

Collaboration in Emergency Management & HPAI Response



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Collaboration in Emergency Management

- ▶ What does collaboration mean?
 - the process of two or more people, entities or organizations working together to complete a task or achieve a goal.
- ▶ Essential elements for collaboration
 - Inclusion - all potential players
 - Consistent contact - build and sustain trust and relationships
 - Sincerity - to listen and incorporate concerns of all players
- ▶ Collaboration essential to effective emergency management (EM) across all four pillars - prevention & mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.
- ▶ Collaborative processes are essential due to shared authorities, dispersed responsibilities, and scattered resources.
- ▶ Classic top-down bureaucratic model vs. more dynamic and flexible approaches that facilitate multigovernmental, interorganizational, and intersectoral cooperation

BC Experiences with Collaborative EM

- ▶ Development of EM Collaboration Agreements
 - Tsilhqot'in Nation agreement & Tripartite agreement
- ▶ Implementation of Unified Command in Response
 - Concerns about “giving up legislated authority”
 - Use of Unified Command in marine spill response
- ▶ BC- Canada FADES Plan
 - Outlines collaboration between province and federal agencies
 - Recognition of industry and other stakeholders but not fully incorporated
- ▶ Other Examples in BC
 - BC Wildfire Service & BC Cattlemen's Association
 - 2021 Atmospheric River - Abbotsford EOC / Industry Association incorporation
 - Marine spill response cooperative

HPAI Collaboration Successes, Challenges, and Opportunities

- ▶ Incident Command Post and EOCs
 - Pre-incident meeting and preparedness work between CFIA, province, and industry
 - Engagement between Incident Command Post, provinces, and industry
 - Duplication of efforts in collecting and sharing of incident information
 - Filtered versus direct communications
 - Improved integration of provinces and industry
 - Common operating picture and shared data
- ▶ Movement Permitting
 - Province and industry taking on permitting function
 - Improved communications at operational level
 - Increased involvement of industry

HPAI Collaboration Successes, Challenges, and Opportunities

▶ Labs & testing

- Coordination between CFIA and provincial labs
- Utilization of BC Center for Disease Control lab and provincial health system
- Strengthen certified (CAHSN) labs to increase and maintain surge capacity
- Expand surge capacity through the use of non-certified labs

▶ Destruction

- Industry support and role in destruction activities
- Provincial contracting of additional destruction resources
- Implementation of daily CFIA, industry, and province destruction calls
- Joint planning between CFIA, provinces, and industry
- Insufficient response capacity and CO2 supply
- Enhancing industry response capacity
- Disease response cooperative