



## Central Coast Regional District Press Release

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**For Immediate Release**

### **CCRD and Nuxalk Nation partner to deliver Basic Emergency Operations training session**

*Bella Coola, BC*

A joint training session in Basic Emergency Operations Management was held on Saturday, August 19, at the Nuxalk Nation Administration Building.

The initiative was a partnership between the Central Coast Regional District and the Nuxalk Nation in an effort to expand local emergency response capacity within the community.

Residents, tourists, businesses and essential services have all been affected by the wildfires. The provincial state of emergency, enacted on July 7, has been extended until September 1, 2017. The CCRD enacted a local state of emergency on July 9, 2017.

Delivered by Bill Elsner, Emergency Program Coordinator with the Sunshine Coast Regional District, participants were walked through the basic chain of command, responsibilities, and structure of an Emergency Operations Centre.

This training introduced the British Columbia Emergency Management Structure (BCEMS), which is based on the Incident Command System and is the emergency management structure used by all agencies in BC.

Elsner, an instructor and long-time Emergency Operations Manager, was in the Valley providing assistance during the wildfires. The session was well-attended, with over 20 participants from the community and was catered by the local Nuxalk College.

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