



Volunteer Fair: Explore Volunteering with the Victoria Red Cross ESS and Cycling Response Teams

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VICTORIA, BC — Are you calm under pressure, want to be part of the action in an emergency, and give back to your community? The City of Victoria and the Canadian Red Cross invite you to attend their upcoming Volunteer Fair to learn about volunteering with Victoria's Emergency Social Services (ESS) and Cyclist Response (CRT) Teams.

View displays, learn more and ask questions at our Volunteer Fair on Tuesday, March 26 from 6 p.m. – 8 p.m. at City Hall. The first half-hour will provide an opportunity to meet representatives of each volunteer team, and a presentation will follow at 6:30 p.m. Complimentary snacks and refreshments will be served.

All volunteer training is free. Volunteers must be 18 years of age, have a valid driver's license, and undergo a criminal record check. Learn more at VictoriaReady.ca.

Victoria Red Cross ESS Volunteer Team

Emergency Social Services Personal Disaster Assistance Responders provide assistance for the first 72 hours following an emergency. British Columbians forced from their homes by fire, floods, earthquakes or other emergencies receive emergency social services for up to 72 hours. Services may include food, lodging, clothing, emotional support, information about the crisis, and family reunification.

The City of Victoria and Canadian Red Cross have partnered to provide seamless Emergency Social Services from emergency response to recovery for Victoria residents. The City is the first municipality in the Capital Region to partner with the Canadian Red Cross to deliver Emergency Social Services.

Cyclist Response Team

Cyclists can play an important role in an emergency response. After an earthquake in Victoria, cyclists may be able to access roads, pathways and bridges that vehicles can't, to help move people, information and materials from one location to another. The City's Cyclist Response Team trains in bicycle trailering, maintenance and repair, first aid, rapid damage assessment, radio communications and wayfinding.

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Please consider this announcement for community calendar or events listings.

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