

Your community needs your help to prepare for the next emergency

## Become an Emergency Support Services Volunteer today

The Village of New Denver recently received a grant to implement a local Emergency Support Services team. When fully trained, the team will be able to efficiently and effectively serve the needs of area residents in the event of a disaster. The grant also enables the Village to purchase equipment to operate an emergency reception centre for New Denver and the surrounding area.

Emergency Support Services (ESS) is a program that provides short-term disaster relief across British Columbia in the event of: fires, mud slides, floods, earthquakes, or other emergencies. ESS relies on community volunteers to coordinate support services for people forced from their homes in emergencies.

**Your community needs your help to prepare for emergencies.** Village Council and Nicky Blackshaw, volunteer director of the team, are seeking individuals willing to participate in the free training that will prepare them to volunteer with New Denver's ESS team and serve the community at a reception centre in the event of an emergency.

An open house is scheduled for Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at Knox Hall to share information about ESS training and recruit volunteers. Valley businesses willing to sign up as registered suppliers during a crisis are also encouraged to attend the open house.

Beverages and snacks will be provided.

Please contact Nicky at ESS1@newdenver.ca for more information.

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