



## **Report from the Piers Island Emergency Program**

**July, 2015 to June, 2016**

**Coordinator:** Frances Glover

**Deputy Coordinator/ Duty Officer:** Velvet Warrior

**Communication/Duty Officers:** Colleen Bryden, Sandy Brunham, Kerry Wheeler

**Duty Officers:** Patti LL, Gary Glover

**Social Services Director:** Mary Jordan

**Deputy Directors:** Jackie Charlesworth, Evey Gabille, Gloria Morson

**Neighbourhood Contacts:** Wende Smart, Uta Bryce, Linda Vanden Berg, Nancy Troger as well as all other team members.

**Southern Gulf Islands Commissioners:** Gary Glover, Brian Wheeler

**Evacuation Boat Operators:** Mike Smart, Barry Tate, Kelly Stevenson, Brian Wheeler, Gary Glover

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The Piers Island Emergency Program (PIEP) is part of the Southern Gulf Islands Area Program providing services during an island emergency. Our major task is to support the work of the Piers Island Volunteer Fire Department (PIVFD) whose members respond to on-site emergencies while the PIEP works off site at an Emergency Operations Centre.

Regular training is provided either through the area program or the Justice institute of BC. At least twice per year the Emergency Program holds training exercises with the PIVFD. Last September we held our yearly earthquake exercise and in June we organized a very well attended simulated evacuation of the island.

Communication is a vital part of any emergency response. The Piers Island call-out system, otherwise referred to as the telephone tree, is the major method we use to connect with islanders during an emergency. Please ensure the Emergency Program (EP) has your up-to-date land-line and cell phone numbers, and contact Sandy Brunham at [sbrunham@gmail.com](mailto:sbrunham@gmail.com) with any changes. Please note the EP directory is not the same as the Island Phone Book. The directory is used by members of the Emergency Program for emergency purposes only.

For information about what to do in an emergency on Piers Island please refer to the 2016 *Piers Island Emergency Procedures* pamphlet which was hand delivered to all island properties in June. Extra copies can be found in the library at the fire hall.

There were several changes in our team this year. With Wendy Eden moving off island Mary Jordan became Social Services Director. This is an important role since the Social Services branch of the program is responsible for setting up a Reception Centre should one be needed in an emergency. Patti LL and Gary Glover joined the EP team as duty officers. Nancy Troger became a neighbourhood zone contact and in July will join the EP team. Barry Tate joined the evacuation boat operators group. Also in July Jacquie Troger will become a zone contact. Thank you to all.

Although we have a large number of volunteers involved in our program we cannot have too many. There are times when many team members are off island or away. If you have any interest in joining the program please talk to any of our team members to obtain more information.

Respectfully submitted,

Frances Glover,

Emergency Program Coordinator (EPC)