

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

Augusta Township is affected by emergency situations on an on-going basis. The majority of situations are non-complex in nature and are very effectively managed by emergency response services – Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Augusta Fire Rescue (FD), Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) and Public Works (PW).



However, on occasion, an emergency situation will escalate beyond the immediate response capability of those organizations resulting in the need for a larger scale coordinated response by multiple agencies including representation from both upper and lower tier municipalities, the province and potentially the federal government.



Augusta Township's Municipal Emergency Plan assigns responsibilities and outlines the actions of key municipal officials during a large scale event. Emergencies can be categorized by cause – natural, human-caused or technological – and have the potential to threaten our health, safety, environment, property, critical infrastructure and economic stability.

In order to effectively deal with escalated and usually complex situations, the Province of Ontario passed the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act and Regulation 380/04. The legislation mandates municipalities to develop, implement and annually prove compliance with an Emergency Management Program. The program provides municipal staff with direction to prevent, mitigate, prepare for, respond to and recover from emergencies.

An effective emergency management program calls on the residents of the municipality to be prepared to look after themselves and their families for up to 72 HOURS. Your PREPAREDNESS PLAN identifies you and your family's needs, remembering that SENIORS may have additional needs. Do not forget about your PETS. Members of the FARMING community have to think about their livestock as well as their families.



What hazards should you be preparing for? Augusta Township staff, in consultation with residents, businesses, industry, and outside agencies have compiled an extensive list of hazards that have or could impact the municipality. Our HIRA or Hazard Identification, Risk Assessment process has identified the following situations as having the greatest potential impact on our residents and/or municipal infrastructure:

- Severe weather (cold, heat, winds, rain or freezing rain, snow, etc.)
- Wide spread power failure
- Chemical spill (fixed site, road and rail transport, pipelines, etc.)
- Major road, rail or marine transportation accidents
- Agricultural emergencies (crops, livestock, etc.)

In the event of an emergency please have your civic address number ready and dial 9-1-1 for help. During an emergency, you can contact the municipal office (613-925-4231) to obtain information or you can dial 2-1-1 and indicate you are from Augusta Township to get the latest updates on the emergency situation.

The following links are provided to assist you in developing an emergency preparedness plan for you, your family, and your business and to enable you to increase your knowledge about emergencies:

Township of Augusta

Augusta Fire Rescue
www.augustafire.ca

Municipal Emergency Plan
<http://augusta-1248.appspot.com.storage.googleapis.com/Augusta-Emergency-Plan-2016-Schedule-A.pdf>

United Counties of Leeds and Grenville

<http://www.leedsgrenville.com/en/live/qualityoflife/emergencyplanning.asp>

Provincial Agencies

211 Ontario Helpline and Website
<https://211ontario.ca/>

Office of the Fire Marshal and Emergency Management
http://www.mcscs.jus.gov.on.ca/english/FireMarshal/OFMLanding/OFM_main.html

Emergency Management Branch
<https://www.emergencymanagementontario.ca/english/home.html>

Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs

Barn Fire Prevention
<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/engineer/barnfire/fireprevention.htm>

Emergency Off-Farm Housing for Cattle
<http://www.omafra.gov.on.ca/english/livestock/beef/news/vbn0510a4.htm>

Ministry of Municipal Affairs

Disaster Recovery Assistance (for residents and municipalities)
<http://www.mah.gov.on.ca/Page13722.aspx>

Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry

<https://www.ontario.ca/page/ministry-natural-resources-and-forestry>
<https://www.ontario.ca/law-and-safety/forest-fires>
<https://www.ontario.ca/flooding>
<https://www.ontario.ca/lowwater>

Ontario Provincial Police
<http://www.opp.ca/>

OSPCA

<http://ontariospca.ca/>

Conservation Authorities

Rideau Valley Conservation Authority

www.rvca.ca

South Nation Conservation

www.nation.on.ca

Federal Agencies

Public Safety Canada

<https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/>

Get Prepared

<https://www.getprepared.gc.ca/>

Canadian Food Inspection Agency

<http://www.inspection.gc.ca/>

Environment Canada

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/>

Hazardous Weather

<http://www.ec.gc.ca/meteo-weather/default.asp?lang=En&n=15E59C08-1>

Health Canada

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/>

Natural Resources Canada

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/>

Natural Hazards

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/hazards>

Earthquakes Canada

<http://www.earthquakescanada.nrcan.gc.ca/index-en.php>

Climate Change

<http://www.nrcan.gc.ca/environment>

Canadian Wildland Fire Information System

<http://cwfis.cfs.nrcan.gc.ca/home>

Volunteer Agencies

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

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

Legislation

Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/90e09>

Ontario Regulation 380/04

<https://www.ontario.ca/laws/regulation/040380>