

# **FIRST NATIONS RESPONDERS**



**RESPONDING SAFELY TO  
ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES**

**PRESENTATION TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL  
MANAGERS ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH  
COLUMBIA**

**WORKSHOP ON FORESHORE PROJECTS  
AND CONSIDERATIONS IN EMERGENCY &  
SPILL RESPONSE**

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## **OUR MISSION**

**PREPARING FIRST NATIONS  
RESPONDERS TO MANAGE  
ENVIRONMENTAL EMERGENCIES  
SAFELY**



## First Nations Responders



## WHO ARE WE?

First Nations Responders is a British Columbia based Aboriginal owned company that specializes in providing the highest quality training available to First Nations personnel on how to respond effectively and safely to a major oil spill or an incident involving contaminants that threaten our land or waters.



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## WHY ARE WE?

First Nations Responders Inc. seeks to address one of the key problems, the lack of trained people in the work force, and the chronic under employment of First Nations young people, the largest and fastest growing population group in the province.



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## SERVICES WE PROVIDE

All training provided is fully certified and graduates from the First Responders Training Program will receive formal certification of their skills levels that are recognized industry-wide



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## **SERVICES WE PROVIDE**

Not only will graduates be able to respond safely and effectively to emergency situations on First Nations or other lands, they become instantly employable for their skills in emergency response management.



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## WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

Major Energy and other Natural Resource developments are underway or planned for British Columbia.

For far too long First Nations have not shared fully in the benefits from such development.





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## WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

Many of these developments will affect First Nations lands, waters, communities and cultural heritage.

The risks to the environment and to the vital interests of First Nations are High – Too High to be ignored.



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## WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

Environmental Emergencies can happen anywhere at anytime – often in remote locations.

First Nations residents are often the closest to such emergencies and stand to lose the most.



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They must be trained to recognize the risks involved and to respond quickly and safely.

First Nations Responders can provide the training needed to ensure human safety and to protect the environment.



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## WHY IS THIS SO IMPORTANT?

- Emergency safety is an extension of good governance and stewardship
- Creates regional nodes of trained responders
- Emergency preparedness adds value to environmental monitoring, and land management.
- Increases credibility of the community



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**Towards Independence  
Self-Sufficiency  
Reclaiming our Communities  
Leadership  
Nation Building**



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## WHAT WE DO!

We work with First Nations to help develop Community Environmental Emergency Response Plans and to assess training needs.

We maintain a Human Resource Roster of fully trained personnel who can be called upon immediately as First Responders.



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## WHAT WE DO!

We will work with all Governmental Agencies to ensure harmonization with existing or emerging Spill Response Regime requirements.

We will also work with companies to provide fully qualified and trained emergency response personnel.



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**“THE TIMES THEY ARE A  
CHANGING!”**





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**First Nations Responders**  
A First Nations company providing the training and support needed to ensure your safety in responding to environmental emergencies. Contact us today for more information.

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