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Emergency Preparedness for Disabilities Workshop

The Parksville Volunteer Fire Department is offering the opportunity to residents to participate in an emergency preparedness for disabilities workshop on Tuesday, May 7 from 10 am to 4 pm at Nanoose Place. The workshop is best suited to individuals with disabilities who wish to learn more about being prepared for emergencies.

A limited number of registrations are allocated to each jurisdiction (Regional District of Nanaimo, Qualicum Beach and Parksville). Residents interested in attending this workshop must first register through the Parksville Volunteer Fire Department at 250 248-3242. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis.

The workshop uses presentation, group discussion and tabletop exercises to enable participants to:

- Learn about an emergency planning and response approach that will help communities to address the needs of evacuees with disabilities and functional limitations
- Gain an understanding of C-MIST which is the acronym for Communication, Medical, Functional Independence, Supervision and Transportation.
- Learn practical ideas for volunteers who will be helping evacuees with disabilities and functional limitations
- Learn how to identify organizations in your community that can be resources
- Learn about the "duty to accommodate"

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For more information:

Parksville Volunteer Fire Department 250 248-3242