

FEDERAL/PROVINCIAL/TERRITORIAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXEMPLARY SERVICE AWARD

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is pleased to announce that nominations are open for the first annual Federal/Provincial/Territorial (FPT) *Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award*.

The purpose of this Award is to recognize those who have distinguished themselves through their actions and contributions to advancing emergency management in Canada – to save lives, preserve the environment and protect property and the economy.

This award is open to any emergency management professional working in Canada. This includes government staff at all levels (federal, provincial/territorial, municipal, and Indigenous band/council), non-governmental organizations, academia and associations.

Award categories open under this nomination call are:

- Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award: ***Resilient Communities***
- Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award: ***Youth***
- Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award: ***Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Management***

Additional categories will be open to Search and Rescue employees and volunteers under a separate call for nominations coordinated by national Search and Rescue organizations.

Nominations may be made for individuals or groups who have demonstrated exemplary service in the field of emergency management. Nominations should be for initiatives and achievements undertaken in the past two calendar years (this requirement is waived for recognition of outstanding careers).

The call for nominations closes on 31 January 2018. Nominations will be evaluated by a FPT General Selection Committee in February, recommendations will be endorsed by Senior Officials Responsible for Emergency Management and successful nominees will be announced by FPT Ministers Responsible for Emergency Management in May 2018.

This award program could bring worthy recognition to communities and emergency management officials, volunteers and youth in the territories, raise the profile of emergency management, and encourage volunteerism. **Please consider nominating someone in your organization (including groups) for this award and share this information with other NWT organizations you think may be interested.**

Additional information on the award categories is provided below. Nominee and Nominator forms are available and include additional detail on requirements. Further information on the award program is available at the Public Safety Canada website at <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/emesa>.

Nomination packages are to be sent no later than 31 January 2018 to the following:

NWT Emergency Management Organization
Public Safety Division
Municipal and Community Affairs
#600, 5201-50th Ave
Yellowknife NT X1A 3S9

or by email to NWT_EMO@gov.nt.ca

Supplementary Award Category Details

Resilient Communities

The Emergency Management Framework for Canada defines resilience as the capacity of a system, community or society to adapt to disturbances resulting from hazards by persevering, recuperating or changing to reach and maintain an acceptable level of functioning. Resilient capacity is built through a process of empowering citizens, responders, organizations, communities, governments, systems and society to share the responsibility to keep hazards from becoming disasters. Resilience minimizes vulnerability, dependence and susceptibility by creating or strengthening social and physical capacity in the human and built environment to cope with, adapt to, respond to, and recover and learn from disasters.

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 highlights the importance of preventing new and reducing existing disaster risk through the implementation of various measures that prevent and reduce hazard exposure and vulnerability to disaster, increase preparedness for response and recovery, and thus strengthen resilience.

Examples of achievements in this category can include excellence in:

- contributing to an inclusive and all-of-society disaster risk management, including prevention and mitigation activities
- strengthening disaster risk governance and collaboration, including initiatives to encourage the participation of relevant stakeholders
- contributing to an improved understanding of disaster risk
- enhancing preparedness and recovery to build back better following a disaster (including physical infrastructure as well as enhancements and innovations to policies, plans, procedures and programs)
- increasing investment in disaster reduction and mitigation through structural and non-structural measures
- developing effective campaigns for public awareness and education
- enhancing disaster response capacity and coordination

Youth

The Youth category is intended to recognize volunteers and employees in the early stages of their careers. Rather than an age cut-off, eligibility is limited to candidates who are within five years of joining the EM community (whether voluntary or professional).

The Youth category is for youth candidates, not for programs directed at youth. Programs directed at youth can be nominated in the Resilient Communities category.

Outstanding Contribution to Emergency Management

This category can include achievements that may not fall under the above categories.

Additionally, this category recognizes a sustained commitment to emergency management: for individuals, this can entail recognition of an outstanding career; for groups, this can entail recognition of an organization's remarkable contribution over a period of time.