



Report from the Piers Island Emergency Program

July, 2016 to June, 2017

Coordinator: Frances Glover

Deputy Coordinator and Duty Officer: Velvet Warrior

Communication Officers and Duty Officers: Sandy Brunham, Kerry Wheeler, Colleen Bryden, Nancy Troger

Duty Officers: Patti Locke-Lewkowich, Gary Glover

Social Services Director: Mary Jordan

Deputy Directors: Jackie Charlesworth, Evey Gabille, Gloria Morson

Neighbourhood Contacts: Wende Smart, Uta Bryce, Linda Vanden Berg, Jacquie Troger as well as all other officers and directors.

Southern Gulf Islands Commissioners: Gary Glover, Brian Wheeler

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

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 PIEP members work off site at an Emergency Operations Centre or a Reception Centre.

The most significant development for 2016/2017 is the implementation of the **Emergency Notification System (ENS)**, an automated system to alert islanders about an island emergency. ENS does not completely replace our current call-out system known as the telephone tree. The "tree" will be used for less urgent matters such as a power outage and in some situations may be used to augment ENS. **Please note: You must register for ENS.** See how to do so at the end of this report. **

To ensure the Emergency Program (EP) has your correct land-line and cell phone numbers for the telephone tree contact Sandy Brunham at sbrunham@gmail.com with any updates. Please note the EP directory is not the same as the Island Phone Book. The directory is used by EP members for emergency purposes only.

For information about what to do in a Piers Island emergency refer to the 2017 *Piers Island Emergency Procedures* pamphlet hand delivered in June to all island properties. Copies can be found in the fire hall library.

During the past year the Emergency Program, along with the PIVFD, took part in a tabletop exercise on what to do if there is a marine oil spill off our shores. Also with the participation of the PIVFD we completed a Hazard, Risk and Vulnerability Analysis to rate the emergencies Piers Island is most likely to experience.

This past year also saw changes in the EP roster. The Troger family “stepped up to the plate”! Nancy is now part of the EP team in the capacity of Duty Officer and Communications Officer. Jacquie is a Neighbourhood Zone Contact and Charlie is an Evacuation Boat Operator. Thanks, Troger family.

Coming on August 12th is a public presentation on how to do a rapid damage assessment of your house after an earthquake. The presentation will be held at the fire hall. More details will be sent out in July. Please save the date!

I say this each year... even though we have a large number of volunteers involved in our program we cannot have too many. There are times when several team members are off island or away so 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)

**** How to Register for ENS**

- Login to www.crd.bc.ca/ens
- Go to the special registration site for Piers Island
- Create a user name and password
- Complete the registration form. You do not need to include longitude and latitude.
- Make sure you press “Submit”.

For registration assistance please review the help sheet emailed to all Piers Islanders or contact CRD Protective Services at 250-360-3649