

July 2, 2009

To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Public Safety Lifeline Volunteers Safety Policy

B.C.'s Public Safety Lifeline Program involves roughly 13,000 volunteers who regularly help British Columbians in danger by using their skills in search and rescue, emergency social services, emergency radio, air operations and road rescue. These men and women respond some of the province's direst emergencies and most tragic circumstances, and because of that, we must make sure that their safety is our number one priority.

Attached you will find a draft of the new Safety Policy for Public Safety Lifeline volunteers. It clearly outlines the roles and expectations of PEP, volunteer supervisors and volunteers, and provides overarching policy with respect to key safety priorities for all PSL volunteer disciplines. Once finalized, this policy will become a core foundation for all PSL volunteers in the province.

It is important to note that this is your policy – all Public Safety Lifeline disciplines were involved in drafting this material and as such we want to know what you think before it's finalized. Please read the attached information and provide your input and comments by March 31, 2010, to your local PEP Regional Manager. A short PowerPoint presentation is also attached that introduces the policy and highlights some of its key points. Everyone is still expected to read through the policy document.

Your safety is our priority. This is your chance to help us design a safety policy that will provide a strong foundation for the future work of our Public Safety Lifeline Volunteers.

Sincerely,



Steve Bachop
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