



2017 Annual Report



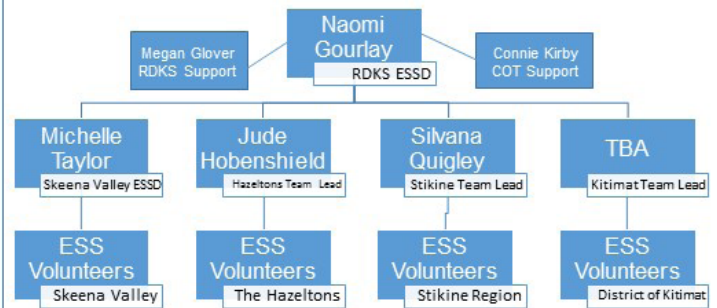
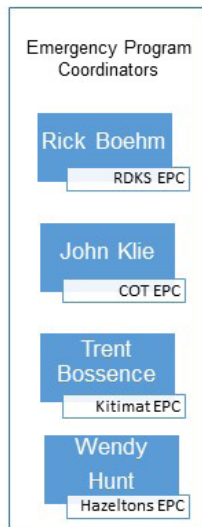
The Importance of ESS

Fires and floods caused unprecedented destruction in BC in 2017. ESS Responders helped to stabilize and provide basic services such as food, clothing and lodging to people impacted.

The role of ESS is critical in the event of an emergency or disaster. Trained ESS volunteers are among the first to respond providing emotional support and a safe place for evacuees to get information and assistance.

Regional District of Kitimat-Stikine

ESS Organizational Structure



Number of Active Volunteers

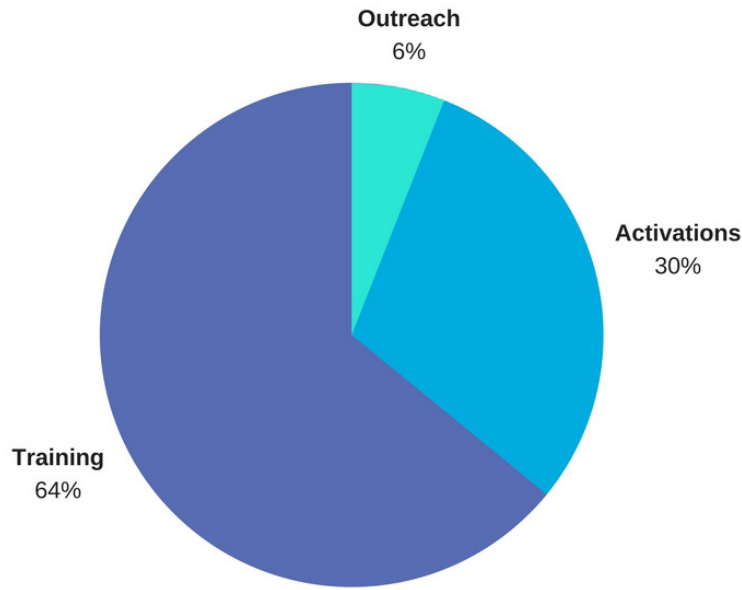
	2016	2017
Skeena Valley	24	31
District of Kitimat	18	14
The Hazeltons	5	11
Stikine Region	6	7

facebook.com/essrdks
essdirector@rdks.bc.ca



On Call 24 / 7 x 365

Volunteer Hours by Activity



Activations = 700 Hours

From mass care to single home structure fires, ESS RDKS assisted in many responses:

- Volunteer Deployment for the 2017 BC Wildfire response
- Multiple Reception Centres in Terrace & Kitimat to provide assistance to Wildfire evacuees in our region
- A Reception Centre to assist Skeena Valley residents impacted by Fall Flooding
- Multiple Level 1 Structure Fires throughout the RDKS

Training = 1500 Hours

ESS RDKS delivered a comprehensive training program in 2017:

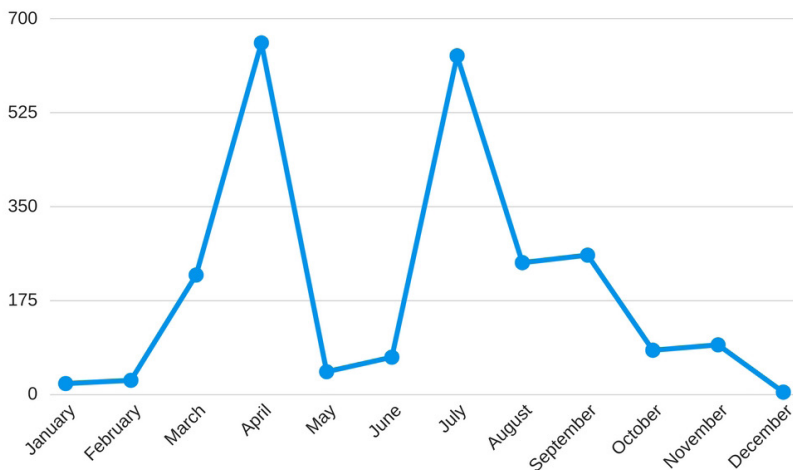
- Annual NESST Conference in Fort St. James
- 4 Community-Based Courses Facilitated by the Justice Institute of BC
- Specialized Workshops such as the Salvation Army Disaster & Food Services Training
- Regular Monthly Team Meetings

Community Outreach = 140 Hours

ESS provided Emergency Preparedness information and Volunteer Recruitment materials at local events such as the Terrace Business Expo, City of Terrace Firefighters Canada Day Breakfast, Guns & Hoses Hockey Game, Skeena Valley Farmer's Market, Iskut Valley Health Fair and more.

We also delivered customized ESS Info & Reception Centre workshops for the communities of Iskut and Telegraph Creek.

Volunteer Hours by Month



Comparisons

Total volunteer hours in 2016 = 1362

Total volunteer hours in 2017 = 2340