

TAGISH

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN



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PURPOSE

The purpose of this Emergency plan is to provide coordinated responses by public and private sector agencies to “emergencies” in the community of Tagish.

AUTHORITY

This guide has been prepared by the Tagish Emergency Measures Team, with the support and assistance of the Emergency Measures Organization, Government of Yukon.

EMERGENCY

Emergency means a present or imminent event in respect of which the Minister or the community believes prompt coordination of action or special regulation of persons or property must be undertaken to protect the health, safety, or welfare of people or to limit damage to property.

REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

This guide will be reviewed annually by the community Emergency Measures Coordinator, who will be responsible for the preparation of amendments, as required, and submitted to Yukon EMO for review.

The Emergency Measures Coordinator will involve community organizations—who provide emergency response services to the community—in the review.

The Emergency Measures Coordinator will also work with the Tagish Advisory Council and other members of the community to identify resources and equipment to be called upon in the event of an emergency.

DIRECTION AND CONTROL

The Emergency Measures Coordinator is responsible for coordinating the efficient emergency response operations in the community on behalf of the Tagish Community. This person acts as liaison between the community, the emergency site and the Yukon Emergency Measures Organization.

Should community resources be insufficient to deal with the emergency, assistance may be requested from the Yukon Government through the Emergency Measures Organization.

The local authority may be advised and assisted by representatives of Yukon Government Departments and agencies in order to provide a coordinated community/Yukon response. The Emergency Measures Organization is responsible for coordinating the response between all the support agencies.

The Yukon Government provides assistance when requested. When the emergency clearly impacts on areas of territorial jurisdiction (e.g. any emergency not in a municipality, or emergencies on Territorial lands) or in a Territorially-declared emergency, the Yukon Government may assume responsibility for direction and coordination of the emergency.

A meeting place is required for community leaders and decision makers in a potential emergency situation. Meetings will take place in the Fire Hall. If this is not possible, the meeting will be at the Community Centre.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Requests for territorial assistance will be made to the Yukon Emergency Measures Organization.

ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED

- Tagish Emergency Measures Coordinator
- Tagish Fire Dispatcher
- Tagish Fire Chief and Volunteers
- Tagish EMS (Ambulance Services)
- Tagish Advisory Council
- Carcross Community Health Centre
- Carcross Fire and Ambulance Services
- Marsh Lake Fire and Ambulance Services
- Carcross/Tagish First Nation
- RCMP Carcross Detachment
- Yukon Emergency Measures Organization

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

The most common command system is the Incident Command System (ICS). The IC System is used to manage a response to an emergency. ICS is designed to manage a single-agency or multi-agency response to an emergency.

The Incident Command System is organized around several key principles which includes the five major management functions, which are: Command Section, Operations Section, Planning Section, Logistics, and Finance & Administration.

Command Section: The Incident Commander is appointed to manage the incident and is responsible for all decisions made by all agencies responding to the emergency.

The Incident Commander is responsible for the following:

- Direct the actions of responding agencies, such as Fire, Ambulance and RCMP, prior to the arrival of the Emergency Measures Coordinator.
- Implement the Emergency plan
- Insure all people within the area have been notified
- Issue evacuation advisory
- In consultation with Yukon EMO, determine need for evacuation
- Recommend declaration/cancellation of a state of emergency to the EMO Manager
- Liaise with governments (YG & CTFN) and volunteer emergency agencies
- Oversee overall communications arrangements
- Determine if support from other governments are needed
- Supervise all local communications

Operations Section

This section is responsible for directing and coordinating tactical operations, setting up organizational structure, determining resources required, implementing operational portions of the Incident Action Plans, requesting or releasing resources through the Incident Commander and keeping the Incident Commander informed of the situation and resource status.

Planning Section

This section is responsible for collecting, evaluating, and displaying information about the emergency, developing action plans, conducting long range planning, and developing plans for demobilization at the end of the emergency, maintaining resource status information on all equipment and personnel assigned to the emergency, and maintaining documentation.

Logistics Section

This section is responsible for providing support for personnel involved in the response, obtaining and maintaining essential personnel, facilities, equipment and supplies.

Finance and Administration Section

This section is responsible for monitoring costs, assuming responsibility for insurance claims and funding, dealing with contracts for resources, providing cost analysis and alternatives.

In addition to the Incident Command System identified above, Command staff includes the following functions:

Liaison

Serves as the primary point of contact for representatives from agencies assisting at an emergency in order to help these agencies coordinate their response effort.

Public Information

Serves as a point of contact for media and other organizations seeking information directly about the emergency.

Safety

Monitors safety conditions and develops measures to ensure the safety of all assigned personnel.

**Note: Depending on the emergency, the Incident Commander determines the need to establish the Incident Command Sections described above. The Incident Commander retains direct control of all Sections and command personnel under this system.*

In addition to the above IC System, the Incident Commander may initially call upon and direct the Fire Department's Dispatcher to carry out the following duties:

Fire Department Dispatcher

- Notifies fire volunteers
- Notifies EMS volunteers
- Notifies the Emergency Measures Office in Whitehorse
- Notifies the RCMP Carcross Detachment
- Notifies the Carcross Tagish First Nation
- Registers volunteers

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY SERVICES

Fire Department

- Conduct fire fighting operations
- Provide communication link from the site to the command centre in the event of an emergency
- Conduct site rescue operations
- Assist in evacuations
- Coordinate site activities as required
- Assist in the identification of personnel and equipment needs

Emergency Medical Services

- Provide site medical care
- Provide leadership in pandemic events
- Arrange medical evacuation
- Provide casualty data to the Incident Commander
- Assist in evacuations
- Assist in the identification of personnel and equipment needs

RCMP

- Assess and report on degree of public danger
- Security of life, site, property and evidence
- Coordination of ground search and rescue
- Traffic and crowd control

Tagish Advisory Council

- The Council will provide support to the Incident Commander by offering to:
- Assist in the dissemination of emergency information
- Assist in locating a safe site for evacuees
- Be actively involved in the annual review of the community's emergency plan

Tagish Radio Station

- Assist in dissemination of emergency information – Rob Hopkins

HAZARD ASSESSMENT

The Community of Tagish recognizes the following items as hazards the community should be preparing for.

Hazard	Probability
Airplane Crash	Low
Winter Power Failure	Medium to High
Forest Fires*	Extreme*
Flooding	Low (restricted to Bridge and low areas around California Beach)
Building Fires	Medium
Snow Storm	Medium
Health – Contaminated Water	Low to Medium
Health – Pandemic	Medium
Boating Accident	Medium
Road/Bus Accident	Medium
Severe Windstorm	Low
Earthquake	Low to Medium

**The May 2003 Community of Tagish (Taku Subdivision) Fire Risk Assessment report, prepared by Applied Ecosystem Management Ltd. And Ember Research Services Ltd. stated that “the Taku Subdivision represents one of the most dangerous community wildfire hazard situations in Yukon, both from interface fires and from fires starting within the community.*

EXISTING RESOURCES

- Fire Truck and related Fire Fighting Equipment
- Ambulance
- School Bus (not available during summer months)
- Grader*
- Heavy Equipment*
 - Loaders
 - Bob Cats
 - Dump Trucks
 - Tractor/Trailers
 - Flat Deck Trailers
 - Cat
- Small All-Terrain vehicles*
- Snow machines*
- Fire Department Rescue Boat
- Boats*
- Communication tools: Emergency radio systems and equipment (Fire Department & EMS)
- Satellite phone

**denotes private ownership*

KEY COMMUNITY EQUIPMENT RESOURCES

Resource	Telephone #	Resources Available
These are the available resources in the community of Tagish		Grader, Generators, Dump Trucks, Bob Cats, Pumps
Tagish Services	399-4000	Vehicle and Heavy equipment fuel, front end loader, grader, various tools to repair equipment
John Teertstra	399-3911	Back Hoe
Neil Plested	399-3035	Dump Truck
Grizzle Contracting	399-3339	Dump Truck, Loaders, and various tools to repair equipment
Tagish Estate Land Development	399-3001	Loader
Tagish Store	399-3032	Food and Accommodation
To call Tagish from Whitehorse	1-867	Then the local Tagish number

PET CARE

- Pet care is the responsibility of the individual pet owner.

KEY CONTACTS

Community Emergency Numbers

Contact	Location	Telephone #
Tagish Fire Department	Tagish	399-3222
Tagish EMS(Ambulance)	Tagish	399-3222
Tagish EMS	Tagish	Satellite Phone# 8816-316-54250
Health Centre	Carcross	1-867-821-4444
RCMP	Carcross	1-867-821-5555
Tagish Advisory Council	Tagish	399-3033
Forest Fire Reporting	Whitehorse	1-888-798-3473
Tagish Community Centre	Tagish	399-3407
Yukon EMO	Whitehorse	867-667-5220 or 1-866-985-6636

In addition to the list of Tagish Community emergency numbers, each emergency vehicle located in Tagish and the fire hall has a complete listing of emergency telephone numbers and contact personnel for the Southern Lakes, surrounding areas, Whitehorse and the rest of the Yukon.

COMMUNICATION CONTACTS

Station	Location	Phone	Frequency
CBC Radio	Whitehorse	1-867-668-8400	570 am
CBC Television	Whitehorse	1-867-668-8400	
CBC French	Whitehorse	1-867-668-8426	102.1 fm
APTN Television	Whitehorse	1-867-456-7445	
CHON-FM	Whitehorse	1-867-668-6299	98.1 fm
CFET Radio	Tagish	1-867-399-3012	106.7 fm

Note:

The Tagish Community Radio Station is governed by the Broadcasting Act. The Act states that the station must assist the community should there be an emergency. The owner, Mr. Rob Hopkins, has stated he will meet with members of the Emergency Measures Team and instruct them on the ways and means of recording and playing messages should an emergency need arise.

COMMUNITY BUILDINGS AND STAGING AREAS

In the event that the Tagish Emergency Plan is activated and Community Buildings are required to be utilized, the following three buildings will be used:

Tagish Community Centre

If, in the event of an emergency, community residents must leave their homes, the Community Centre will be the designated gathering place. The centre is a well-equipped building. There are kitchen facilities, washrooms; a large open area with tables and chairs, telephone and internet access and the building is equipped with a generator. Residents will be able to receive current information about the emergency, and their immediate needs and care can be provided from that location.

Tagish Fire Hall

The Fire Hall is a well equipped building, which will be used as the Incident Command centre in the event of an emergency. All emergency vehicles and equipment are located at the Hall. The Hall also has a generator, washrooms, kitchen and meeting and training rooms.

Tagish Store and Motel

This is a privately owned business, which could also be used in the event of an emergency. The store and restaurant area is well equipped and staffed. The motel units could provide accommodation to residents if required as well as emergency measurers officials who might be temporarily re-assigned to the Tagish area in the event of an emergency. These facilities have a variety of amenities including access to telephone and internet services. (In the event of a power failure, there is no backup generation system).

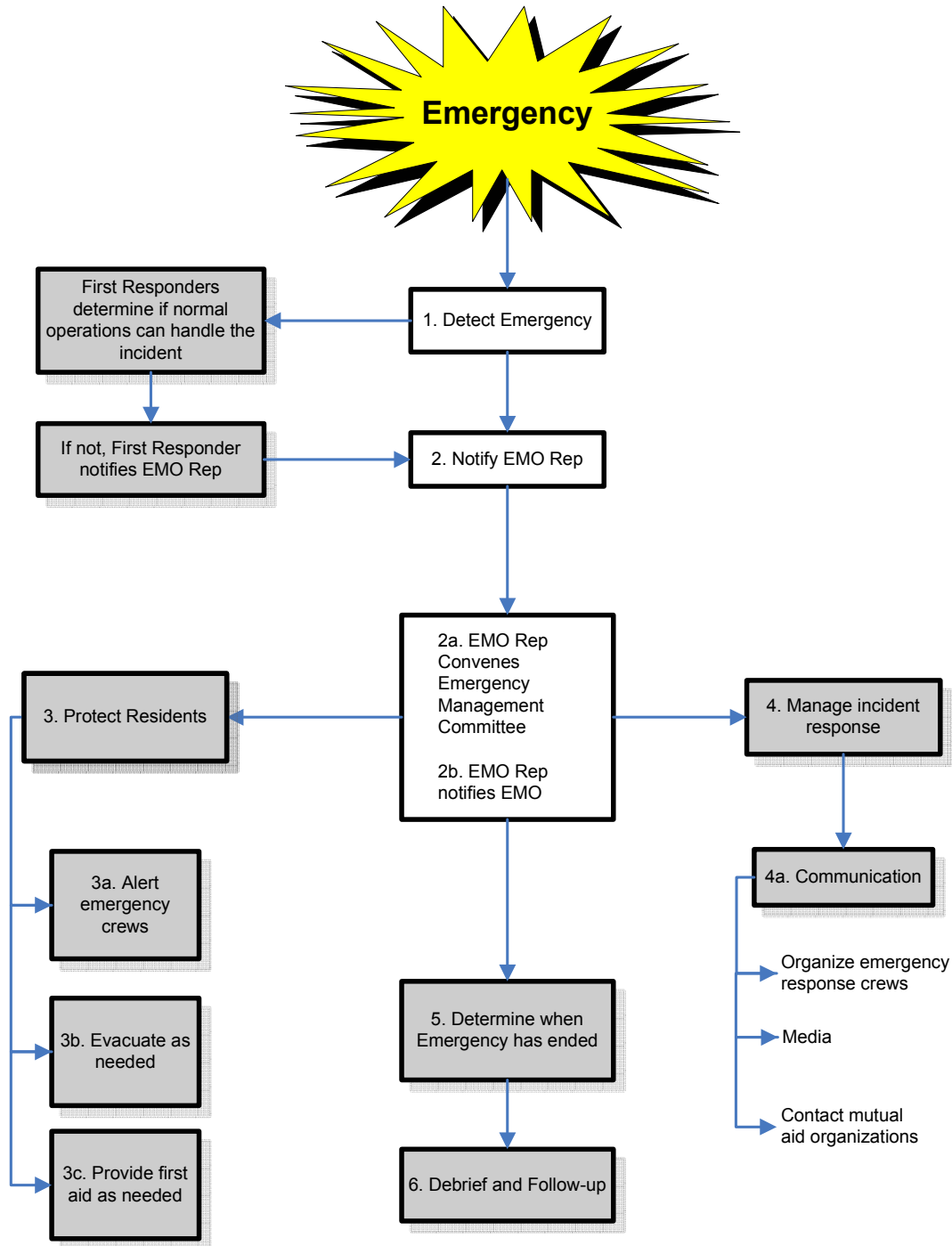
POST EMERGENCY DUTIES

Following a community emergency, the Incident Commander and his support team will be required to provide the appropriate agencies with the following information:

- Collect and file Event Logs
- Attend debriefings as required
- Financial records, including details of resources used and contracts issued
- Reports on mitigation efforts employed during the emergency
- Report on the effect the emergency had on the community
- Suggestion with respect to a recovery plan
- Review the community emergency plan for effectiveness and recommend changes as required.

EMERGENCY FLOW CHART

The following diagram outlines how an emergency response plan is implemented. The Emergency Measures Organization (EMO) representative in the municipality (or designate) is responsible to ensure that all appropriate agencies and personnel are notified and engaged.



TAGISH COMMUNITY PROFILE

- Tagish is the traditional home of the Carcross Tagish First Nation
- Tagish is a mix of recreational and permanent residential homes. The close proximity to Whitehorse has seen the community's number of permanent residents grow in recent years, as people have chosen Tagish as their retirement home.
- Tagish is located at 60°18'N and 134°16'W, 110 km South of Whitehorse.
- Residential properties: 450
- Permanent population: 221 (could be up to 1,000 in summer)

Infrastructure Profile

Educational Infrastructure Maximum Grade n/a Community Learning Centre no Yukon College Campus no Schools no	Transportation Infrastructure Primary Highway yes All Weather Access Road yes Winter Access Road no Airport no Air Terminal Building no
Housing Infrastructure Private Housing yes Public Housing no Staff Housing no First Nation yes	Communication Infrastructure Postal Service full Connectivity Speed fibre Satellite or Land Line land line Television (Satellite/antenna) both Telephone Features Available full Radio (Satellite/antenna) both
Business Infrastructure Government Financing no Chartered Bank Branches no ATM Service no Grocers 1	Recreation Infrastructure Community Hall 1 Arena no Curling Rink no Gymnasium no Swimming Pool no
Tourism Infrastructure Lodges/Outfitters no Accommodations 1 Campgrounds 1 Parks 1 Restaurants 1 Visitor Centre no	Electricity Infrastructure Type of Electricity hydro Yukon electric grid yes Dept. of highways station no
Health Infrastructure Hospital no Health Centre no Health Station no Women's Shelter no Transition House no	Judicial Infrastructure Number of Police Officers none Correctional Facility no Young Offenders Facility no

Municipal Infrastructure		Government	
Fire hall	yes	Municipal	no
Ambulance Service	yes	Unincorporated community	yes
Search and rescue (boat)	yes	First Nation Government	yes
Wildland Fire Base	no	Local Advisory Council	yes
Sanitation Trucked	yes		
Waste Disposal Solid/Sewage			
septic field and trucked out			
Water	private wells and delivery		
Road System	paved and gravel		