



Aboriginal Disaster Resilience Project Resources

Information Guide: Northwest Territories

General Information

Provincial/territorial emergency management organizations coordinate response activities, conduct planning and research, train, administer, and deliver disaster financial assistance programs in their respective province or territory. Funding agreements between emergency management organizations and AANDC help to ensure successful coordinated response and recovery efforts, better clarify roles and responsibilities, and support enhanced preparedness activities, including training and development of more robust community emergency plans for on-reserve First Nations.

For all aboriginal communities not considered as on-reserve First Nations communities, Provincial/Territorial emergency management organizations provide the same level of support as they do any community within their respective jurisdictions. These include Metis, First Nations in settlement areas and Inuit communities

You can use the keywords listed in your internet search engine (Google, Yahoo, Explorer, etc.) to find the information online.

AANDC is currently negotiating provincial/territorial bilateral agreements regarding emergency management service provision for on-reserve First Nations

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216#a2>

Keywords: AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

For general information regarding AANDC's role in emergency management, please contact:

AANDC Public Enquiries Contact Centre

Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada
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10 Wellington Street, North Tower
Gatineau, Quebec

Postal Address:
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4

Email: InfoPubs@aadnc-aandc.gc.ca
Phone: (toll-free) 1-800-567-9604
Fax: 1-866-817-3977
TTY: (toll-free) 1-866-553-0554

Northwest Territories Emergency Management

The Northwest Territories Emergency Management (NTEM) website has all kinds of valuable information about hazards. On the website you will find general contact information to reach Regional Managers and staff who are able to take calls and who will do their best to answer any questions about hazards that you may have. It's important to remember that agency mailing addresses in the Northwest Territories are often different than the government office locations.

<p>General Contact Information Director, Public Safety Tel: (867) 873-7565 Fax: (867) 873-0309 Emergency 24 Tel: (867) 920-2303</p>	<p>Inuvik Region Regional Superintendent, Municipal and Community Affairs Tel: (867) 920-8066 Fax: (867) 873-0622 Mailing Address: PO Box 1320, Laing-1 Yellowknife, NT, X1A 2L9</p>
<p>Sahtu Region Tel: (867) 587-7100 Fax: (867) 587-2044 Location: #3 Town Square, Mackenzie Road Mailing Address: PO Box 70 Norman Wells, Northwest Territories, X01 0V0</p>	<p>Deh Cho Region Regional Superintendent Municipal and Community Affairs Tel: (867) 695-7220 Fax: (867) 695-2029 Location: 2nd Floor, Milton Building Mailing Address: Box 240 Fort Simpson, Northwest Territories, X0E 0N0</p>
<p>North Slave Region Tel: (867) 920-8084 Lutsel K'e Office Fax: (867) 370-3020 Behchokö Office Fax: (867) 392-6312 Yellowknife Office Fax: (867) 873-0622</p> <p>Behchokö Location: 2nd Floor, Nishi Khon Centre Yellowknife Location: 1st Floor, Laing Building Behchokö and Yellowknife Office Mailing Address: Box 1320, Yellowknife, Northwest Territories X1A 2L9 Lutsel K'e Mailing Address: General Delivery Lutsel K'e, X0E 1A0</p>	<p>South Slave Region Tel: (867) 872-6525 Fort Smith Office Fax: (867) 872-6526 Hay River Office Fax: (867) 874-4603</p> <p>Fort Smith Location: 2nd Floor, Sweetgrass Building 177 McDougal Road, Fort Smith Mailing Address: Box 127 Fort Smith, Northwest Territories X0E 0P0 Hay River Location: #8, Capital Drive (Courthouse Building) Hay River Mailing Address: Box 4356 Hay River, Northwest Territories X0E 1G2</p>

<http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/home/contact/>

Keywords: Northwest Territories emergency management contact

As well as providing either direct information or links to additional Federal and Provincial disaster resources, the NTEM website provides hazards information on:

- Floods
- Fires
- Search and Rescue Operations

Local District Contacts

The website below provides a starting point for identifying local district contacts for your community. In the Northwest Territories contact information for regional districts is available at

<http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/?cmtylist=aklavik>

Keyword search: Northwest Territories Municipal Communities List

Areas and Districts

School Districts

For School Districts in the Northwest Territories:

<http://www.ece.gov.nt.ca/early-childhood-and-school-services/support-educators-and-administration/schools-nwt>

Keyword search: Northwest Territories schools list

Electoral Boundaries and Districts

The Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Natural Resources has a “Maps” section which may be helpful

<http://www.electionsnwt.ca/>

Keyword search: Northwest Territories electoral maps

Territorial Policing

The First Nations Policing Program (FNPP), is administered by Public Safety Canada

“A First Nations self-administered policing agreement is an arrangement between Canada, the participating province or territory, and the First Nations community. In these arrangements, the First Nation develops, manages and administers its own police service under provincial legislation. Independent police commissions provide for the impartial and independent oversight of police operations, and the police chief is responsible for the management and administration of the service.”¹ As of Feb 22, 2013, over 80% - or 528 of 617 – of the eligible First Nations communities are under the policing program.

¹Public Safety Canada. (2015). *Trends in Indigenous Policing. Models: An International Comparison*. Retrieved from <http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/rsrscs/pblctns/trnds-ndgns-plc-mdl/index-eng.aspx#a5>

ADRP: Resources

Please check with your Band leaders to see if your community is currently participating in the program.

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the territorial policing boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information.

<http://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/plcng/brgnl-plcng/index-eng.aspx>

Keywords: First Nations Policing Program

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) is in charge of territorial policing in the Northwest Territories. Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the boundaries for territorial policing are, but the website gives you contact information. You can locate RCMP Detachments in the Northwest Territories with these keywords or through the link below.

<http://www.rcmp-grc.gc.ca/nt/detach/index-eng.htm>

Keywords: RCMP detachments Northwest Territories

Fire Protection Areas

Please note that you might still have to find out exactly where the fire protection boundaries are, but the website gives you contact information. The Northwest Territories Fire Departments can be contacted for fire protection area information by searching with the following keywords in your internet browser or through the link below.

<http://www.firehall.com/departments.php?prov=nt>

Keywords: Northwest Territories fire departments

AANDC has a Frequently Asked Questions page on their website regarding First Nation Fire Protection.

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1374066558460/1374066706710>

Keywords: AANDC First Nation fire protection

Territorial Geological Organization

In the Northwest Territories see the Northwest Territories Geoscience Office

<http://www.nwtgeoscience.ca/>

Keywords: Northwest Territories geoscience office

Geography - General

The Northwest Territories Department of Environment and Natural Resources has a “Maps” section which may be helpful

<http://www.geomatics.gov.nt.ca/mapcat.aspx>

Keywords: environment resource map Northwest Territories

Civil Emergency Measures Act

AANDC National Emergency Management Plan

The National Emergency Management Plan of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada (AANDC) lists the roles and responsibilities of the department and its partners in emergency management. It furthermore describes the concept for operations for responding to and managing an emergency affecting First Nation communities across Canada. The Plan is available for download at:

<https://www.aadnc-aandc.gc.ca/eng/1324572607784/1324572653216>

Keywords: AANDC, Emergency Management Plan

Northwest Territories: Civil Emergency Measures Act

The legislation which covers disasters in Northwest Territories is called the Civil Emergency Measures Act

<https://www.canlii.org/en/nu/laws/stat/snu-2007c10/latest/snu-2007c10.html>

Keywords: Northwest Territories civil emergency measures act 2010

There are a few definitions and legal requirements under the Act which are important to understand (note that this list is selected from a larger list and the text has, in some cases, been edited for length).

"community emergency measures agency" means a community emergency measures agency established under paragraph 7(1)(b)

"emergency" means a present or imminent event that is affecting or could affect the health, safety or welfare of people or is damaging or could damage property

"local authority" means

- (a) the council of a municipal corporation,
- (b) the council of a settlement corporation, or
- (c) where a community is not a municipality or incorporated settlement, a body that the Minister recognizes as representative of the community for the purposes of this Act.

Thus, both incorporated and unincorporated communities are defined as "local authorities" responsible for the development of disaster plans with the approval of the Minister. Further, under the legislation, each local authority:

7(1)(a) shall appoint a committee to advise the local authority on the development of emergency plans and programs

(b) shall establish and maintain a community emergency measures agency

(c) shall appoint a co-ordinator of the community emergency measures agency and establish the duties of the co-ordinator including the preparation and co-ordination of emergency plans and programs for the community

(d) shall prepare and approve emergency plans and programs

Community History

Territorial archives are a great place to search for early history on your community – it may be a bit confusing to access information at first, so take some time to get orientated to each website.

<http://pwnhc.learnnet.nt.ca/programs/nwtarchives.asp>

Keywords: Northwest Territories Archives

Community Information

The Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami (ITK) is an organization that represents Inuit communities in Canada. You can find more historical information and resources on their website.

<https://www.itk.ca/>

Keywords: Inuit Northwest Territories

The Dene Nation (Denendeh) has a website with useful historical information, links, and resources.

<http://www.denenation.com>

Keywords: Dene Nation

The Métis Nation of the Northwest Territories has a website with lots of information regarding community history, cultural programs, and links to partners.

<http://www.nwtmetisnation.ca/>

Keywords: Métis Northwest Territories

The Northwest Territories Department of Municipal and Community Affairs has a website which may be helpful

<http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/>

Keywords: Northwest Territories municipal community affairs

General Territorial Statistics

You can find statistics on the Northwest Territories Bureau of Statistics website

<http://www.statsnwt.ca/>

Keywords: Northwest Territories bureau of statistics

Vital Statistics

You can find vital statistics on the Northwest Territories Health and Social Services website

<http://www.hss.gov.nt.ca/vital-statistics>

Keywords: Northwest Territories vital statistics

Supplemental Territorial Hazards Information

Forest and Wild Fires

<http://www.nwtfire.com/cms/>

Keywords: forest wildfires Northwest Territories

Floods

<http://www.maca.gov.nt.ca/home/for-residents/public-safety/floods/>

Keywords: Northwest Territories floods