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Government of Canada Response to Emergencies

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Presentation themes:



- Overview of Public Safety / Government Operations Centre.
- Coordination with governments, NGOs and private sector.
- Use of standards in preparing for, responding to and/or coordination of efforts in emergency situations.







Government of Canada Re-organization for Emergencies





Before 9/11



- National security and emergency management were separate.
- Confusion over who was lead department for response in various emergencies
- No established national centre for strategic / national management of emergencies
- No established systematic approach for high level decision making
- No national plan which included how to coordinate efforts with international partners, federally, and with Provinces and Territories.





Post 9/11



- Establishment of Public Safety Canada
 - Combination of national security and emergency management
 - National leadership in emergencies
- Establishment of a national operations centre to manage emergencies
- Establishment of a decision making process
- A national plan for horizontal and vertical coordination of effort.





Public Safety Canada



Minister of **Public Safety**

Department of Public Safety

Royal Canadian Mounted Police

Canadian Security Intelligence Service

Correctional **Services** Canada

Canada Border Services Agency





Legislative Framework



- Public Safety's departmental legislation
 "The Minister shall, at the national level, exercise
 leadership relating to public safety and emergency
 preparedness."
- Emergency Management Act
 - "The Minister is responsible for exercising leadership relating to emergency management in Canada by coordinating, among government institutions and in cooperation with the provinces and other entities, emergency management activities."







Federal Emergency Response Plan (FERP)





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- The Federal governments all-hazards response plan.
- Guides a comprehensive and harmonized federal response to emergencies that require an integrated Government of Canada approach.
- In conjunction with the response efforts of provinces/territories, non-governmental organizations, the private sector, and international partners.
- Based on the tenets of the Incident Command System.





Aim and Objectives of the Federal Emergency Response Plan



Ensure federal mandates are harmonized to provide a well informed and integrated emergency response that is complementary to provincial and territorial activities.

- Save lives and protect property through:
 - Support to federal ministers and senior officials to ensure an integrated federal response
 - Support to responding agencies and departments
- Based on Incident Command System and the military Continental Staff System.





Functional Structure CABINET **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE** DM NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE ADM **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FEDERAL COORDINATING OFFICER DIRECTOR GENERAL OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE** PRIMARY DEPARTMENTAL ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE(S) **OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE** ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR GENERAL REPRESENTATIVE **COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTORATE** SITUATIONAL FINANCE AND RISK **OPERATIONS** PLANNING LOGISTICS **AWARENESS** ASSESSMENT ADMINISTRATION Federal-Regional Component





Emergency Support Functions



- Emergency response actions in support of the needs that are anticipated to arise prior to or during an emergency.
- Each function has a responsible department whose mandated activities are most related to those set forth in the function or with the expertise to accomplish the task.
- Other departments may be required to support the responsible department based on their resources and capabilities.





Emergency Support Functions



- 1. Transportation (TC)
- 2. Telecommunications (IC)
- 3. Agriculture and Agri-Food (AAFC/CFIA)
- 4. Energy Production and Distribution (NRCan)
- 5. Public Health and Essential Human Services (HC/PHAC)
- 6. Environment (EC)
- 7. Human and Social Services (HRDC)
- 8. Law Enforcement (RCMP)
- 9. International (DFAIT)
- 10. Government Services (PWGSC)
- 11. Logistics Operations Management (DND)
- 12. Public Communications (PS)
- 13. Border Services (PS/CBSA)

Note: Primary Departments in ()



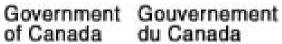




The Government Operations Centre









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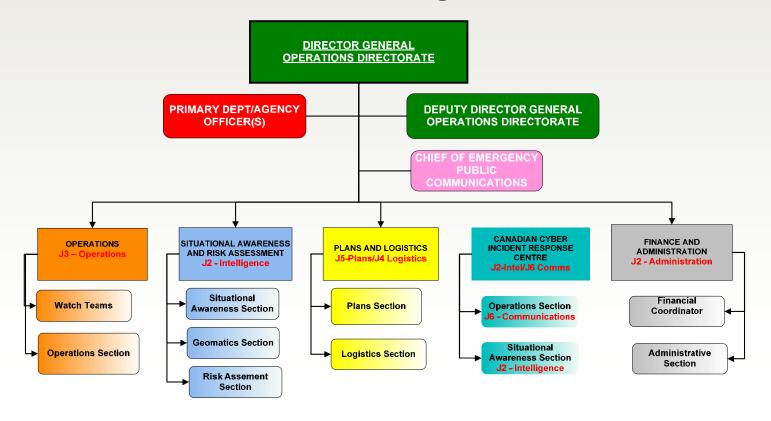
To provide strategic level coordination and direction on behalf of the Government of Canada in response to an emerging or occurring event affecting the national interest.





GOC Functional Structure

Federal Coordinating Officer







FERP Operations Flow



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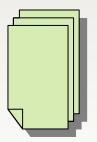
Planning Logistics

Operations Co-ordination











- Notifications-Warnings-Situation Reports
- Impacts
- Issues
- Vulnerabilities
- Tolerance
- Contingency Plans
- Action Plans
- Advance Planning



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GOC Characteristics



- Mandate for domestic and international incidents.
- Fuses crisis and consequence management.
- Action bias, coordinating pre-emptive and reactive strategic operations.
- Single point of contact for many international events affecting the national interest.
- 24/7 operations.
- Government of Canada's Public Safety responsible for.





GOC Geomatics Standards



- We use the Open Geospatial Consortium (OGC) standards for data processing and dissemination. Such as Web Map Service (WMS), Web Feature Service (WFS), Or language markups like Geography Markup Language (GML), Keyhole Markup Language (KML)
- We also use the internationally recognized ISO geographic information series of standards 19101.
- We will be establishing other standards for geomatics interoperability such as the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) for sending geographic info between departments
- GeoRSS is an emerging standard for encoding location as part of an RSS feed.
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 other programs like Google Earth.



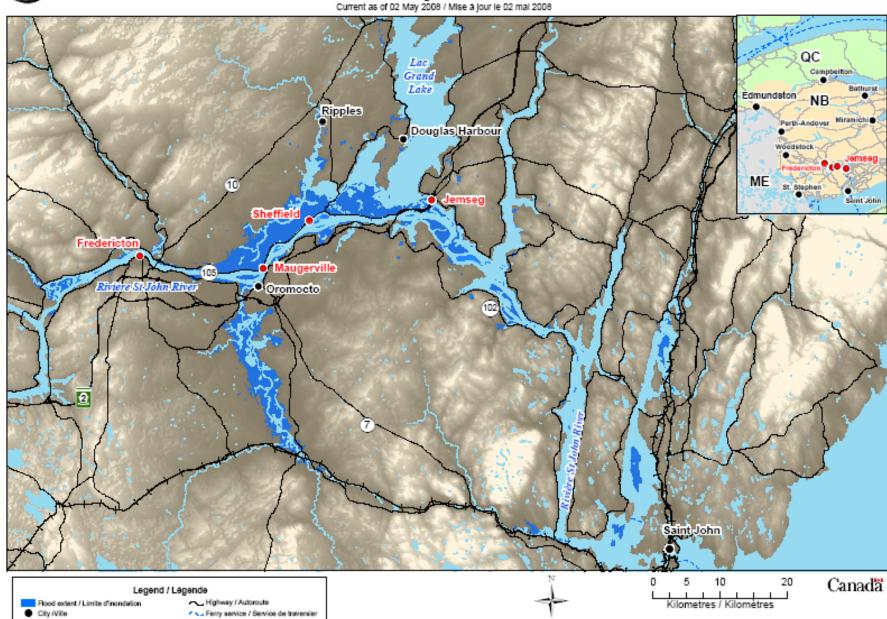


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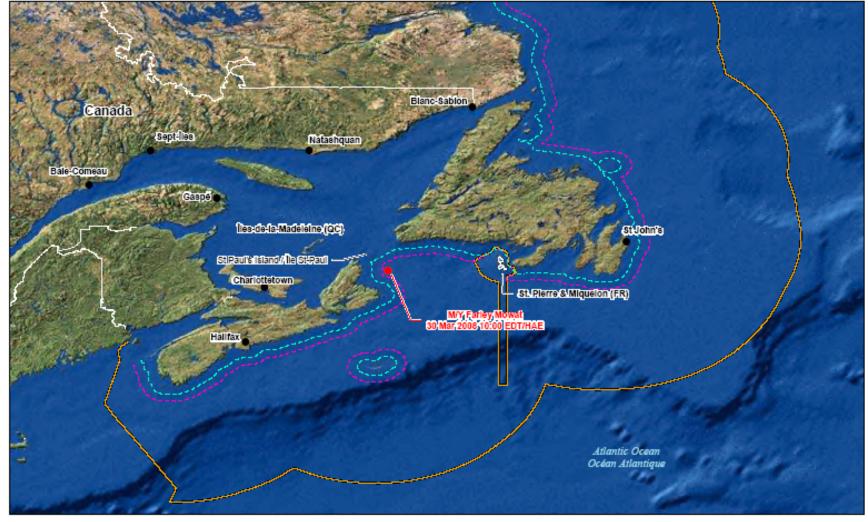
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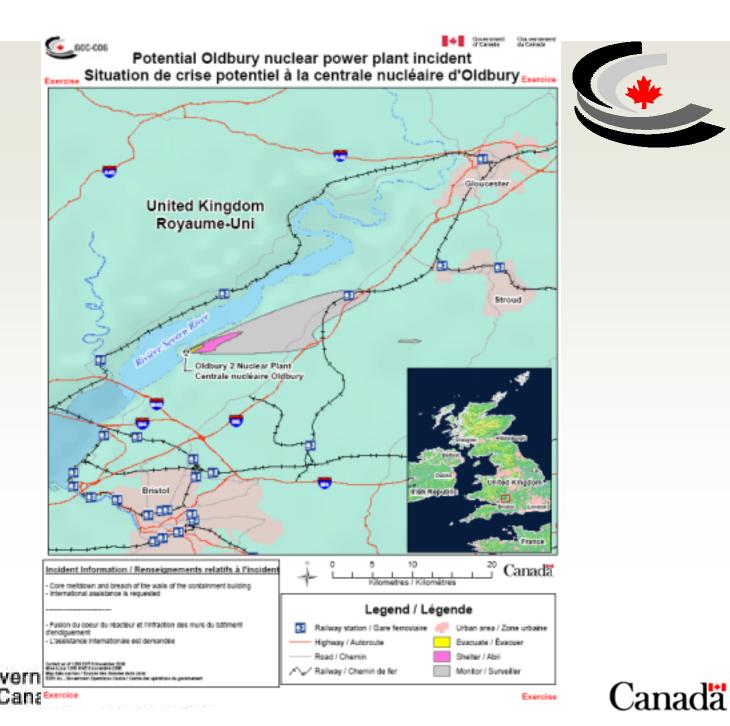
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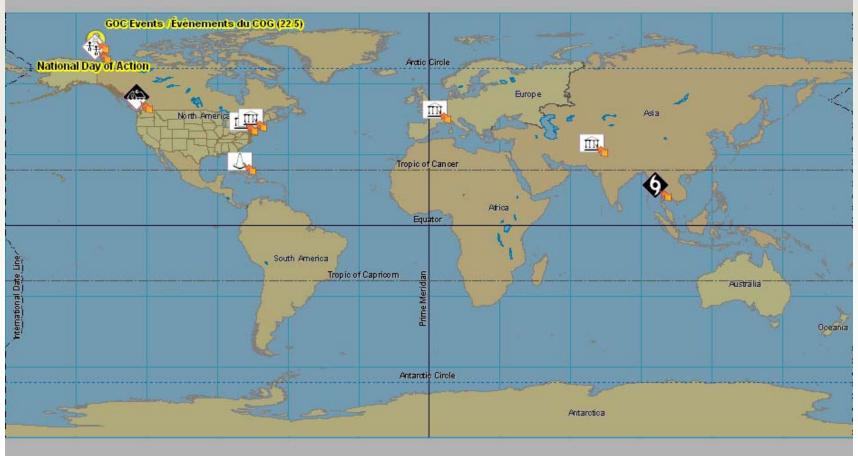
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Canada Common Operations Environment (CANCOE)







GOC High-Level Events Calendar / Calendrier des évènements importants du COG MAY / MAI 2008 - effective 22 May / mis à jour le 22 mai

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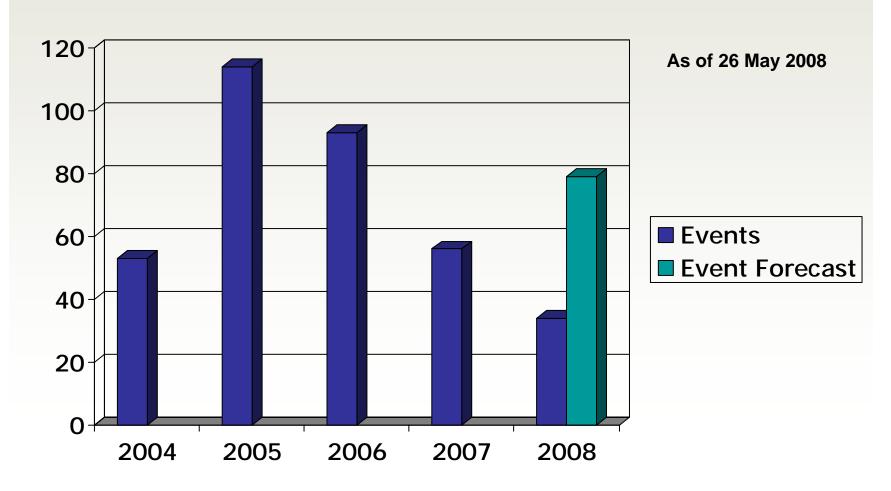


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GOC Activity Levels (3,500 incidents monitored/yr)











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