

1.11 PROVINCIAL SUPPORT FOR DEPLOYING ‘OUT-OF-JURISDICTION’ FIRST NATIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITY STAFF TO AN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTRE (EOC)

1.11.1 GENERAL

This policy relates to deploying trained or competent emergency management staff from one jurisdiction to an Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in a jurisdiction requiring surge support in response to an emergency/disaster, or in preparation for a potential emergency/disaster.

First Nations and local authorities initiate emergency response actions necessary to provide the appropriate resources, including personnel, to respond to an emergency/disaster. In some cases, these requirements go beyond the internal resources available and assistance from outside the affected jurisdiction is needed. Policy 5.11 provides a framework for deployment of emergency management staff identified directly by the EOC or via the Province. Policy 5.11 also describes cost reimbursement for deployed staff.

Community-to-community support helps build resilience in the province as personnel gain experience and share lessons learned. Questions on process or the paperwork required should be directed to the applicable [EMCR PREOC](#) (Emergency Management and Climate Readiness/Provincial Regional Emergency Operations Centre).

Related Guidelines/Policies:

- [Financial Assistance for Emergency Response and Recovery Costs – A Guide for BC Local Authorities and First Nations’ \(revised January 2008\)](#)

1.11.2 DEFINITIONS

- See [Terms and Definitions](#)
- **Deployed Personnel:** Staff employed by a First Nation or local authority jurisdiction who are deployed to provide support to an EOC operated by a different jurisdiction during an emergency/disaster. Deployed personnel will have experience in EOC management, operations, planning, logistics, finance, or other areas, and basic emergency management training including EOC Essentials and Incident Command System Level 100.
- **Home Employer:** The Deploying Community that regularly employs the Deployed Personnel.
- **Deploying Community:** The employer of the emergency personnel dispatched to assist in the Requesting Community’s EOC.
- **Out-of-Jurisdiction:** Outside of the established First Nation, municipal, or regional district boundaries.
- **Requesting Community:** The community operating the EOC that has requested support of emergency personnel from other jurisdictions.



1.11.3 POLICY STATEMENT

- (1) This policy applies when Requesting Communities need surge support during response, or in preparation for a potential emergency/disaster, at the EOC or site level to protect public safety.
- (2) With an approved EMCR Resource Request or Expenditure Authorization Form – EOC 530 (EAF), EMCR will reimburse the Requesting Community for Deployed Personnel from the Deploying Community, including travel costs and any related equipment and/or supplies. Refer to 5.11 Procedures for cost reimbursement details.
- (3) The costs associated with back filling personnel by the Deploying Community are not eligible costs.
- (4) This policy applies to paid First Nations or local authority staff. Specific contracting arrangements can be considered where the person identified does not have an existing full-time position but has all the requisite emergency management experience.

1.11.4 CONDITIONS/RESPONSIBILITIES

- (1) An EMCR Task Number is issued to the Requesting Community which is required for cost reimbursement.
- (2) Rates for cost reimbursement will be based on:
Provincial meal/per diem travel rate (see [Chapter C, Rates and Reimbursement - Appendix 1](#)) for Group 1. Exceptions to the provincial government rate (i.e., if First Nations/local authority rates are similar) can be made with an approved EAF.
- (3) Nation-to-nation and local government-to-local government secondment agreement should be established as appropriate.

1.11.5 AUTHORITIES

- [Emergency Program Act](#)
- [Local Authority Emergency Management Regulation](#)
- [Compensation and Disaster Financial Assistance Regulation](#)

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