

## Welcome to our EP Week 2022 Newsletter!

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It is my distinct pleasure to introduce the Canadian Journal of Emergency Management's newsletter for the 2022 Emergency Preparedness Week. Our team felt it was important that we continue to share our community of practice's perspectives in-between official publications.

Now is a time for new thoughts and perspectives, innovation, and professional development. So, we engaged our networks to ask disaster and emergency management students to write short contributions for this publication. Our team has also provided a short bibliography of suggested reading on emergency preparedness topics. We will be sharing links to those readings on our social media all week.

I find Emergency Preparedness (EP) Week inspiring: our community really comes out in force and talks about the big picture as well as the details of EP. It's also a time in which I have to take physical and mental stock: it's time for me to swap out the extra cans of beans and peaches I keep in my cupboards, but it's also time to ask myself if I've done all the homework I can in my role, and if I'm mentally and emotionally prepared for another emergency response. Sure, my steel-toe boots are in the back of the car, but I need to be mentally well ("fit to fight") in order to serve the public.

With those ideas in mind, we offer the following entries and thank our contributors. Keith A. Fredin writes about something all of our Logistics Chiefs know the importance of all-to-well: emergency management of supply chains. Charles-Antoine Duval and Mary Wendylane Oberas introduce a toolkit for hospital department-level emergency preparedness. Finally, our Operations Section has produced a bibliography of sources available in other fine publications as well as CJEM. It includes topics like EP for the deaf-and-hard-of-hearing; EP for pet owners; digital health EP, and leveraging social media; donor behavioural modelling; and, re-thinking disaster risk reduction culture.

Thank you reader, for taking the time to prepare yourself personally and professionally for the next emergency. Thank you contributors, for your dedication and knowledge. We look forward to presenting the next issue of CJEM to you. Until then, please enjoy our EP Week 2022 Newsletter.

*Ich Dien* (I serve),



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