

# 2016 FACT SHEET

## EMERGENCY PROGRAM



The Emergency Program net 2016 budget is \$415,800

### WHAT IS THE EMERGENCY PROGRAM?

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 as may be able to assist during a major emergency or disaster.

### DID YOU KNOW WE PROVIDE?

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#### Emergency Program Administration:

Emergency Program Administration supports efforts of the municipality to prepare for, respond to, and recover from major emergencies and disasters such as earthquakes and large wildland urban-interface fires. Administration also provides management, leadership, recognition and administrative support to emergency program volunteers. There are 106 Emergency Program volunteers in three emergency response divisions. These volunteers serve the community in the areas of emergency social services, search and rescue (SAR), emergency communications, and neighbourhood emergency preparedness. Search and rescue responded to 7 call outs during 2015.

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**Net cost**     **\$306,600**

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### Emergency Social Services (ESS) Coordination:

This enables the support of our Emergency Social Services Coordinator and volunteer component that are responsible for the planning, development and implementation of the ESS program. The ESS program enables the community to respond quickly and effectively in providing essential services to residents who may be affected by an emergency or disaster. This assistance includes food, lodging, clothing, emotional support and family reunification. There were 7 ESS responses during 2015.

**Net cost**      **\$87,700**

### Training Programs:

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 106 Emergency Program volunteers.

**Net cost**      **\$15,100**

### Neighbour Helping Neighbour:

The Neighbourhood 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 63 presentations to 2,008 individuals during 2015.

**Net cost**      **\$6,400**