

## Canadian Institute of Public Health Inspectors BC Branch Continuing Education Fall Webinar Series 2013

### Emergency Preparedness and Response in British Columbia September 26, 2013 from 14:00 - 14:30 (PDT)

Human society is changing at a faster rate than ever before. Increases in global population densities, systemic complexity, global interconnectivity of systems and improvements in technology are all contributing to great advancements in science, technology, medicine and culture. However, all of these things are also contributing to increases in potential for adverse events. Add climate change, more extreme weather patterns and aging infrastructure and we see why entities such as emergency management are being embraced across all sectors.

Emergency Management is one of ways governments and industry are looking to guard against the new increased potential for disasters. Emergency management is the discipline of dealing with and avoiding both natural and manmade disasters. It involves risk assessment, preparedness, response and recovery in order to lessen the impact of disasters.

This presentation will outline the basics of Health Emergency Management in British Columbia. We will cover basic emergency management principles, how they apply across all sectors and what specific role public health plays during an emergency response. Following this presentation you should have a better understanding of how Environmental Health will be called upon, deployed and the role you will play during a disaster.

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Brian Johnston graduated from BCIT's Environmental Health Program in 1982, and has been working as an EHO with City of Vancouver since then. As a Supervisor/Specialist, Brian has a great deal of experience in the following areas: Noise Control, Mobile Vending, Community Care, Emergency Preparedness, Housing, Solid Waste and Urban Water.