

# Overview of the SPSA

# Thousands evacuate in Saskatchewan as wildfires burn

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*“... the SPSA will allow for greater internal co-ordination and co-operation, while providing a more streamlined provincial response when emergencies strike. Ultimately this will lead to better service for the people of Saskatchewan.”*

– Honourable Warren Kaeding

# Legislation

- We are governed by *The Saskatchewan Public Safety Act, 2019*.
- However, we are also responsible for:
  - *The Emergency 911 System Act*;
  - *The Emergency Planning Act*;
  - *The Public Safety Answering Point Regulations, 2011*;
  - *The Emergency Services Telecommunication Program Regulations*;
  - *The Fire Safety Act*; and
  - *The Wildfire Act*.

# Mission

- Our mission is to safeguard and protect the people, property and resources of Saskatchewan through:
  - Partnerships,
  - Coordinated planning,
  - Education, and
  - Prevention, mitigation, response and recovery.

- Community planning, training and exercising
- Critical Infrastructure Advisory Network
- GoS Business Continuity



- Disaster mitigation work for high-risk communities
- Public education program

- Wildfire management
    - Air Operations
    - Land Operations
  - Emergency response
  - Provincial coordination (PEOC)
  - Sask911
  - SaskAlert
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- Provincial Disaster Assistance Program









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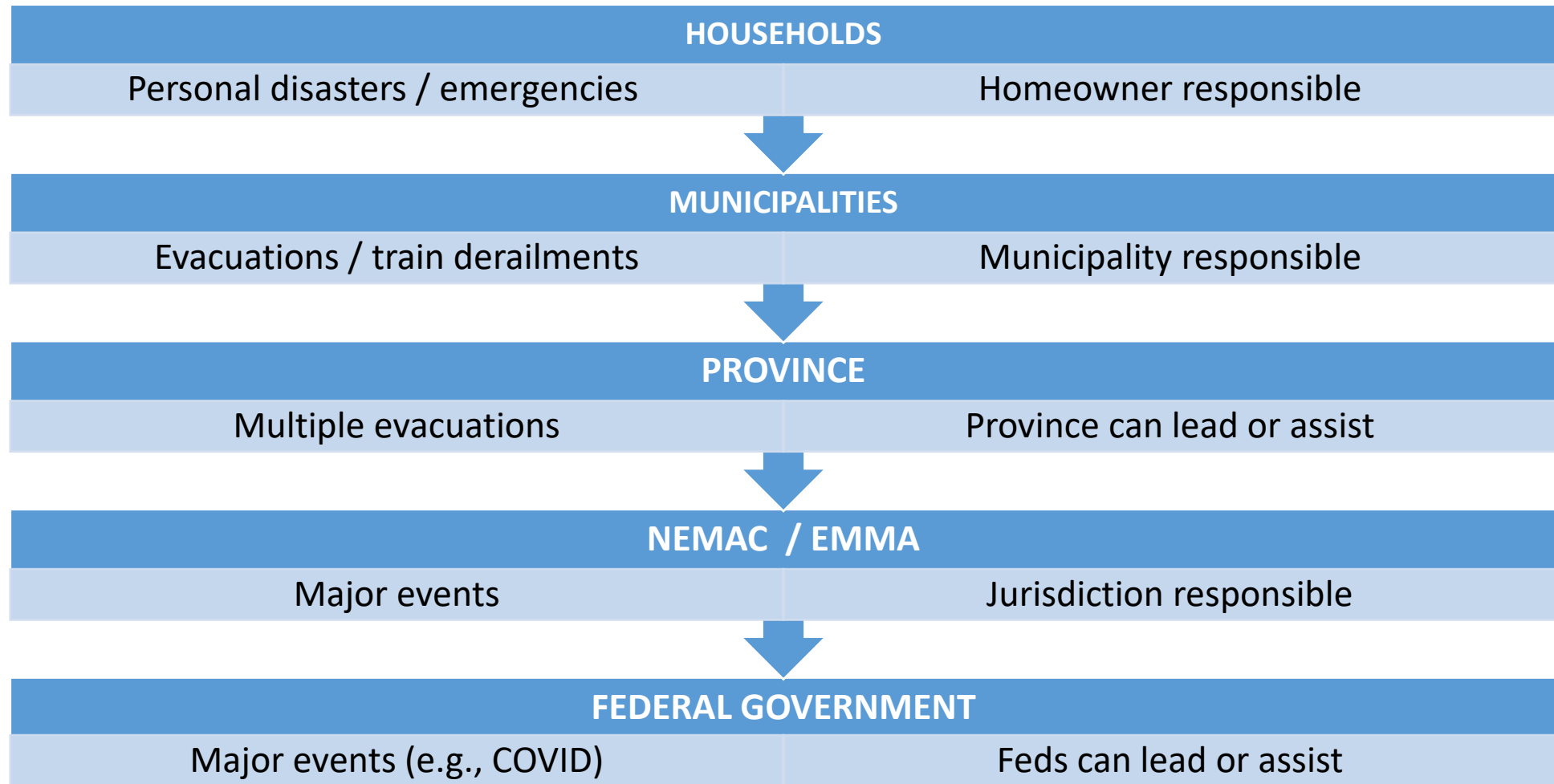
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Alberta  
Wildfire  
Management

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DO NOT OPERATE  
THIS MACHINERY  
UNLESS YOU  
ARE A QUALIFIED  
OPERATOR  
OR SUPERVISOR



# Hierarchy of Emergency Response

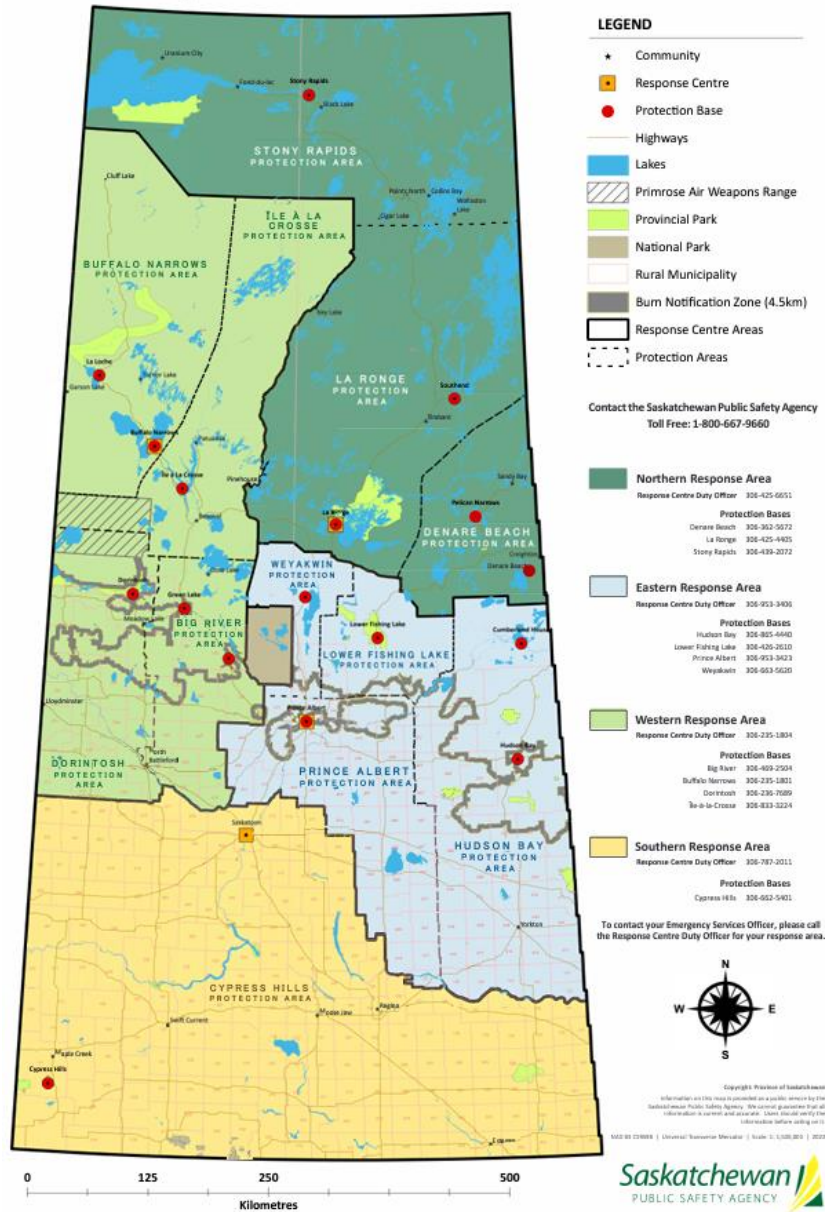








# Response Areas and Protection Bases





Toll free #

**1 – 800-667-9660**

# Emergency Communications



Sask911

SaskAlert

Civic Address  
Registry (CAR)

Provincial Public  
Safety  
Telecommunications  
Network (PPSTN)

Provincial  
Emergency  
Communications  
Centre (PECC)



# Provincial Disaster Assistance Program (PDAP)

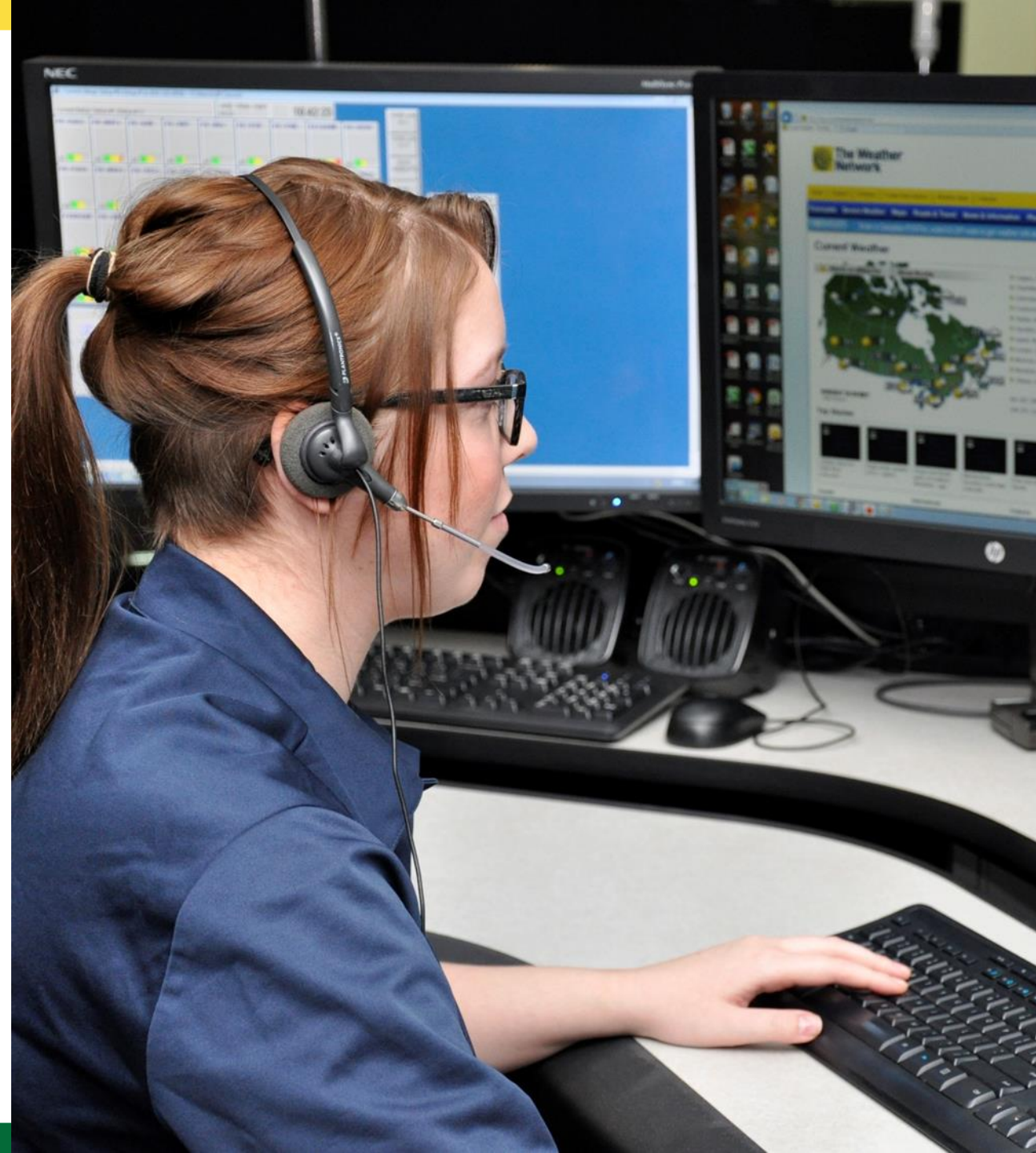
- Financial assistance
- Request for eligibility
- Provincial cost recovery





# Provincial Emergency Management Plan (PEMP)

- Cabinet endorsed
- Incident Command System (international)
- Intent: Coordinate government response



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## How to help prevent wildfires in Sask. this long weekend



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With about half of all wildfires starting at the hands of people, there are a few practices that residents can follow to make sure they do not start a wildfire.

Jamie Markowsky, public education program manager for the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency says there are many things the public can do to prevent wildfires.

"Make sure if you are going out and about that there are no fire bans in your area, keep water easily accessible," Markowsky said.

"When you're done with your fire don't just walk away, make sure to actually soak it and stir it, make sure the coals are cold."

A photograph of a forest fire. Tall, thin evergreen trees are silhouetted against a bright orange and yellow fire that is consuming the forest floor and lower branches. Thick plumes of white and grey smoke rise from the fire, filling the upper portion of the frame. The overall scene is dramatic and intense, with a dark sky above the smoke.

Thank you