

GET INVOLVED!

Volunteering as an ESS responder is a rewarding experience.

Help people in your community during a crisis or emergency.

Work with a team of other dedicated volunteers.

Make a Difference:

You will be part of a team helps connect community members with shelter, food and a shoulder to lean on when disaster forces them from their homes.

Training:

Your local municipality and the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako or the Justice Institute will help you access the training you need, free of charge.

Recognition:

Volunteers form the backbone of Emergency Support Services. Recognition of their efforts may take many forms, including volunteer appreciation events, certificates and awards.

Protection:

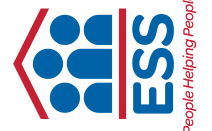
All ESS volunteers receive *WorkSafe BC* and liability insurance coverage while on assignments.

For more information on how you can become an ESS volunteer, contact the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako at:

1-800-320-3339

or visit

www.rdbn.bc.ca/protectiveservices



BULKLEY NECHAKO
EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES
Responding to Disasters in your Community

EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES

Emergency Support Services (ESS) are critical to an emergency response. ESS provides temporary support and assistance to residents who are displaced due to an emergency event.

Events may vary from a structure fire to large evacuations due to flooding or wildfires etc.

All resident of British Columbia are eligible for ESS services.



ESS PROGRAM

ESS is a service provided by municipal ESS Teams and in partnership with the Regional District of Bulkley-Nechako. ESS programs are administered through trained volunteers who dedicate time to their community.

ESS Volunteers are considered Public Safety Lifeline Volunteers through the Province of BC.

ESS ASSISTANCE

ESS Volunteers respond to emergencies and disasters and provide:

- ✓ emergency accommodations or shelter;
- ✓ food and other necessities such as clothing and medication;
- ✓ the distribution of current event information.

COMMITMENT

Until activated by an emergency, being part of your local ESS team is a relatively low commitment. Each team is managed by an Emergency Support Services Director. ESS volunteers make the following commitments:

- ✓ attend ESS training provided by your local government and the Province of BC;
- ✓ attend monthly meetings;
- ✓ be available to respond to emergency events when possible;
- ✓ participate in occasional volunteer appreciation, recruitment and public education events.

The Heart of Disaster Response

