



WEEKLY INCIDENT SITUATION REPORT



PERIOD: 20 Jul 09 to 26 Jul 09

PEP Region	Search and Rescue			Dangerous Goods and Oil Spills	Motor Vehicle Incidents	Other (floods fire etc.)	General Enquiries and Info
	Air	Land	Inland Water				
Van Island	0	6	1	10	6	2	23
South West	1	10	4	25	0	5	53
Central	0	2	5	10	14	10	170
South East	1	5	3	10	5	2	46
North East	0	4	0	6	11	2	39
North West	0	1	0	2	3	0	8
Headquarters	0	0	0	0	0	1	700
Provincial Weekly Totals	2	28	13	63	39	22	1039
Provincial Year to Date	41	280	113	1099	581	222	11982
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	Search and Rescue						

	Weekly	Year to Date
Total Number of Incidents	167	2336
Protection Order Registry	181	2982
Problem Wildlife	519	7606
Wildlife Enforcement	97	1610

SEARCH AND RESCUE INFORMATION - WEEKLY PERIOD: 20 JUL 09 TO 26 JUL 09

DATE/TIME INCIDENT #	PEP REGION	INCIDENT	ELT/ #VICTIMS	# PEP VOL	LOCATED			COMMENTS
					ALIVE	DEAD	NO	
20 00:17 900392	VIR	LAND	1	10	1			10 Salt Spring Island SAR responded to RCMP request to search for a missing female on Pender Island. Subject was located by SAR responders and handed over to BCAS for transport to hospital.
20 16:37 900393	SEA	INLAND WATER	2	8	2			8 Fernie SAR responded to rescue two stranded tubers on the Elk River. One of the individuals had his foot trapped on a sweeper on the river and as SAR arrived, his foot came free. SAR transported him to BCAS for treatment.
20 17:03 900394	VIR	LAND	1	10	1			10 Campbell River SAR responded to rescue an injured hiker near Gold River. A helicopter was used to transport SAR members into the area to rescue the subject. The injured hiker was then turned over to BCAS for transport to hospital.
20 17:30 900395	SWE	AIR	ELT	2				2 PEP Air members were tasked by JRCC to locate an ELT sounding at or near the Pitt Meadows field. They were quickly stood down when the ELT ceased.
20 17:55 900396	SWE	INLAND WATER	1	6	1			6 Squamish SAR responded in their rescue boat to assist an individual stranded on a log jam in the Squamish River. The individual was safely transported to shore.
21 00:14 900397	NEA	LAND	1	5	1			5 North Peace SAR assisted Taylor Fire Dept in rescuing an elderly female at the bottom of an embankment on the 259 Road in Baldonnel.
21 22:43 900398	NEA	LAND	1	17	1			17 SAR members from West Chilcotin, Bella Bella, Central Cariboo and PEP Air responded to search for a missing elderly male hiker in the Rainbow Mountains near Anahim Lake. Subject was spotted by RCMP Air 3 and was directed to a road where he could be picked up.
22 11:14 900399	NEA	LAND		2				2 members of Fort Nelson SAR responded to a vehicle over an embankment. It was discovered that the vehicle, which had been towing a trailer, was from an accident that had occurred earlier in the day or the previous night. The driver had made his way back to town.
22 16:12 900400	SEA	AIR	1	20		1		15 Creston SAR and 5 Nelson SAR responded to search for a crashed helicopter. The helicopter was located submerged in a river by using an underwater camera on board the Nelson SAR boat. The pilot was deceased and the RCMP Dive team responded to recover the subject.
23 00:09 900401	VIR	LAND	1	10	1			10 Powell River SAR responded to search for a missing male who called 911 in the Wildwood area and was believed to be involved in a cat attack. The subject was located by SAR and taken to hospital by RCMP.
23 09:42 900402	VIR	LAND	3	12	3			12 Campbell River SAR members responded to search for three subjects after a SPOT distress call

							on the Elk River Trail in Strathcona Park. SAR was stood down en route after the subjects made it out to the trailhead on their own.
23 12:52 900403	VIR	LAND	1	8	1		8 Campbell River SAR responded to a SPOT distress call in Strathcona Park. The subject was located in good condition by the RCMP helicopter and transported to the trailhead where they were met by the SAR team.
23 13:23 900404	NEA	LAND	1	3	1		3 Robson Valley SAR responded to search for a missing male in Mount Robson Park near Valemount. SAR was stood down when the male walked out of the trail on his own.
23 16:02 900405	CTL	INLAND WATER	1	3	1		3 Kelowna Fire Rescue members responded to assist a distressed boater in an overturned canoe in the lake near Tolko Industries. The subject self-rescued and members returned to the hall.
23 16:44 900406	SWE	LAND	2	7	2		7 Kent Harrison and Chilliwack SAR members responded to assist two subjects reported to have gone over a cliff in their vehicle on the Harrison East Forest Service Road by Cogburn Beach. SAR was stood down by RCMP after it was discovered there had been no vehicle accident and the subjects were simply having an altercation.
23 20:11 900407	SWE	INLAND WATER	3	15	3		15 members of Chilliwack SAR were stood down while mustering to search for three missing tubers on the Vedder River. The individuals were found unharmed.
23 21:50 900408	SWE	LAND	2	2	2		2 North Shore Rescue members responded to search for two missing hikers on the Indian Arm. The hikers were located in good condition and transported back to the Deep Cove dock.
24 07:50 900409	SWE	LAND	1	10	1		10 Pemberton SAR members responded to investigate a report of SPOT beacon sounding southwest of Tundra Lake. A helicopter was used to insert SAR members and a medical team into the area. It was determined the signal had been set off by a hiker who wanted to report smoke and a possible forest fire in the area. The hiker was flown out of the area by helicopter.
24 22:31 900410	VIR	INLAND WATER	3	1	3		1 Comox Valley SAR member was contacted regarding three missing tubers near the Oyster River. SAR was stood down prior to mustering when the subjects made their way to a residence and contacted family.
25 13:19 900411	SEA	LAND	1	4	1		4 members of Arrow Lakes SAR responded to an injured quad rider in the Arrow Park area. SAR were transported in by helicopter and airlifted the individual out. The subject was transferred to BCAS for transport to hospital.
25 15:04 900412	CTL	INLAND WATER		13			13 Naramata, Penticton and Peachland Fire Departments were called out to search on Okanagan Lake after a paraglider was reported to have disappeared between Penticton and Naramata. They were stood down when nothing was located.

25 15:16 900413	NWE	LAND		1				1 Bulkley Valley SAR member was contacted regarding an injured hiker in Babine Mountain Park. It was determined that SAR assistance was not required as the individual was easily accessible for BCAS by helicopter.
25 16:20 900414	CTL	INLAND WATER	2	10	2			10 members of Vernon SAR responded to assist two people on seadoos in distress on Kalamalka Lake. They had managed to get to shore just as the SAR team was arriving.
25 17:20 900415	CTL	INLAND WATER	4	10	4			10 Vernon SAR responded to search for four missing people who were last seen on a barge on Kalamalka Lake. The individuals were located safe and sound.
25 17:16 900416	CTL	LAND	1	1	1			1 Shuswap SAR member was contacted regarding a paraglider near the south end of Mara Lake that may have required assistance. The subject was located unharmed and SAR was stood down.
25 17:44 900417	SEA	LAND	1	2	1			2 Kimberley SAR were stood down while en route to assist an injured quad rider near Cranbrook.
25 20:32 900418	SEA	LAND	9	1	9			1 Columbia Valley SAR was contacted regarding nine individuals that had reportedly not returned from a hike in the Bugaboo Provincial Park Glacier area. SAR was stood down when it was found that the subject's vehicle was no longer at the site. It is assumed that they returned to their vehicle and left the area.
25 20:23 900419	SEA	LAND		4				4 PEP Air members were tasked by the RCMP to fly over the Nicholson area near Golden to search for a possible missing hang glider. Nothing was spotted by PEP Air and they were stood down.
25 21:29 900420	VIR	LAND	1	12	1			12 Campbell River SAR responded to assist a dirt biker who was injured after he went down a ravine at Atluck Lake near Zeballos. On arrival, the SAR team was unable to locate the subject. BCAS had already rescued him and transported him without advising SAR to stand down.
26 08:40 900421	SWE	LAND	1	2	1			2 PEP Air members were contacted to assist the RCMP as spotters in their helicopter to search for a missing male in the Squamish Valley area. The male was located unharmed as RCMP Air 1 was arriving at the helipad.
26 10:43 900422	SWE	LAND		4				4 Pemberton SAR responded to RCMP request to locate a PLB sounding in the Joffre Lake area. 2 SAR members accompanied the RCMP in Air 5 and they located an injured individual. They airlifted them out to the Whistler Clinic.
26 12:39 900423	SEA	LAND	1	12	1			12 Fernie SAR responded to rescue an injured hiker on the west side of Three Sisters. A helicopter was approved to transport SAR members into the area however was grounded due to a severe thunderstorm. SAR members hiked in to retrieve the hiker and transferred the subject to BCAS for transport to hospital.
26 14:06 900424	SEA	INLAND WATER	1	5	1			5 New Denver Fire Dept responded to assist BCAS with an injured kayaker on the shore of Nemo

								Creek. The subject was rescued by a friend who performed CPR. The subject refused any further medical assistance from responders.
26 14:40 900425	CTL	INLAND WATER		3				3 Kelowna Fire Dept members responded to a report of a seadoo in Okanagan Lake. The seadoo was located, but there was nobody in the area.
26 15:02 900426	CTL	INLAND WATER		2				2 Kelowna Fire Dept members responded to a report of an overturned catamaran on Ducks Lake. The occupants of the catamaran were rescued by another boater prior to their arrival.
26 15:28 900427	SWE	LAND	2	12	2			12 Ridge Meadows SAR responded to search for two individuals lost in the Malcolm Knapp Research Forest. RCMP Air 5 spotted the subjects and retrieved them both safely and returned them to the parking lot.
26 16:42 900428	SWE	LAND	1	14	1			12 Squamish and 2 Whistler SAR members responded to rescue an injured hiker on the 2nd Peak of The Chief. HETS was required to extract the subject and the injured hiker was then transferred to BCAS for transport to hospital.
26 16:57 900429	SEA	INLAND WATER		7				7 Nelson SAR responded to rescue occupants of a boat that was taking on water on Kootenay Lake. RCMP stood SAR down when the boat and occupants in need of assistance were able to make it back to shore safely.
26 18:04 900430	SWE	LAND	2	3	2			3 North Shore Rescue members responded to search for two overdue hikers in the Mosquito Creek area. SAR was stood down when the subjects made it out of the area on their own.
26 18:32 900431	SWE	LAND	3	2	3			2 members of Hope SAR responded as spotters to assist RCMP Air 4 in search for 3 overdue hikers in Manning Park. SAR and RCMP Air 4 was stood down prior to lift off when the subjects were located and picked up by a private helicopter company.
26 21:00 900432	SWE	LAND	1	4	1			4 North Shore SAR members responded to BCAS request to assist an injured hiker on the Grouse Grind. SAR members assisted the subject and reunited him with his family. He declined medical treatment.
26 21:39 900433	SWE	INLAND WATER		16				16 Chilliwack SAR responded to rescue three boaters adrift on the Fraser River. SAR was stood down when the subjects were rescued by friends.
26 21:58 900434	SWE	INLAND WATER	3	16	3			16 members from Chilliwack SAR responded to rescue three people on sedos that ran out of gas on the Fraser River. They were all rescued and brought back to shore.
WEEK TOTAL		43	60	311	59	1	0	ELT - 1
YEAR TO DATE		434	489	4094	449	30	10	ELT - 36

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DANGEROUS GOODS

On 25 Jul 09, a backhoe struck and punctured a natural gas line in Fernie which caused an evacuation of an area which included two hotels and a seniors complex. The Ministry of Environment Response Officer raised the incident to Code 2 (urgent status) due to the threat to public safety. The City of Fernie activated their Emergency Operations Centre and opened a reception centre to receive evacuees. The incident was downgraded to Code 1 when the gas was shut off and evacuees were allowed to return to the area.

BODY RECOVERY

On 22 Jul 09, Nelson SAR assisted the RCMP Dive Team with the recovery of a deceased pilot from a helicopter that crashed in the Kootenay River.

EVIDENCE SEARCH

On 24 Jul 09, Nelson SAR were requested to assist the RCMP and the Transportation Safety Board with an investigation of a fatal helicopter crash in the Kootenay River.

URBAN INTERFACE FIRE

On 22 Jul 09, City of Vernon activated their Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) in preparation for interface fire evacuees on alert north of Regional District of Central Okanagan.

On 22 July 09, the Mount McLean (K70814) interface fire was reported west of Lillooet. District of Lillooet and Tit'q'et First Nations have activated a joint EOC. Squamish Lillooet Regional District has also activated their EOC and issued a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency and Evacuation Order for a small number of properties.

On 22 July 09, Regional District Central Okanagan (RDCO) issued Evacuation orders and alerts as a result of the Terrace Mountain (K50720) interface fire. The EOC continues to be activated and a Declaration of a Local State of Emergency has been issued and extended until 02 August. Evacuation orders and alerts are still in place for some residents. Local Search and Rescue teams responded to assist with handing out evacuation notices.

On 24 Jul 09, the North Okanagan Regional District (NORD) activated their EOC to Level 1 when the Terrace Mountain (K50720) interface fire moved closer to the NORD boundary.

On 25 Jul 09, the Sunnybrae (K50945) interface fire was reported burning northwest of Salmon Arm. The Columbia Shuswap Regional District activated their EOC and issued an evacuation alert for approximately 500 people.

ENVIRONMENTAL

On 25 Jul 09, a resident in Vernon reported that her property was flooding after a creek overflowed its banks. The Emergency Program Coordinator was advised.

On 26 Jul 09, Indian and Northern Affairs Canada reported a debris flow that came down the Cheekeye River after a thunderstorm went through the area on 25 Jul. A blockage was reported at the confluence of the Cheekeye and the Cheakamus Rivers causing a potential for flooding in the area. The Emergency Program Coordinator responded to the scene and Ministry of Environment Water Stewardship staff was advised. An overflight of the area was arranged to assess the situation.

MISCELLANEOUS

On 21 Jul 09, Taylor Fire Dept responded to extricate a subject from an ultralight crash near Fort St John. The subject located and brought up an embankment.

On 23 Jul 09, the Emergency Operations Centre was activated to Level 1 on Mayne Island after a whale watching boat with 32 POB experienced mechanical problems and capsized. A reception centre and ESS support was not required as a second whale watching boat arrived at the scene and rescued the passengers.

URBAN FIRE (S):

<u>DATE</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>IMPACTED</u>
20 Jul 09	Delta	4 people
21 Jul 09	Winfield	4 people
23 Jul 09	North Vancouver	2 people
23 Jul 09	Salmon Arm	2 people
25 Jul 09	Surrey	2 people
25 Jul 09	Surrey	5 people
26 Jul 09	Saanich	4 people