



City of Parksville
Town of Qualicum Beach
Regional District of Nanaimo

NEWS RELEASE

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Oceanside Emergency Preparedness Expo 2016 – May 14

To help residents be better prepared, Emergency Management Oceanside (Town of Qualicum Beach, City of Parksville and Regional District of Nanaimo) is once again this year, hosting an Emergency Preparedness Expo.

Who: Oceanside Emergency Management 2016
What: Emergency Preparedness Expo
When: Saturday, May 14 from 8 am to 3 pm
Where: Qualicum Beach Civic Centre, 747 Jones Street
Why: Learn about challenges faced in an emergency and how to be better prepared

The expo will feature displays, demonstrations, workshops, opportunities to learn about the challenges we will face in an emergency and how to be better prepared. Residents will have the opportunity to ask questions and will leave with information on how to be better prepared for emergencies. (You can even bring your fire extinguisher to be tested).

Participating local emergency services, agencies and organizations include:

RCMP	BC Ambulance Service
Local fire departments	Health Emergency Management BC
Oceanside Emergency Support Services	Oceanside Emergency Communications Team
BCSPCA and PALS (Pet and Livestock Services)	BC Forest Service
Outsider Adventures Inc. (workshops)	

Food services available on site by the Parksville/Qualicum Shrine Club (pancake breakfast) and the Nanaimo and District Shrine Club (lunch).

Disasters may be beyond our control, but there are ways to reduce the risk and the impact of whatever emergency we might face. Residents and business owners are encouraged to join Parksville-Qualicum Beach in taking action to be prepared personally, as an individual, a family and in the workplace. Emergencies can strike at any time so being prepared is critical since it can take time for help to arrive. *Are you prepared for an emergency? Do you know the risks? Do you have a plan?*

Quake Cottage at Family Day on May 29

Sponsored by the Insurance Bureau of Canada and Emergency Management Oceanside, the Quake Cottage simulator will be at Family Day in Qualicum Beach on Sunday, May 29. A 'ride' in Quake Cottage simulates the feeling of a major earthquake; a chance to experience the virtual reality of an 8.0 magnitude earthquake.

For more information, please contact emergency program coordinators:

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