

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)



REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN

INFORMATION RELEASE

EOC Update: volunteers step up to help neighbours

The Regional District of Okanagan-Similkameen (RDOS) proudly acknowledges the efforts of Emergency Support Services (ESS) volunteers during the Drought Hill Wildfire (BCWS K51121). On Wednesday, July 30, 2025, seven ESS volunteers from Summerland and five from Penticton were deployed to Peachland to support the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO).

RDOS ESS volunteers operated a Reception Centre in Peachland, providing critical support to residents whose homes were under evacuation order due to the fast-moving wildfire near Highway 97. The team worked late into the night, ensuring residents received timely information, essential resources, and compassionate support during a time of uncertainty and stress.

Volunteers with the Animal Lifeline Emergency Response Team (ALERT) also provided exceptional support to ensure the safety and well-being of animals during the response.

The coordinated response effort demonstrated the strength of regional partnerships and the importance of collaboration during emergency events. The RDOS Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) worked in close coordination with the RDCO EOC, the District of Peachland, and provincial agencies to ensure residents had access to critical services.

For the latest updates on RDCO evacuation alerts and orders, please visit cordemergency.ca.

To view the current wildfire situation, please visit BCWildfire.ca

The RDOS extends its appreciation to all volunteers and partner agencies involved in the Drought Hill Wildfire mutual aid effort. The response effort is a true reflection of the compassion, professionalism, and teamwork that define the emergency response community.

For further information, please call the EOC at **250-490-4225**. In the case of an emergency, call 9-1-1.

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