

Fire and Emergency Services

Emergency Management Office



June 2018 Lighthouse Program Update

Agreement negotiations are still underway with several groups, so Lighthouse Program training will begin in the Fall of 2018. A brief synopsis is available about the training program with details available at a later date. Dates and times will depend upon availability of our guest speakers and your availability as laid out in the agreement.

Since a few of our outreached groups have extended their willingness to serve as temporary drop-in style muster points while the signing authorities negotiate, we have the following questions for your leaders/decision-maker(s)....

Extreme Weather Alert Surge Capacity Outreach

We anticipate many visitors to our city over the next few weeks due to the start of summer vacation for school-aged children, Garden Square televised FIFA World Cup matches and Canada Day celebrations. As our planners begin to ascertain what airconditioned/water-station equipped facilities will be open to the public for relief from the heat, especially Canada Day itself, we wanted to ascertain which faith-based organizations would be willing to provide brief refuge from the heat/sun/sudden thundershowers that may accompany this latest weather.

- 1. Would your organization allow citizens to come in and sit in a cool air conditioned area or take refuge in your facility during wind/lightning storms?
- 2. Could a citizen or your staff fill up a water bottle for a person in need from your facility's potable water supply?
- 3. Could public education pamphlets/tip sheets be provided by the emergency management program pertaining to extreme heat be made available to citizens at your faith facility?
- 4. During extreme weather events, like storms or heat waves, how susceptible is your neighbourhood to power outages? What is your neighbourhood's usual way of coping with this? Do you have a plan?

Please note that we intend to publicize about our Lighthouse Program in advance of the upcoming heat wave and there may be a press release related to the program made available for media request. We are anticipating that members of the public may enquire at your faith-based organization about your willingness to open your doors for heat relief.

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