



Vancouver Island Emergency Preparedness Conference Society

To raise the level of emergency preparedness on the island through promoting awareness, providing information, tools and solutions to problems, sharing experiences and creating networking opportunities

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As Island communities, Vancouver Island and its near-by neighbours have unique emergency preparedness needs. We live in a seismically active region, face ocean based threats of tsunamis and tanker spills, experience severe and sudden floods, and have communities in heavily forested fire sensitive areas. With our unique isolation, there is a need to foster teamwork among island communities and to share our success stories.

The annual Vancouver Island Emergency Preparedness (VIEP) Conference brings together Gulf and Vancouver Island emergency preparedness volunteers and staff, giving them an opportunity to meet each other, establish mutual assistance networks, and hear from experts in the emergency preparedness field. The conference brings together upwards of 350 dedicated volunteers to learn new skills and knowledge from experts, share experiences and information with each other, build bridges between Island communities and between the different groups of volunteers, and to renew their commitment to helping in their communities.

The 2011 VIEP Conference centers around the theme “Shake, Bake, Rock and Roll” representing the dynamic earth and the variety of hazards that exist on Vancouver Island. Join other volunteers and staff from across the Island in a weekend full of informative sessions, networking and fun!

New in 2011, the VIEP Conference will include a Poster Presentation session as part of the conference’s opening festivities. Poster Presentations provide an opportunity for those who wish to share best practices or research related to emergency management or preparedness initiatives with others who attend the Friday evening pre-conference networking event. The focus will be on highlighting Vancouver Island projects/ practices/ research or those that would benefit Vancouver Island communities in emergency preparedness or planning.

For more information, check out: <http://www.viepconference.ca>.