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## 1.05 PUBLIC SAFETY LIFELINE VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION

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### 1.05.1 GENERAL

The *Emergency Program Act* defines volunteer as a volunteer registered by a local authority or the Provincial Emergency Program. Volunteers undertake to train for and respond to an emergency or disaster on behalf of the provincial government, or a local authority as defined in the *Act*.

***Related Policies:***

- 1.02 Public Safety Lifeline Volunteer Code of Conduct
- 2.02 Task Authorization
- 5.01 Task Registration
- 5.02 Expense Reimbursement
- 5.07 Workers' Compensation Coverage
- 5.08 Liability Coverage

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### 1.05.2 DEFINITIONS

See Terms and Definitions

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### 1.05.3 POLICY STATEMENT

- (1) Volunteers will be engaged to perform tasks within the scope of their qualifications, training, and/or experience.
- (2) Interested volunteers must be 16 years of age to register for EMBC-approved operational or training tasks. For volunteers aged 16 to 18 years, parental/guardian consent is required.

#### **VOLUNTEER BENEFITS**

- (1) Volunteers may be eligible for EMBC-funded training conducted by the Justice Institute of British Columbia (JIBC) Emergency Management Division or other approved agency.
- (2) Volunteers may be provided the following when registered for volunteer work for either a local authority or EMBC under an authorized EMBC operational or training tasks number:
  - a. Workers' compensation coverage.
  - b. Liability coverage.
  - c. Reimbursement for out-of-pocket expenses for authorized operational tasks, (see Volunteer Reimbursement and Allowance Rate policy).



- d. Reimbursement for the repair/replacement of personal property or equipment lost or damaged on an operational task.

Note: Eligibility for workers' compensation coverage and expense reimbursement benefits requires that all volunteers be registered for the specific authorized operational or training task in which they are involved.

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#### **1.05.4 CONDITIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES**

- (1) An ID card, bearing a photograph of the individual and designating the individual's affiliation, may be issued to public safety component volunteers on request.
- (2) The ID card will identify an individual as being a member of a specific public safety discipline.
- (3) While ID cards are not a pass they may help establish an individual's authority to be in designated sites in an emergency, particularly areas that may not be accessible to the public.
- (4) ID cards are the property of EMBC. They must be renewed every five years and surrendered upon termination of volunteer status. Loss of an ID card should be immediately reported to the appropriate EMBC Regional Manager or public safety group/team leader.

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#### **1.05.5 AUTHORITIES**

*Emergency Program Act*

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#### **1.05.6 RELATED DOCUMENTS**

- 1.05 Public Safety Lifeline Volunteer Registration Procedures
- 1.05 Public Safety Lifeline Volunteer Registration Form
- 1.05 Public Safety Lifeline Volunteer Registration Sample Identification (ID) Card