

## DISASTER RECOVERY AFTER 72 HOURS (PART 1 & 2)

### SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY:

Jim LaMorte has advised local governments on risk and emergency management for 25 years in British Columbia. He has completed research and development projects pertaining to community risk assessment, hazard mitigation, emergency response, business continuity, and community disaster recovery.

With a Masters Degree in Urban and Regional Planning (MUP) and a professional diploma as an Associate in Risk Management (ARM), Jim assists local governments in comprehensive emergency management.



Recent projects include an update of the *Community Disaster Recovery Guide* for the British Columbia government, which recommends a framework for multi-agency coordination throughout the disaster recovery phase. Jim is currently engaged in research and program development on hazard mitigation for local governments.

### SESSION ABSTRACT:

Disaster Recovery After 72 Hours – Part 1 (Session B-2). This session will explore the realm of **short-term** community disaster recovery, working with the 2010 Canterbury Earthquake as an example. In an interactive session, participants will identify the effects of disaster, the goals of community recovery, and the distinction between community recovery and local government recovery.

This presentation covers the types of services needed by community elements immediately following the response phase, and identifies the public and private organizations that may provide these services. In addition, this session will examine the role of volunteers in this vital phase of emergency management.

Disaster Recovery After 72 Hours – Part 2 (Session C-2). In this continuation of Session B-2, participants will address the **long-term** requirements of community disaster recovery. This session will identify the individual and family services needed following an earthquake leading to support full reconstruction and re-establishment of cultural stability. Topics include the organizations currently providing support of long-term recovery in the Capital Region and the role of volunteers in this phase.

In addition, the discussion will identify the points of intersection between community recovery and local government recovery, and opportunities for coordination, with a focus on hazard mitigation. The session will close by examining the suitability and willingness of volunteers to serve in a wide range of emergency management services.