

## **Welcome Speaking Points We're Ready! Workshop**

### Purpose of the welcome (15 min):

Build common understanding about the rationale (the why!), purpose, goals and deliverables of the workshop.

### Speaking points:

- WELCOME everyone, thank you for time out of your busy schedule today to participate in the first ever We're Ready! Community Disaster Preparedness Pilot
- (All team members introduce themselves)
- In the registration form many of you said you want to learn how to be best prepared in an emergency. And to understand and participate in community level readiness and to help your community.
- That is what we are going to do here today.
- The goal of the workshops is for community members to get connected and plan for how they can respond collectively to make sure everyone is safe and to offer assistance if needed,
- You will design your own disaster plan for your community through fun activities.
- At the end of the day you will have hazard and evacuation maps; communication plan; and a community capacity inventory.
- By self-organizing as a community and neighbourhood, you are also supporting your Town's larger municipal emergency plan.
- Provincial and municipal governments have communicated that households and communities must be prepared to be on their own for the first 72 hours of an emergency.

### Outline workshop schedule

- As you can see from the poster on the wall (point to it), there are 9 activities for the day. We will walk you through them throughout the day. At any time feel free to ask us questions or for assistance, that's why we are here!
- **ACTIVITY 1: BASELINE SURVEY** which we will explain in a moment
- **ACTIVITY 2: COMMUNITY BINGO** to get to know each other and find out about who has what resources and skills in case of an emergency
- **ACTIVITY 3: SHARE EXPERIENCES** where we look at maps to figure out hazards and briefly chat about personal experiences with different types of disasters
- **ACTIVITY 4: MAPPING** of evacuation routes/safe meeting points figure out safe places to go in case of an emergency
- Lunch will be served around 11:45 for about 45 minutes
- **ACTIVITY 5: COMMUNITY PLAN** we will create a plan for a tornado scenario
- **ACTIVITY 6: OFFSITE MOCK DISASTER GAME** then do an offsite mock disaster game
- **ACTIVITY 7: DEBRIEF EXERCISE/IDENTIFY COMMUNITY PLANS REVISIONS** talk about what worked, what we learned, and what could be improved
- **ACTIVITY 8: OUR TEAM** figure out next steps of how to work together after the workshop to finalize and keep alive the Community Disaster Plan in your community/ neighbourhood
- **ACTIVITY 9: POST-WORKSHOP EVALUATION** do a quick survey before heading home
- **WRAP UP** at 4:30 and give out certificates