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District of Hope Receives \$30,000 Grant to Modernize Emergency Support Services

Hope, BC — The District of Hope is pleased to announce it has received \$30,000 in funding through the UBCM Community Emergency Preparedness Fund (CEPF) to continue building on the strength of its local Emergency Support Services (ESS) program.

ESS provides short-term assistance to residents forced to leave their homes due to emergencies such as house fires, floods or wildfires, ensuring access to shelter, food, clothing and other essential needs.

This grant builds on the momentum of previous years, deepening team readiness and reinforcing the relationships that make effective emergency response possible. Key investments include cellular-connected tablets that will allow volunteers to register evacuees on-site in real time, streamlining the process, reducing errors and getting people the help they need faster. Funding will also support volunteer training, regional collaboration and recognition efforts that keep Hope's growing ESS team engaged and prepared.

Strong partnerships remain central to Hope's approach. The funding supports continued collaboration with Chowéthel and Shxwowhamel First Nations, as well as communities across the Fraser Valley, strengthening the region's collective ability to respond when it matters most.

"This funding helps us keep our momentum going — investing in our volunteers, modernizing how we respond, and making sure Hope is ready to support residents through whatever comes our way," said Caleigh Flynn, Assistant Fire Chief and ESS Director.

About Emergency Support Services

Emergency Support Services (ESS) provides short-term assistance to people displaced by emergencies or disasters and plays a vital role in supporting community resilience before, during and after emergencies.

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