



# WEEKLY INCIDENT SITUATION REPORT



PERIOD: 16 Jan 12 to 22 Jan 12

PEP Region	Search and Rescue			Dangerous Goods and Oil Spills	Motor Vehicle Incidents	Other (floods fire etc.)	General Enquiries and Info
	Air	Land	Inland Water				
Van Island	0	5	0	14	8	5	52
South West	0	6	0	10	14	7	67
Central	0	4	0	2	19	2	70
South East	0	8	0	0	13	3	58
North East	0	0	0	20	5	2	23
North West	0	0	0	4	3	2	40
Headquarters	0	0	0	0	0	0	596
Provincial Weekly Totals	0	23	0	50	62	21	906
Provincial Year to Date	27	834	207	2821	1675	515	37745
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	Weekly	Year to Date
Total Number of Incidents	156	6079
Protection Order Registry	128	6365
Problem Wildlife	246	29259
Wildlife Enforcement	44	4787

**SEARCH AND RESCUE INFORMATION - WEEKLY PERIOD: 16 JAN 12 TO 22 JAN 12**

DATE/TIME INCIDENT #	PEP REGION	INCIDENT	ELT/ #VICTIMS	# PEP VOL	LOCATED			COMMENTS
					ALIVE	DEAD	NO	
16 10:25 111048	VIR	LAND	2	22	2			22 Juan de Fuca SAR members responded to search for two hikers overdue in the Harbourview area. Both subjects were located alive and well at Peden Lake.
16 12:26 111049	SWE	LAND	1	16	1			16 Central Fraser Valley SAR members responded retrieve a patient from a residence off of Sumas Mountain Road that BCAS could not access due to heavy snow. The subject was brought out and turned over to ambulance personnel.
17 05:35 111050	SEA	LAND	1	9	1			9 Nelson SAR members responded to a BCAS request to retrieve an unconscious stoke victim from a remote area, accessible by boat only, outside of Nelson. The SAR team was stood down while launching their boat, as the individual was brought out to BCAS by others on scene.
18 20:49 111051	CTL	LAND		10				10 Penticton SAR members responded to investigate several flare sightings on Campbell Mountain. An extensive search of the area failed to locate any signs of people in distress and SAR was stood down pending further investigation by police.
18 02:06 111052	SWE	LAND	1	3	1			3 Hope SAR members responded to assist BCAS with retrieving a patient from an area blocked by heavy snow. SAR was stood down when the road was ploughed enabling BCAS safe access to the patient.
18 19:10 111053	SWE	LAND	2	11	2			11 Hope SAR members responded to rescue occupants of a 4 wheel drive that was stranded on the Squeah Forest Service Road. SAR located the subjects and escorted them along with their vehicle and supplies provided by Hope SAR back to their cabin.
19 05:59 111054	SWE	LAND	1	6	1			6 Squamish SAR members responded to search for a male that had gone missing from his residence on Stwamus Reserve and was not properly attired for the weather. SAR was stood down after the RCMP dog and handler tracked the person to another residence where he was located in good condition.
19 16:14 111055	SWE	LAND	4	19	4			19 North Shore Rescue members responded to search for 4 skiers that were missing in the Australian Gulley area of Cypress Mountain. The subjects were located on an ice ridge and SAR members belayed them down to the Trojan Horse. Subjects were then escorted out of the area and back to the SAR Hall. They all returned home on their own from there.
19 16:55 111056	SEA	LAND	4	8	4			8 Revelstoke SAR members searched for 4 missing skiers/snowmobilers on Boulder Mountain. Subjects were located by SAR members and were escorted back to their hut.
19 19:57 111057	SEA	LAND		4				Revelstoke SAR responded following report of a flare sighting between Albert Canyon Brake Check

								and Canyon Hot Springs. SAR was stood down when they found no sign of anyone in distress.
20 07:01 111058	CTL	LAND	1	10			1	5 Pemberton and 5 Whistler SAR members responded to rescue an occupant from a vehicle that went over an embankment off of Hwy 99 near Lillooet. The subject was found deceased and was removed from vehicle and transferred to BCAS/RCMP.
20 13:39 111059	SEA	LAND	1	6	1			6 Golden SAR members responded to rescue an injured snowmobiler in the Silent Pass area. The subject was picked up via helicopter and transported to hospital.
20 14:44 111060	CTL	LAND	1	18			1	18 Central Okanagan SAR members responded to search for a missing male in the Mount Boucherie area of West Kelowna. Nothing was located and SAR was stood down pending further RCMP investigation.
20 16:05 111061	SEA	LAND	1	1	1			1 Fernie SAR member responded to assist RCMP following report of a missing snowmobiler in the Marten Creek area. The subject was able to free their sled and made it out without SAR assistance.
20 16:47 111062	VIR	LAND	1	35	1			18 Comox Valley, 5 Cowichan Valley SAR members and 1 convergent volunteer responded to search for an out of bounds snow boarder on Mount Washington. The subject was located at first light, cold & wet, but otherwise uninjured.
20 17:40 111063	SWE	LAND	2	6	2			6 Whistler SAR members responded to search for 2 missing out of bounds snowboarders on Whistler Mountain. Both subjects walked out with SAR assistance.
21 08:41 111064	CTL	LAND	1	17	1			16 Penticton SAR and 1 Amateur Radio member responded to assist with the search for a missing female in the Penticton area. The subject was located at her residence with a minor injury to her arm.
21 19:13 110065	SEA	LAND	2	23	2			12 Castlegar, 8 Nelson, 2 South Columbia, and 7 Rossland SAR members responded to search for two missing snowmobilers in the Pass Creek Area of Castlegar. SAR sled teams located the snowmobilers walking down the south side of Jokers Knob. One male was released in good condition and one was transported to hospital for treatment of mild hypothermia and a possible back injury.
21 14:37 110066	NEA	LAND	2	23	2			23 Comox Valley SAR members responded to rescue 2 hikers with a dog who were stranded at Diver's Lake Cabin on Mount Washington. The subjects were picked up via helicopter during a break in the weather and were brought out to safety.
22 14:00 110067	SEA	LAND	2	4	2			4 Revelstoke SAR were requested to investigate a spot beacon sounding in the Eagle Pass area. A helicopter was approved to transport SAR members to the site. A second helicopter from Eagle Pass heli-skiing responded and picked up two stranded snowmobilers from a remote draw where they were

								stuck in deep snow.
22 15:54 110068	VIR	LAND	1	4	1			4 Comox Valley SAR members responded to search for a missing skier out of bounds on Mount Washington. Subject walked out by himself alive and well.
22 18:20 110069	VIR	LAND	1	13	1			13 Metchosin SAR members responded to rescue a lost hiker on Mount Work. The subject was located successfully.
22 19:06 111070	SEA	LAND	1	4	1			4 Fernie SAR assisted Parks Canada with a missing back-country skier in Wolverine Pass (BC side). Subject was located alive and well.
<b>WEEK TOTAL</b>		23	33	272	31	1	1	ELT - 0
<b>YEAR TO DATE</b>		<b>1070</b>	<b>1366</b>	<b>13126</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>ELT - 25</b>

## **WEEKLY INCIDENT REPORT – 16 TO 22 JAN 2012**

### **DANGEROUS GOODS**

On 17 Jan 12, a Bell helicopter crashed at the DND training grounds in Chilliwack resulting in one fatality. The incident was raised to Code 2 (urgent status) by the Ministry of Environment Response Officer, (MOE RO) due to a potential aviation fuel spill and heightened media interest. Cultus Lake Fire Rescue responded with extrication tools to provide assistance. The environmental assessment and subsequent response was delayed until Transport Canada completed their investigation, at which time, the incident was downgraded to Code 1.

On 20 Jan 12, a fire caused multiple explosions at the Babine Forest Products sawmill in Burns Lake. 18 people were injured and taken to Burns Lake, Vanderhoof, Prince George, Edmonton and Vancouver hospitals. At the time of this report 2 persons remain unaccounted for however it is not known if they were working in the mill at the time of the fire. A reception centre was established to provide information and coffee/snacks to the impacted population. Disaster psycho-social support and Critical Incident Stress support were arranged for the community. The incident was raised to Code 2 (urgent status) by the MOE RO. A site assessment was conducted on the morning of 21 Jan, by members of RCMP, Burns Lake Fire Dept, Office of the Fire Commissioner, mill staff, Work Safe BC, and MOE. Effluent and related hazardous materials from fire-fighting efforts appeared to be contained to the site. The incident was downgraded to Code 1, when it was determined that no immediate water ways appeared to be affected and no public health concerns existed beyond site property. The site remains under security pending further investigation.

### **ICE JAM**

On 18 Jan 12, the Bulkley Nechako Regional District activated their EOC to Level 1 due to the threat of flooding from an ice jam and rising water levels on the Bulkley River. An estimated 30 residents in the Ebenezer Flats area near Kid Road were potentially at risk. Public messaging was produced around water edge safety.

On 19 Jan 12, the City of Prince George Emergency Management Program activated their EOC to monitor water levels on the Fraser and Nechako Rivers within city limits. Approximately 13 residential structures were provided with door step notification to be vigilant of the potential for increased activity on the rivers.

### **WINTER STORM**

On 17 Jan 12, Sparwood activated their EOC to Level 1 due to a snowstorm event that closed Hwy 3 at the Crowsnest Pass and stranded motorists in the Elk Valley area. A Warming Centre was opened to accommodate those impacted.

On 18 Jan 12, City of Abbotsford activated their EOC to Level 1 in preparation for forecasted severe winter storm conditions expected to continue for 1 – 2 days. Blowing snow, high winds and extreme wind chill values resulted in several road closures.

Schools were evacuated, and patrols were conducted for stranded motorists while a reception/warming centre was established at the Abbotsford Recreation Centre.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

On 22 Jan 12, 2 adults and an infant were displaced from their residence due to health concerns resulting from a sewer chemical odor complaint that police were investigating. ESS arranged to provide food and accommodations.

### **URBAN FIRE (S):**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>	<b><u>IMPACTED</u></b>
16 Jan 12	Vancouver	1 person
17 Jan 12	Vernon	Unknown #
17 Jan 12	Courtenay	1 person
18 Jan 12	Port Hardy	3 people
18 Jan 12	Thornhill	4 people
18 Jan 12	Richmond	4 people
19 Jan 12	Powell River	1 person
19 Jan 12	Castlegar	1 person
19 Jan 12	Maple Ridge	4 people
19 Jan 12	Tappen	1 person
19 Jan 12	Vancouver	49 people
20 Jan 12	Denman Island	1 person
20 Jan 12	Revelstoke	3 people
20 Jan 12	Surrey	3 people
21 Jan 12	Prince George	2 people
21 Jan 12	Prince George	2 people
22 Jan 12	Castlegar	1 person
22 Jan 12	View Royal	3 people