

Call for Presenters!

Emergency Preparedness in Local Governments. Are you prepared? Can you afford not to be?

Over 150 elected officials will gather in Fernie, B.C. in the spring of 2018 to address this highly relevant topic of Emergency Preparedness in Local Governments during the Annual Convention of the Association of Kootenay & Boundary Local Governments (AKBLG).

Traditionally, emergency management personnel divide their efforts into preparedness, response and recovery. We are interested in presenting our membership with perspectives not only from emergency management professionals but also business owners, community members at large and organizations within our communities which all pull together during times of crisis.

The AKBLG forums will group presenters into the following topics, those being:

- long term preparations for emergencies, including risk mitigation measures;
- on the ground operational response, with a focus on how community resources (small business operators, volunteers) provide support to the overall operations; and
- review and reflection by community members and emergency response professionals on what worked, how to be better prepared for the future and how to share this knowledge with other communities;
- Non-traditional aspects of preparation and response. (e.g. business continuity for the municipality when evacuated or receiving evacuees;
- Elected Officials role in an emergency response situation. (e.g. Elected officials need to have the background of the situation to enable them to continue to be maintain a leadership role, but not participate in the actual incident command functions; and
- Public speaking under pressure.

Some of the presentations will be in a panel while others will be grouped sequentially or be stand alone. We would like to know how you could contribute to our convention through your insights, experience and expertise. Preference will be given to presentations that are dynamic, educational and interactive.

Deadline for First Call for Proposals is Friday, December 8, 2017. The Committee will review all proposals submitted and will continue to receive proposals until all presentation spots are filled.

Proposals and inquiries should be forwarded to Sheryl Zral, Convention Coordinator at mszral@telus.net or sigzral@gmail.com 250 423.1997.