

SERVICE CONTINUITY

SPEAKERS BIOGRAPHY:

Monty has degrees in emergency management, education, agriculture, and intercultural studies. He has worked in the US, Canada, and a dozen other countries in emergency response, risk reduction, rural development, and service continuity planning. Monty has responded to several international disasters, such as the SE Asian tsunami (Indonesia, Sri Lanka), Cyclone Nargis (Myanmar), Hurricane Katrina (USA), and Bam, Iran earthquake. He has worked with numerous agencies, such as the United Nations, USAID, World Bank, and several NGOs. Monty's last posting was Haiti in 2010 as Disaster Risk Reduction delegate with the Canadian Red Cross.

Domestically, Monty has been or is involved in several provincial-wide agricultural projects: 1) BC agricultural risk assessment; 2) analysis of wild predators on BC livestock industry; and, 3) preparations to test BC's response to a Foreign Animal Disease outbreak. Monty supported the EOC of Squamish-Lillooet Regional District (SLRD) as Risk Management Officer during the 2009 Pemberton fires. Monty has consulted with several BC social services agencies to develop Service Continuity Plans. Monty lives in Victoria and has a son and daughter.

SESSION ABSTRACT:

This session will explore the planning principles that will help promote the continuity of your organization's essential services in order to respond swiftly and appropriately following a disaster.