

# COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



## **BEING PREPARED**

A community emergency is an event that affects a large portion or the entire town including its people, property, natural environment, and/or economy.

The Town of Cobourg is well prepared to respond to and manage a community emergency because it maintains a comprehensive Community Emergency Management Program.

By declaring a community emergency, the Mayor would begin the process of how Town staff and their partners will assume their emergency duties to successfully address the situation.

### PROGRAM COMPONENTS

+Community Emergency Management By-law

- +Community Emergency Management Plan
- +Community Emergency Supporting Plans
- +Other supporting plans, procedures, lists, etc.
- + Hazard Identification and Risk Analysis
- + Program Budget
- + Program Committee
- + Community Emergency Management Coordinator
- + Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) and the Alternate EOC
- + Community Control Group (CCG), Support Staff
- + Staff Education and Training
- + Public Awareness, Education, and Preparedness
- + Public Alerting/Emergency Information
- + Cooperation and sharing with other parties
- + Emergency Response Capability (EMS, Fire, Police, Public Works, Utilities, etc.)
- +Annual Program Review and Report
- Cobourg's ability to handle a community emergency

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PHASES

#### **PREVENTION & MITIGATION**

Eliminating or reducing the degree of risk to human life, property, the economy, and the environment from natural, technological, and humancaused hazards. Includes measures like relevant legislation, codes, urban planning practices, operational actions, etc.



#### RECOVERY

Restoring critical public safety systems and essential services to minimum operating levels following a community emergency. Includes damage assessment, counselling, debris clearance, infrastructure renewal, decontamination, etc.

#### PREPAREDNESS

Prior to a community emergency, developing management and operational capabilities for an effective response. Includes planning, training, exercises, and public education, etc.

#### INCIDENT MANAGEMENT/RESPONSE

Taking immediate action during and directly after a community emergency to save lives and minimize damage to property and the environment through an organized set of actions under the Incident Management System. Includes activating emergency management plans and providing response staff and resources.



## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

During an emergency, the public can obtain information and/or request assistance by one of the following means:

- 905.377.TOWN (8696)
- www.cobourg.ca
- STAR 93.3 & 107.9 FM

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAM

## &

## TIPS ON PERSONAL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Contact the Community Emergency Management Coordinator, visit the Fire Hall, or view the Town's website:

#### BECOME AN EMERGENCY

### PARTNER

Your personal, family, and business preparedness is vital to the success Community of the Town's Emergency Management Program. Therefore, conduct your own risk analysis and then take action to become prepared, so that you are to yourself, an asset vour neighbours, and the Town during an emergency.

905.372.9789

mvilneff@cobourg.ca

111 Elgin Street East

www.cobourg.ca

