



**FNERA**  
FIRST NATIONS EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE ASSOCIATION



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# History

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# NOEMWG

- After the February 2019 Provincial Planning Session hosted by EMO, Indigenous representatives of PTO's and Tribal Councils developed a Working Group to come together on current Indigenous Emergency Management issues in the Northwestern Region of Ontario.
- The Northwest Emergency Management Working Group evolved to include All Ontario Regions creating a unified representation.



Made possible by the Northwestern Ontario Emergency Management Working Group

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AFTER ACTION RESPONDERS FORUM

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The First Nation Emergency Response Association was founded by the following representatives in response to multiple natural disaster emergencies throughout Indigenous Communities in the Province of Ontario.

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## Supporting First Nations in Emergency Response

- Fire
- Flood
- Extreme Winds
- Climatic Issues
- Emergency Response
- Now Events

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## Emerging Stronger Through:

- Training and Development
- Community Advocacy
- Expert Advice
- Information Sharing
- Member Support
- Research and Communication

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# **FNERA Context**

- The importance of regional partnership has been made apparent in all Four Pillars of Emergency Management.
- The key outcome of FNERA is to facilitate respectful dialogue and representation where Indigenous Communities are impacted and discuss emergency planning for all emergencies in Indigenous communities in Ontario.





A photograph of several firefighters in full gear, including helmets and jackets with reflective stripes, working at an emergency scene. One firefighter in the foreground has '1 GORDON' on their helmet. They are gathered around a dark-colored vehicle, possibly a truck or SUV, which appears to be involved in an incident. The background shows a wooded area with bare trees, suggesting a rural or wilderness setting. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent blue filter.

**Our Mission is to Support  
First Nations-Led  
Emergency Management**

A photograph of three firefighters in orange gear and helmets working with equipment on the back of a fire truck. The scene is outdoors, possibly near a body of water. The image has a red tint. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

# Supporting First Nations in Emergency Response

- Fire
- Flood
- Extreme Winds
- Pandemic Issues
- Crisis Response
- Major Snow Events





# Emerging Stronger Through:

- Training & Development
- Community Advocacy
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# Mandate

Members of the Association will work together to establish:

1. Better information sharing and coordinated efforts for emergency management in Ontario.
2. To advocate for Indigenous inclusion in all Emergency Management policies at all levels of Government.
3. A one stop shop for planning regional approaches to enhancing operational priorities from a Indigenous perspective to better collaborate with Federal and Provincial Partners.
4. To champion the Sovereignty of Indigenous Governance regarding Emergency Management.
5. To provide an avenue for all partners to raise issues and to provide updates on the progress of new and key initiatives.
6. Promote Emergency Management training opportunities that support an Indigenous Perspective to educate and prepare community members and Leadership.





# Members

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# Current Membership

The membership of the Association will include the following:

- Core/Founding Group (Indigenous Organizations involving Emergency Management in Ontario)
  - IFNA, NAN, GCT #3, Nokiiwin, Anishinabek, AIAI, and Six Nations
  - IAO – Administrative Support
- Sub-Committees
  - Regional
  - Project-specific
  - Ad-hoc



# Board of Directors

- Chair – Darrin Spence
- Vice Chair – Jamie Scrimger (Nokiiwin)
- Board member – Maya Boivin (NAN)
- Board member – Suzanne Nicholas (AIAI)
- Board member – Kevin Ramcharan (NAN)
- Board Member – Nicholas Rhone (IFNA)
- Board Member – Ashley Lindsay (GCT3)
- Board Member – Anishinabek Nation (Vacant)



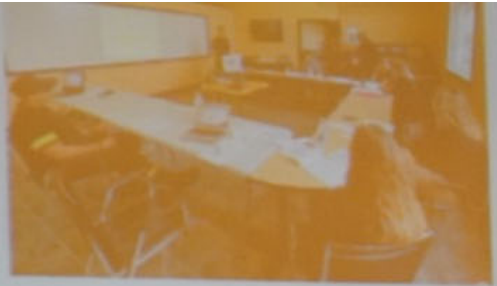
# Invitees

- On a case-by-case basis, the following may be invited:
  - Indigenous organizations/communities
  - Other invitees as identified by Board of Directors
  - EMO, IAO, ISC and FNHIB representatives as identified by Board of Directors





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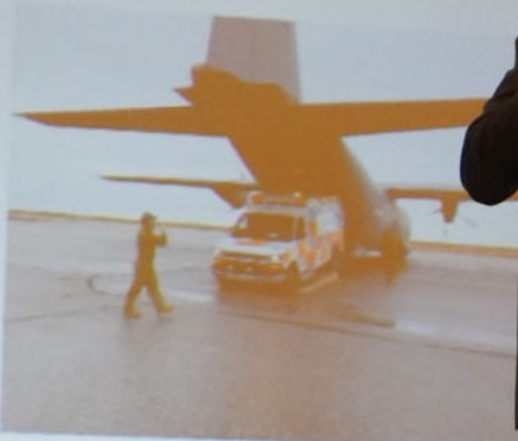
EMO Training – Township  
of Val Rita-Harty  
September 2022



Bruce Power's  
Exercise Huron  
Endeavour  
October 2022



Bruce Power's  
Exercise Huron  
Endeavour  
October 2022



Ambulance Airlift  
Dryden to Pikangikum FN  
October 2022



– Hurricane Fiona  
October 2022





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# Evolution of Emergency Management

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# Evolution of Emergency Management

- Six Nations Fire and Emergency Services: Training Center for Excellence
- Nation to Nation hosting/service provider
- Supporting the development of Certified First Nation Emergency Management training
- Expanding IMS/ICS to include First Nation Content



# Evolution of Emergency Management

- Providing advocacy for First Nation Emergency Management within a number of provincial and Federal level committees
  - Operationalize Joint Command Model
  - Provincial Emergency Management Strategic Action Plan
  - All Hazard Incident Management Teams (Developed by EMO, in the training stage)
  - Canadian Interagency Forest Fire Center Inc



# Evolution of Emergency Management

- IFNA provides external services
- Providing a conduit for access to community level and regionally specific First Nation consultation in relation to Emergency Management







# Enhance & Support First Nations

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# Enhance & Support First Nations

- Provide non-political information to Communities and Chiefs
- Create culturally appropriate Training, Operations, and Trainers
- Resource Pool
  - Connect with Service Providers
  - Train the Trainer in Emergency Management
- Assist with Funding tools
- Build Capacity, Youth Empowerment, Reduce 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Impact
- Direct link to EMO, MNRF, ISC, and IAO in regard to Emergency Management
- Identify funding streams and as well shortcomings of funding scopes from the Federal and Provincial Policy



# Next Steps

- Incorporate FNERA
- Provide First Nation Communities with a portal of resources
- Establish a Community/Chiefs committee
- Build up Membership once Association is officially launched



# Current Projects

- Developing the Governance of the Group
- Establish funding (every member volunteers their time)
- Create Sub Committees
  - HIRA's for social threats within emergencies
  - Develop training material with Indigenous Content along with ISC and EMO
  - Evacuation Risk Assessment Tool
  - Policy Development



# Future

- FNERA is a new and upcoming association, the Federal and Provincial Governments are seeking input and collaboration on emergency management projects with First Nations.
- As experts in this field, FNERA is looking to fill this gap and we would like to establish a Community/Chiefs Advisory to help steer our group.







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