

COORDINATION OF DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Description:

This 2 to 2.5 hour course is designed for persons who will be developing, coordinating and/or managing a Damage Assessment Program for an organization. The course is typically presented immediately following BC Housing's Rapid Damage Assessment Course.

Objectives:

Upon completion participants should be able to:

- Understand the equipment, resources and forms required by damage assessment teams;
- Develop a process to record the results of damage assessment postings/placards;
- Identify and understand the roles of the other stakeholders involved in damage assessment, and the information to contribute to Situation Reports and public messaging;
- Identify and understand the legislation that impacts and enables damage assessment within the Province of BC;
- List and describe several strategies that can be used to improve the damage assessment response capability on structures;
- Identify what inspection forms and supporting documents should be prepared in advance to assist when performing Damage Assessments;
- Identify the buildings in their portfolio that are typically perceived as Critical Infrastructure (CI);
- Discuss the pre-allocation of damage assessment teams to each component of infrastructure;
- Suggest multiple team allocation to each CI component to create back-up/redundancies for inspection teams;
- Recognize important factors to respond to the needs of building occupants and safety officials.

Content: Topics include:

- prioritizing critical infrastructure and pre-disaster planning;
- identifying, developing and maintaining damage assessment equipment kits;
- damage assessment team allocation and pre-deployment considerations;
- documentation processes and recording practices;
- linkages between damage assessment and stakeholders such as ESS, DFA, BC Safety Authority, Lifeline Infrastructure providers, and Recovery Managers.

Prerequisite:

BC Housing Rapid Damage Assessment Course

Typical Participant Groups:

Safety officials, Building Inspectors, School Staff, ESS staff, facility/property managers

Class Size: Lower Mainland - Minimum 5 participants, maximum 30
Outside the Lower Mainland - Minimum participant numbers increase

Course Fee: \$50.00 per person plus taxes, handouts included (If the Rapid Damage Assessment course is provided on the same day as the CDA course the fee for both is \$100)

For more information contact the BC Housing Security and Emergency Services Department at ses@bchousing.org.