



Matawa
FIRST NATIONS



Matawa Health & Social Meno Biimadeswin

SOCIAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM



AROLAND FIRST NATION



CONSTANCE LAKE
FIRST NATION



FARAMETOONG
FIRST NATION



GINOOGAMING FIRST NATION



LONG LAKE #58 FIRST NATION



MATHER FALLS FIRST NATION
OUR RIVER, OUR LIFE



Neskantaga
First Nation



OJIBWA FIRST NATION
ONTARIO



WABIGOON FIRST NATION



What is a social emergency?

An event or situation which carries risks to human health/life, mental wellness, or to the social fabric and well-being of the community. It exceeds the resources and capacities of a community, and requires the immediate response and support of governments, external agencies, and service providers.

– Nishnawbe Aski Nation First Nations Guide for Responding to Social Emergencies, N.A.N.

Emergency, is a situation or an impending situation that constitutes a danger of major proportions that could result in serious harm to persons or substantial damage to property and that is caused by the forces of nature, a disease or a health risk, an accident or an act whether intentional or otherwise. Although the focus of this definition is on the potential impacts to life and property, it is implicitly understood that major threats to social, environmental, political, and/or economic well being may also be considered emergencies. Disasters are widespread or very severe emergencies.

– Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.E.9 (EMCPA or the Act).

Examples:

- **Physical Emergencies** – Community evacuation, forest fires, power outages, infrastructure emergencies and water disruptions.
- **Social Emergencies** – Pandemic/Covid 19, mental health, suicide, food security, addictions and crime prevention.

What can HSMB Social Emergency Coordinator assist with:

- Information sessions on emergency management and what it means to your community– in community or virtual.
- Capacity building within communities in emergency management – training would include First Aid CPR/AED, Mental Health First Aid (optional), Incident management systems 100, IMS 200, IMS 300, Emergency Management 100, EM 200, EM 250, Safe food handling and any other workshops/programs the communities finds interest in.
- In coordination with Matawa's EMC in development of emergency plans which includes 72 Household kit, 24 Hour evacuation kit, Emergency Family Plan, Hazard Identification & Risk Assessments and Continuity of Operations Plans or Business Continuity Plans.
- Coordination of goods and services with external/internal organizations during urban and in-community physical and social emergencies.
- Developing volunteer initiatives in community and urban settings during an emergency.

I would love to hear from the communities on what you would like to see. Please feel free to email or call me.

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