

## President's Message

This newsletter is designed for anyone interested in the Emergency Management field who wants to keep up with latest developments. It will include industry and regulatory news as well as keeping you informed as to what the Sandhurst team has been up to. If you wish to unsubscribe at any time – please just send an email to [info@sandhurstconsulting.com](mailto:info@sandhurstconsulting.com) with 'unsubscribe' in the title line.

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## Latest News

This past June, IAEM Canada hosted the inaugural conference on Leadership and Innovation in Emergency Management. Around 250 EM professionals turned out to listen to a collection of superb speakers who had been invited to present at the event.

The industry-focused conference brought together the public and private sectors for presentations and workshops on a wide collection of subjects which centered around the themes of leadership and innovation. The event was a unique opportunity to network and exchange ideas among our Canadian peers.

Clearly a success, the dates for the second IAEM Canada conference have just been confirmed as 4-7 June 2019. If you are looking to improve your EM knowledge and network with your peers across the EM spectrum, we would highly recommend attending. We will certainly be there!



## New Updates to NIMS and the Impacts on ICS Canada Training

In the fall of 2017, changes to NIMS resulted in updates to ICS Canada training. NIMS has recently changed their curriculum to include training for EOC's. Currently, the ICS Canada curriculum does not address EOC training, however, updates to the NIMS program regarding EOC's mean it is now available to anyone interested in teaching EOC specific content.

Another update includes shifting from a 1:5 ratio for span of control to an "appropriate" span of control. This update allows for more flexibility during a response but will have to be based on sound judgment.

## Changes to Oil and Gas Regulations in British Columbia

Attention all Oil and Gas operators in British Columbia, as of March 1, 2018, the Emergency Management Regulation 204/2013 has been repealed. Operators who have submitted a permit prior to March 1, 2018, will not be subject to the new rules.

The most notable change to the regulation is the mandatory adoption of CSA Z246.2 – Emergency Preparedness and Response for Petroleum and Natural Gas Systems. According to the new rules, permit holders "must prepare and maintain a program in accordance with CSA Z246.4".

Another major change to the regulation is the requirement for operators to "adopt the Incident Command System as the permit holder's emergency management system". Permit holders will also be required to update emergency response staff on any changes or updates to their emergency response plans.

New sections to the regulations include operator requirements during emergencies and documentation and reporting requirements following exercises or real emergencies. Lastly, the Incident Classification Matrix previously utilized has been modified to include five categories of probability and the introduction of seismic events to the "Events and Consequences" category.

These new changes are sure to produce more robust Emergency Management programs. Full information on the new regulations can be found [here](#).

## Front-Line Update

Sandhurst Associate, Kyla Burtyn recently responded to a call for help to support the recovery of Grand Forks, British Columbia. The town recently suffered a devastating loss of homes and business due to major flooding in the area.

While in Grand Forks, Kyla helped manage one of the reception centers and ensured that operations ran smoothly. Sandhurst is privileged to be a part of the 2018 BC Floods response and to help support the Grand Forks and Boundary Region in their recovery efforts.

Volunteers like Kyla are an invaluable resource to communities impacted by disasters. It also ensures that we keep our team up to date on latest developments and gain valuable first hand experience.



## Role-Specific Courses

Sandhurst is hosting several Role-Specific courses in the fall of 2018. They are all one-day courses and are designed to be a focused review of the skills required to perform a specific role in an EOC. These courses should not be seen as a replacement for the official ICS Canada courses, but they are completely aligned in terms of concepts, processes and terminology.

Courses running this fall include:

Emergency Manager - **Sept 14<sup>th</sup>**  
Logistics Section Chief - **Sept 27<sup>th</sup>**  
Finance and Admin Section Chief – **Sept 28<sup>th</sup>**  
Planning Section Chief – **Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Scribe - **Oct 1<sup>st</sup>**  
Safety Officer - **Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
Liaison Officer – **Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>**

All courses will be held in Calgary. Places are limited, so please contact Sandhurst for availability.

You can find details of all our other upcoming courses on our website.

[www.sandhurstconsulting.com](http://www.sandhurstconsulting.com).

## ICS 100 Course Online

We have been told that the ICS100 online course provided on the AEMA site will not be available to private industry visitors until at least Sep 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. This is being done to allow updates to be made to the learning management system.

## Full-Scale Exercises

Planning is under way to deliver a number of Full-Scale exercises (FSX) for Cenovus Energy in 2018. The last FSX was in November 2017, when Sandhurst, in cooperation with Cenovus Emergency Management personnel hosted a FSX at their Christina Lake site. The two-day exercise included participation from personnel at the Incident Command Center at site, the Emergency Operations Center in Calgary and those in the field.

The complex scenario included a malware attack, an H2S leak, a man down, a fire and an oil spill. This may seem like a lot to throw at one group, but as anyone involved in EM knows, pushing incident management staff to their limits in training better prepares them for the realities faced during real emergencies and disasters. A sophisticated sim-cell adds to the realism and a dedicated assessment and after-action review team ensures lessons are captured for next time.



Sandhurst enjoys coordinating complex exercises for our clients knowing that providing realistic, challenging training is the best way to improve the preparedness of the organization.