Outreach activities are primarily focused on preparedness education for families, organizations, neighbourhoods, and schools. Staff and volunteers made 15 presentations to 208 individuals during 2023\*.

\*12-month reporting period ending September 20, 2023