

2015 Clean and Safe Drinking Water Workshop

Water Supply and Emergency
Management



Fire and Emergency Services – Newfoundland and Labrador (FES-NL)

FES-NL is the Government agency mandated to develop and maintain a modern and robust emergency management program within NL

An integral part of the program is the legislated requirement for all municipalities to have an approved EM plan



Protecting Critical Infrastructure

Water supply is a key *critical infrastructure* within a community

Maintaining a water supply is important to a community for many reasons:

- Safe potable water for residents, institutional clients, business and industry
- Maintain access to water for the provision of fire protection services



When things go sideways.....

When FES-NL receives notification that a community has a water supply issue:

- Cause of the issue impacting the water supply?
- Is this a new development?
- Is there any water to charge the system?
- Were all residents utilizing the water supply as a potable water source prior to the current impact?
- Has MIGA or other technical resources been contacted to resolve the issue?
- Are alternate sources of water available?



Assistance available

Some temporary relief can be provided through EM partners:

- Advanced Education and Skills - Emergency Social Services
- Red Cross
- Salvation Army



Being Prepared

Some points for consideration:

- Ensure that your municipal EM plan has identified a loss of water as a hazard/threat
- Exploring alternate water supply possibilities ***before*** an event occurs
- Work with companies to stock items in business locations around the province
- Providing accurate situational awareness



Questions???

Thank you!!

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