

# Regional Emergency Management Emergency Preparedness & You



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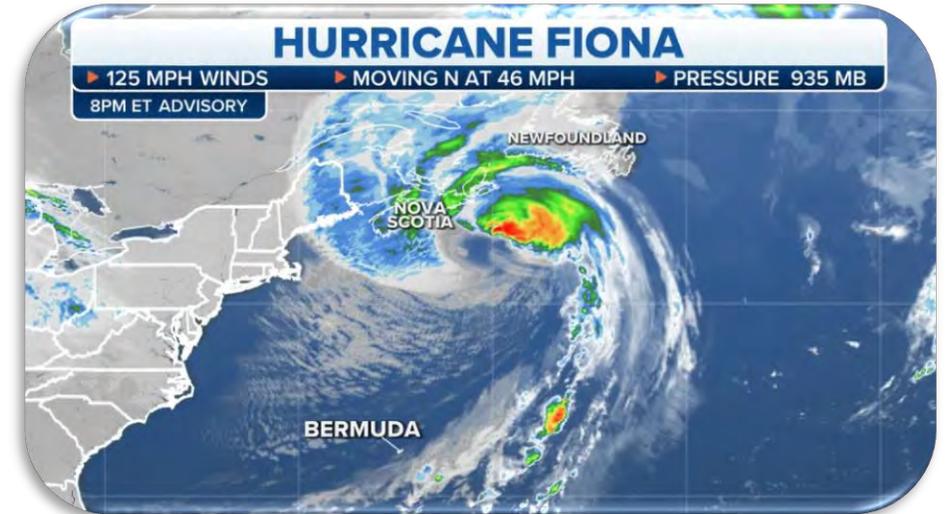
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# Agenda



- Regional EM Background
- Preparing for an Emergency
- Key Principles
- Kings REMO Programs
- Q&A



Tropical Storms/Hurricanes



Wildland Fires



Floods



Power Outages



Blizzards

# Why a REMO



## Large-scale emergencies know no boundaries

- Hurricanes
- Floods
- Power Outages
- Winter Storms
- Pandemics





# Impact of Severe Weather



***“Damage from Fiona is significant”***



# Kings REMO - Benefits

- **Dedicated** EM work effort
- **Consistent** EM Planning across County
- **Enhanced** Communications
- **Shared** Resources
- **Collaborative** approach to Emergency Management
- **Regional** Agreements
- **Consistent** EM Awareness & Education Programs



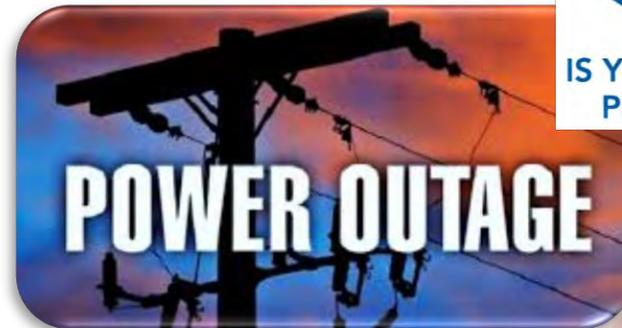
**Strategic Outcome: “A Safe & Resilient Kings County”**

# Preparing for an Emergency



## How would you:

- Look after your family for a minimum of 72 hours?
- Cope without power or tap water?
- Contact your family and receive information







# Getting Prepared – 3 Key Principles



- **Know the Risks**



- **Make a Plan**



- **Get a Kit**

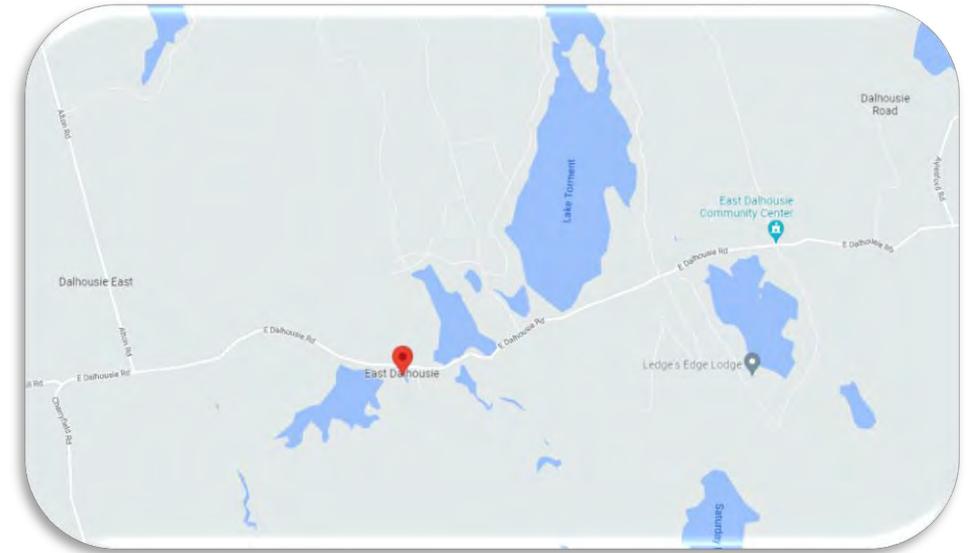


# Step 1: Know the Risks



## Know your Region

- The consequences of emergencies can be similar, but **knowing the risks** in your region can help you better prepare



# Step 2: Make a Plan



## You aren't prepared until you make a Plan

- Use your '*Emergency Preparedness Guide*' as an outline ([www.getprepared.gc.ca](http://www.getprepared.gc.ca))
- Photocopy your Plan
- Keep copies of your plan in a safe and memorable place

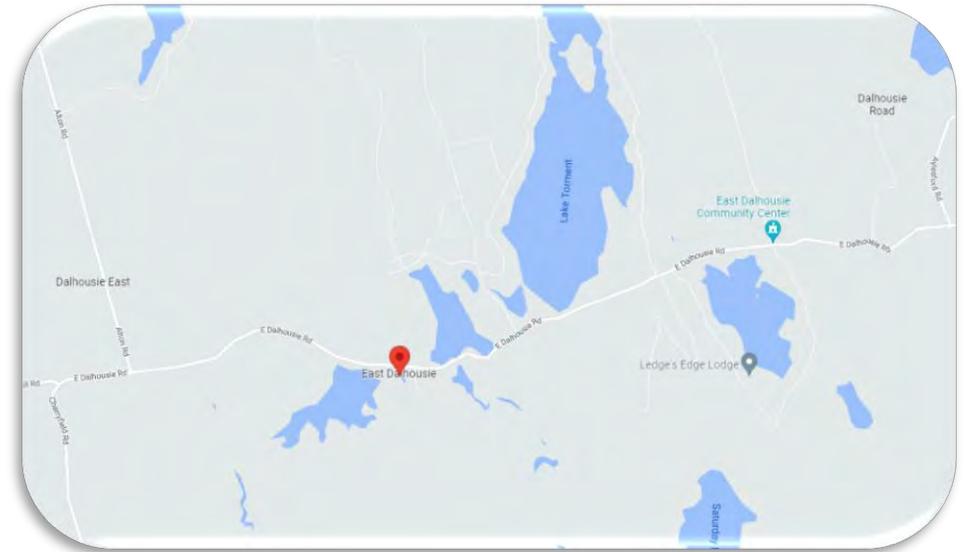


# Step 2: Make a Plan



## Your Family Plan

- **Emergency Exits**
- **Designate a Family Meeting Area**
- **Escape Routes from neighbourhood**
- **Ensure help for people with special needs**



## Step 2: Make a Plan



### Other Helpful Hints:

- Choose an out-of-town contact person
- Make arrangements through friends or community centres
- Practice your Plan!
- Review your Plan annually



## Step 3: Prepare a Kit



To prepare for an emergency that could last **72 hours** or more, what would you put in a kit?



# Step 3: Prepare a Kit



- **Basic Items:**



# Step 3: Prepare a Kit



Prepare **at least two kits**

One for **home**

**Minimum of  
3 days (72 hours)**



# Step 3: Prepare a Kit



Prepare **at least two kits**

One for **home**, and

A Smaller **portable kit** to take with you if you have to leave suddenly

**.....One for each member of your family  
“Emergency Go-Bag”**



# Step 3: Prepare a Kit



## Special Items to Consider:

- Medications
- Eyeglasses
- Food for pets
- Games & Toys for children
- Diapers & Formula



# Step 3: Prepare a Kit



## Don't forget Copies of Important Documents – for example:

- List of important numbers
- Home Insurance Papers
- Vehicle titles, leases, loan documents
- Passports
- Social Insurance cards
- Birth Certificates
- List of medications – Doctors phone numbers
- Home Inventory List



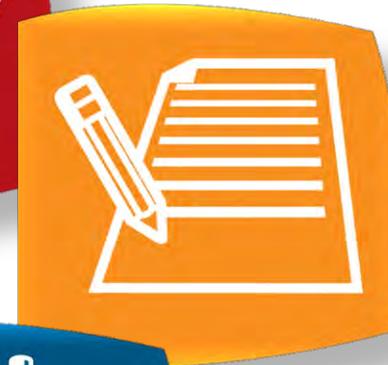


# Remember the 3 Principles

• **Know the Risks**



• **Make a Plan**



• **Get a Kit**



# Kings REMO Programs



- Emergency Preparedness Websites: Kings REMO Website
- MOU/Agreements
- Comfort Centres
- Emergency Email Notification System
- Alert Ready
- I am Responding
- Vulnerable Persons Registry
- Kings REMO Social Media
- Community Outreach



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# Kings REMO Website

- Home
- Committees
- Preparedness
- Know the Risks
- Make a Plan
- Get a Kit
- Resources
- Contacts
- Comfort Centres
- FAQs
- Vulnerable Persons Registry

**Monday, September 30, 2019**  
**Kings Regional Emergency Management Organization**  
**Launches a New Website**



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# Emergency Preparedness MOUs / Agreements



## Transportation

- Kings REMO – Kings Transit Authority, 2019-10-23



## Regional Emergency Management Mutual Aid

- Kings County – Annapolis County, 2022-05-19
- Kings County – Lunenburg County (Draft)
- Kings County – West Hants (Draft)



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# MOU / Agreements



## Comfort Centres

- Kings REMO – 24 Comfort Centres in Kings County
  - Community Groups support activation of Centres

| Comfort Centre                         | Address                           | Hours | Status |
|--|-----------------------------------|-------|--------|
| Aylesford & District Fire Hall         | 1083 Park St, Aylesford           |       | CLOSED |
| Berwick & District Fire Hall           | 300 Commercial St, Berwick        |       | CLOSED |
| Black Rock Community Centre            | 4078 Black Rock Rd, Whites Corner |       | CLOSED |
| Canning Multicomplex                   | 977 J. Jordan Rd, Canning         |       | CLOSED |
| Centreville Community Hall             | 1951 Highway 359, Centreville     |       | CLOSED |
| Coldbrook Lions Club                   | 1416 South Bishop Rd, Coldbrook   |       | CLOSED |
| East Dalhousie Community Centre        | 1481 E Dalhousie Rd, Springfield  |       | CLOSED |
| Greenwich Fire Hall                    | 9798 Highway 1, Greenwich         |       | CLOSED |
| Halls Harbour Fire Hall                | 3586 Highway 359, Halls Harbour   |       | CLOSED |
| Kentville Fire Department              | 463 Main St, Kentville            |       | CLOSED |
| Kentville Recreation Centre            | 348 Main St, Kentville            |       | CLOSED |
| Kingsport Lloyd Memorial Centre        | 29 Main St., Kingsport            |       | CLOSED |
| Kingston & District Fire Hall          | 570 Sparky St, Kingston           |       | CLOSED |
| Kingston Lions Club                    | 1482 Veterans Lane, Kingston      |       | CLOSED |
| Lake Paul/Lake George Community Centre | 3083 Aylesford Rd, Lake Paul      |       | CLOSED |
| Millville Community Hall               | 659 Victoria Rd, Millville        |       | CLOSED |
| New Minas Fire Hall                    | 6 Jones Rd, New Minas             |       | CLOSED |
| New Minas Louis Millet Centre          | 9489 Commercial St, New Minas     |       | CLOSED |
| Port Williams Community Centre         | 1045 Highway 358, Port Williams   |       | CLOSED |
| Valley Search and Rescue               | 177 Middle Dyke Rd, Port Williams |       | CLOSED |
| Waterville and District Fire Hall      | 1415 County Home Rd, Cambridge    |       | CLOSED |
| White Rock Community Centre            | 1542 White Rock Rd, White Rock    |       | CLOSED |
| Wolfville School                       | 19 Acadia St, Wolfville           |       | CLOSED |
| Woodville Community Centre             | 342 Bligh Rd, Woodville           |       | CLOSED |



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# Comfort Centres



## References:

- **Kings REMO Comfort Centre Policy** (Policy signed by 4 Municipal Units)
  - Town of Wolfville, Policy 230-001, 2018-09-18
- **Memorandum of Understanding (Kings REMO-Facility)**
  - All 24 Comfort Centres



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# Comfort Centres



- Place to get Warm
- Re-Charge devices
- Use Washroom
- Get a Warm Drink
- Check on each other – share information
- Get updates on weather & Power resumption



**Not Overnight Shelters**

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# Comfort Centres - Communications



• The opening of a Comfort Centre will be announced by Kings REMO through:

- News Releases
- Local News media, commercial TV & radio
- Local Municipal Websites
- Social Media
- NS EMO & NS 211
- **Emergency Email Notification System**
- **Kings REMO Website**



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# Emergency Email Notification System



- Subscription based service
- Emails sent to all subscribers 'bcc'
- Advance notification of significant weather conditions and Alerts that may impact Kings County
- General Emergency Preparedness information



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# Alert Ready [www.alertready.ca](http://www.alertready.ca)



HOME WIRELESS ALERT TYPES RESPONSIBILITIES TEST SCHEDULE & ALERTING INFO FAQ CONTACT US FRANÇAIS



Your phone has the power to save a life.

## Testing in NS:

- **2 mandatory tests per year**
- **May**
- **Nov**



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# I am Responding (IaR)

- Employed by all Fire Departments
- **REMO contract** for 3 years recently renewed until 2025
- **Emergency Text Messaging**
- Establish up to 50 'Groups'
  - CAOs (ECC Managers)
  - Regional EM Advisory Committee & Regional EM Planning Committee
  - Elected Officials
  - Municipal Staffs
  - Fire Departments
  - **Comfort Centres**



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# Vulnerable Persons Registry



*“To increase the **safety** of residents living within their own **homes** who would be at greater risk during an emergency or disaster. To offer a **beneficial public service** that will continue our community’s commitment to increasing the safety of residents”*



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# Vulnerable Persons Registry



## Vulnerable Persons Registry (VPR)



Kings County, Nova Scotia

- Aims at improving the safety of residents living at home who would be at greater risk during emergencies
- Improves safety by providing key information to emergency response teams in order to help them be more aware when addressing large scale emergencies



**Registry is 100% Voluntary and Free**

[www.kingsremo.ca/vpr](http://www.kingsremo.ca/vpr)

2022-05-27

Kings REMO - Town of Wolfville Council & Staff

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VPR Coordinator: [REMO\\_KingsCounty@countyofkings.ca](mailto:REMO_KingsCounty@countyofkings.ca) | 902-670-1514

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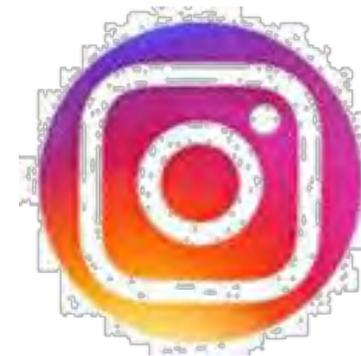
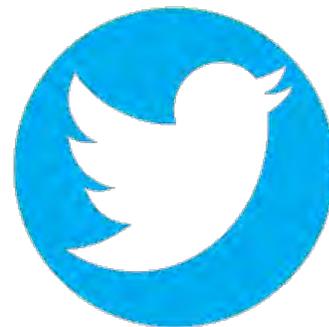
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# REMO Social Media

- **“Social media offer the opportunity to *connect and cooperate* with the networked public, take advantage of the *capabilities and innovations of virtual volunteers*, and to reach people quickly with *alerts, warnings and preparedness messages*” (1)**



**(1) Social Media in Emergency Management, Defence Research and Development Canada, May 2014**

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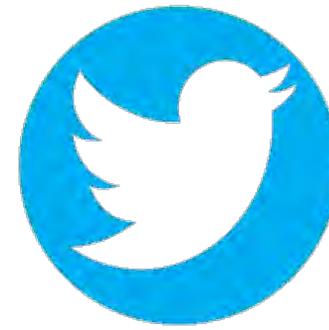
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- 3,654      2022-07-18
- **4,074 (+ 420)**      **2022-10-22**



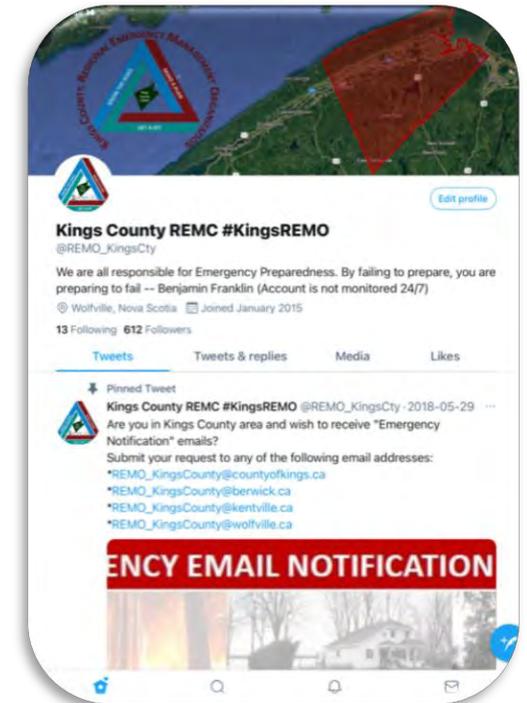
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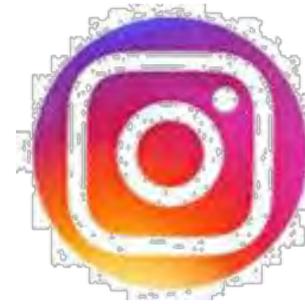
## Twitter Followers

- 764 2022-07-18
- **814 (+ 50)** **2022-10-22**



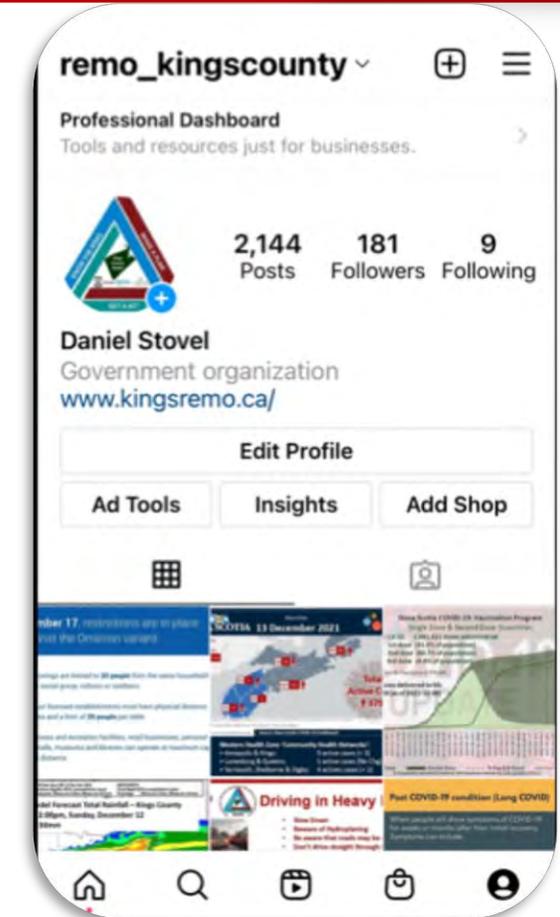
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## Instagram followers

- 218 2022-07-18
- **236 (+ 18)** **2022-10-22**



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# Kings REMO Community Outreach



## Emergency Preparedness Presentations

- 2018 16
- 2019 31
- 2020 10
- 2021 1 (COVID-19 impacts)
- **2022 6 (as of October 22)**



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