

First Nations Emergency and Issue Management and Fire Protection Programs

Current and Ongoing Work

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Purpose

- Provide an overview of Aboriginal Affairs and Northern Development Canada's (AANDC) roles and responsibilities in emergency management (EM) and fire protection;
- Highlight EM and fire protection priorities at AANDC;
- Discuss emergencies that impact on-reserve First Nations communities.





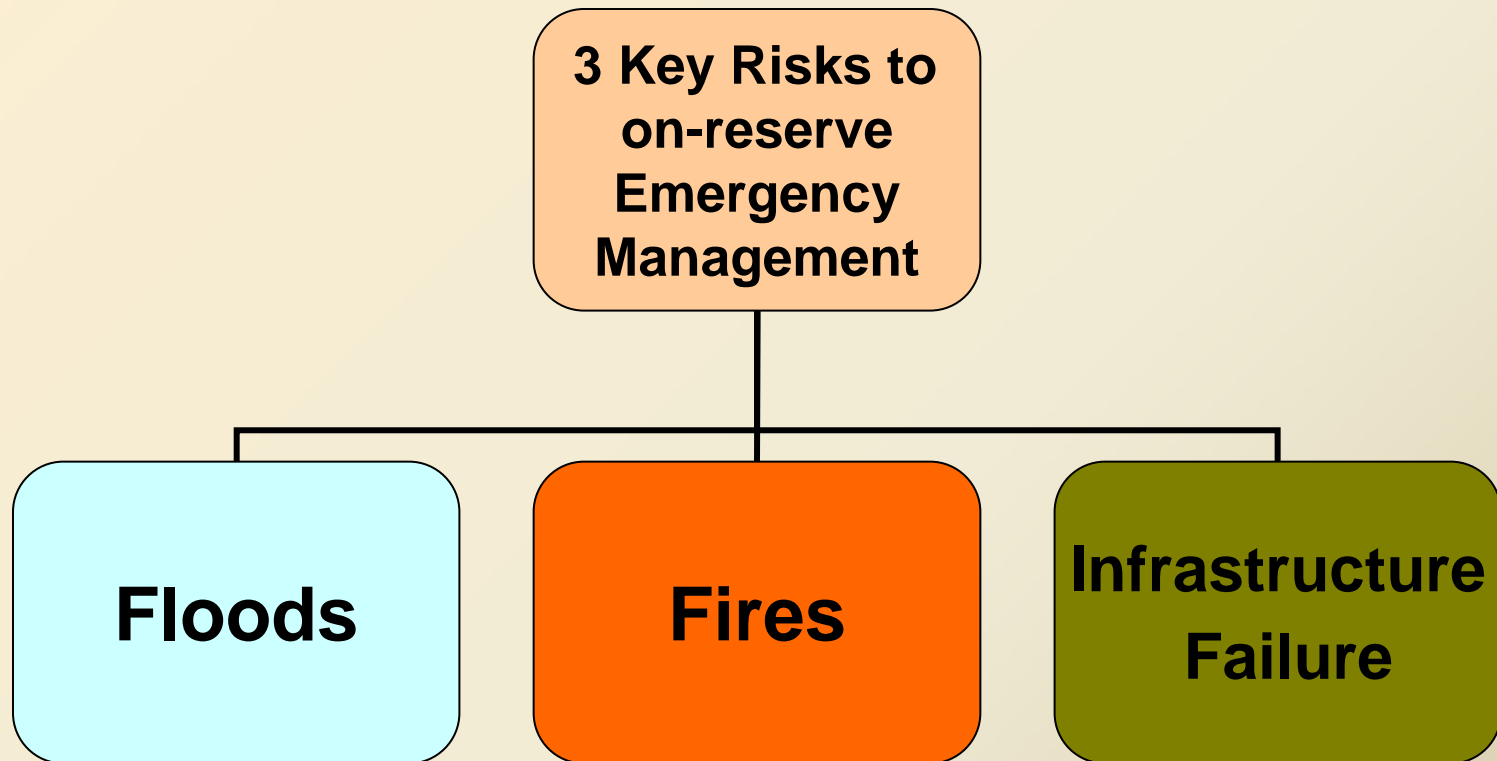
Emergency Management at AANDC

- AANDC's emergency management (EM) role:
on-reserve First Nation EM; different
responsibilities in the three northern Territories
- AANDC / Provincial EM responsibilities:
Funding / Service Provision
- Partnerships and collaboration: Provinces, FN
organizations, etc.



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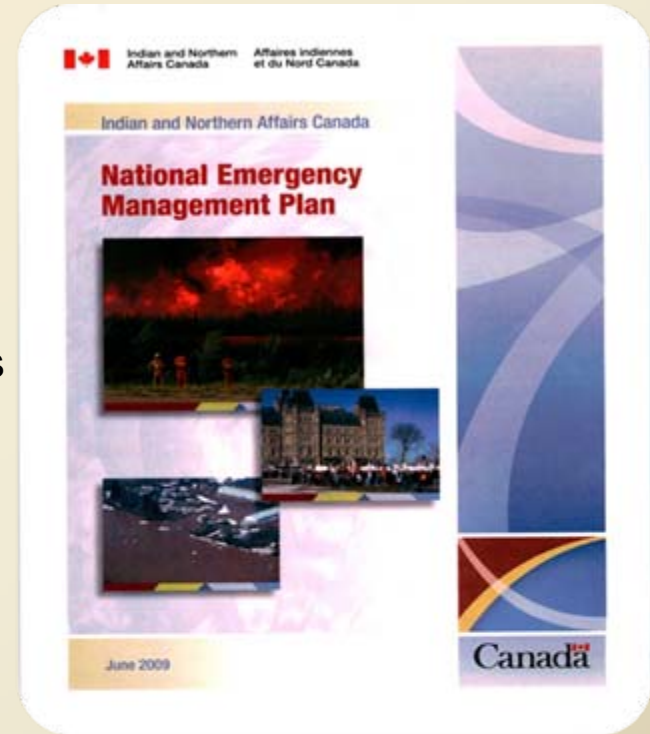
All Hazards Approach





AANDC Emergency Management Plan

- Released in June 2009, AANDC's first Emergency Management Plan :
 - Describes roles and responsibilities;
 - Describes concept of operations for EM on First Nations communities; and
 - Provides a national framework for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities





Situational Awareness

- AANDC's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC): Provision of situational awareness
- Collaboration with Regions: Timely flow of information
- Information products:
 - Weekly Situation Reports
 - Weekends Summary Reports
 - Notifications
 - Flood and Fire Situation Reports
- Distribution of information: An integrated Government of Canada approach





AANDC's Priorities in Emergency Management

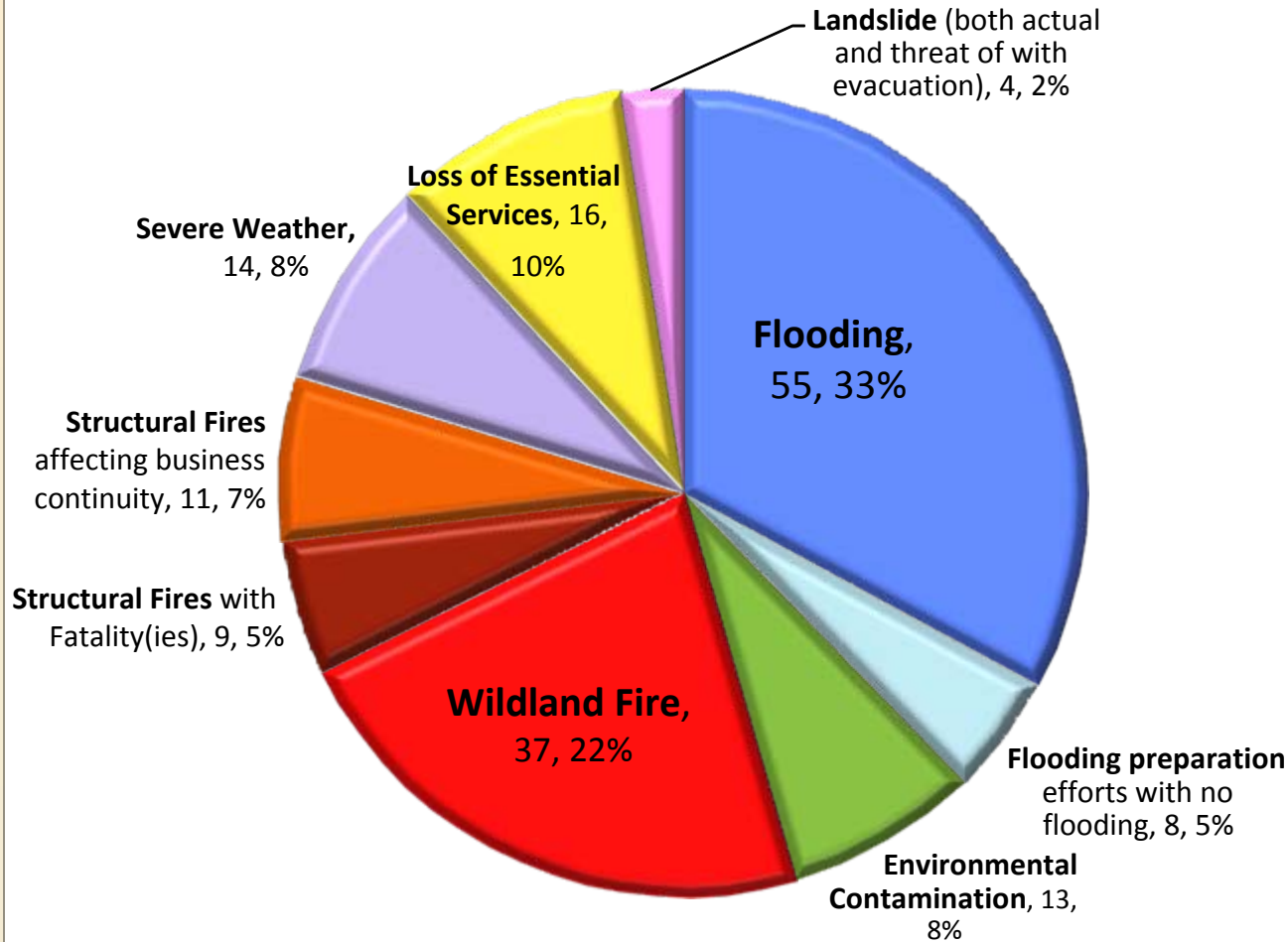
- Developing options for a sustainable and stable basis of funding for the program;
- Working with provinces and territories to put effective bilateral agreements in place for emergency management on reserve; and
- Enhancing the emergency management capacity of First Nations, in collaboration with First Nations and provincial/territorial governments.
- Implementing the First Nations Fire Protection Strategy.





2011-2012 Emergency Overview

Total Number of Emergencies in 2011-2012 by Type



Most Common Emergencies: Wildland Fires (22%), Floods (33%)



Flooding and Wildland/Urban Interface Fires

- AANDC works with First Nations communities, the provinces, and other partners to manage the annual flood and fire seasons.
- Both AANDC and First Nations communities have experience dealing with emergencies and are well-prepared to manage events such as partial and full evacuations.
- 2011/2012 was an unprecedented year for emergencies in First Nations communities.



AANDC Fire Protection

- AANDC provides more than \$25 million annually for fire protection services on reserve, including funding for infrastructure and equipment (e.g. fire trucks and fire halls, etc.); operations and maintenance; and training.
- In addition, AANDC provides approximately \$200,000 in annual funding to the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada to coordinate fire safety awareness and training initiatives, including coordination of the National Aboriginal Firefighters Competition and the National Aboriginal Fire Posters Contest.



First Nations Fire Protection Strategy

- The strategy was developed in cooperation with key Aboriginal partners, including the Aboriginal Firefighters Association of Canada.
- The strategy began implementation in 2010. It identifies priority short, medium and long-term actions needed to prevent deaths and injuries from fire as well as extend the life cycle of community infrastructure assets on reserve, including strengthening data collection and reporting, reviewing community capacity and enhancing training opportunities, and integrating fire protection and emergency response activities on-reserve.
- Current priorities include developing a new fire inspections regime, improving the level of service standard, and working with partners to produce an education campaign for fire protection on-reserve.



Thank you.

Questions?