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To: Community Emergency Management Coordinators

From: Teepu Khawja, Assistant Deputy Minister and Chief, Emergency Management

Re: Emergency Management Framework for Ontario

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that the Emergency Management Framework for Ontario has been published and can be accessed online [here](#) as of October 12, 2021. This Framework will replace the Emergency Management Doctrine for Ontario, which has been in place since 2005.

There are several pieces of legislation (emergency management and emergency management related), mandatory requirements under the emergency management programs and assistance agreements which work together to ensure effective emergency management in Ontario. The Emergency Management Framework brings these arrangements together into one simple easy-to-use reference document. The overall purpose of the Framework is to provide a high-level overview of how Ontario approaches emergency management. The outlined concepts and principles serve to promote an understanding of the emergency management activities and initiatives undertaken in the province of Ontario.

This Framework contains several key updates:

- References to current emergency management programs and standards
- Links to source materials which makes the document accessible for quick reference
- Detailed explanations of Ontario's emergency management stakeholders and governance structures

- The five components of emergency management are explained in more detail and use real world examples to show the importance of each component

Emergency Management stakeholders will be able to refer to this Framework to inform their understanding of emergency management in Ontario. As indicated above, the Framework also makes clear the relationships, roles and responsibilities, and information flow between the various emergency management stakeholders, both internal and external to the provincial government.

I would like to thank the members of the EM Framework for Ontario Working Group for their efforts and inputs into the development of this guidance document, as well as the various contributors that provided their advice and expertise.

Please contact Drew Maddison, at Drew.Maddison@ontario.ca if you have questions regarding the Emergency Management Framework for Ontario.

Sincerely,



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