



**CANADA**



## **Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada (PSEPC)**

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### **1. Mission :**

To keep Canadians safe from a range of risks such as natural disasters, crime and terrorism.

To do this, PSEPC coordinates and supports the efforts of federal organizations ensuring national security and the safety of Canadians. PSEPC also works with other levels of government, first responders, community groups, the private sector and other nations.

#### Emergency Management

- PSEPC works with other levels of government and operators of critical infrastructure (such as utility companies) to help ensure essential services will be available to Canadians during an emergency.
- PSEPC provides information to help Canadians prepare for emergencies, including guides, websites and public awareness activities such as Emergency Preparedness Week, held annually in cooperation with the provinces and territories.

#### National security

- PSEPC runs the Government Operations Centre, which monitors potential threats to the national interest around-the-clock. The Centre can also provide coordination and support in the event of a national emergency.

#### Law enforcement

- We help law enforcement agencies put in place the necessary policies and technology for better data and intelligence sharing.

- PSEPC contributes funds for policing services in over 300 First Nations and Inuit communities in partnership with provincial and territorial governments. Le SPPCC contribue au financement des services de police dans plus de 300 collectivités.

#### Corrections

- PSEPC leads the development of federal policy and legislation for Canada's correctional system in order to safely reintegrate offenders into the community.
- PSEPC works with the Correctional Service of Canada and the National Parole Board to make the federal correctional system more effective, efficient and accountable.

#### Crime prevention

- PSEPC works with volunteer groups, governments and businesses to support local solutions to crime and victimization, such as a project that reduced youth charges for violent offences by over 60 percent in one community.

### **3. Regulation and procedure :**

Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Canada (PSEPC) was created in 2003 to ensure coordination across all federal departments and agencies responsible for national security and the safety of Canadians.

As Canada's lead department for public safety, PSEPC works with five agencies and three review bodies. They are united in a single portfolio and report to the same minister. The result is better integration among federal organizations dealing with national security, emergency management, law enforcement, corrections, crime prevention and borders.

### **4. Organisation :**

PSEPC is responsible for developing and implementing federal policies for emergency management. Our all-hazards and multidisciplinary approach creates a unified, federal system for managing emergencies of a national magnitude.

#### Response:

Emergencies are managed first at the local level: hospitals, fire departments, police and municipalities. If they need assistance, they request it from the provinces or territories. If the emergency escalates beyond their capabilities, the provinces or territories seek assistance from the federal government. The coordination and provisioning of resources can move quickly from the local to the national level.

The Government Operations Centre, housed at PSEPC, monitors emerging threats and can provide around-the-clock coordination and support in the event of a national emergency.

### Critical infrastructure protection:

Critical infrastructure consists of physical and information technology facilities, networks, services and assets that are critical to the well-being, operations and continuity of our country. PSEPC funds research and work with private sector partners to protect national critical infrastructure.

### **5. Staff :**

The Ministry has more than 52,000 employees working in every part of the country.

### **6. Training :**

PSEPC works with provincial and territorial officials to ensure first responders and emergency management personnel are well-prepared through education, support and exercises.

- Canadian Emergency Management College

PSEPC's focal point for emergency management training and learning, the College provides training courses and educational resources to Canada's emergency management community.

- Guides for businesses and first responders

Practical information about dealing with emergencies.

- Joint Emergency Preparedness Program

From emergency planning and training to the purchase of specialized equipment, this program funds projects that enhance the capacity of communities or provinces/territories to respond to emergencies.

- National Exercise Program

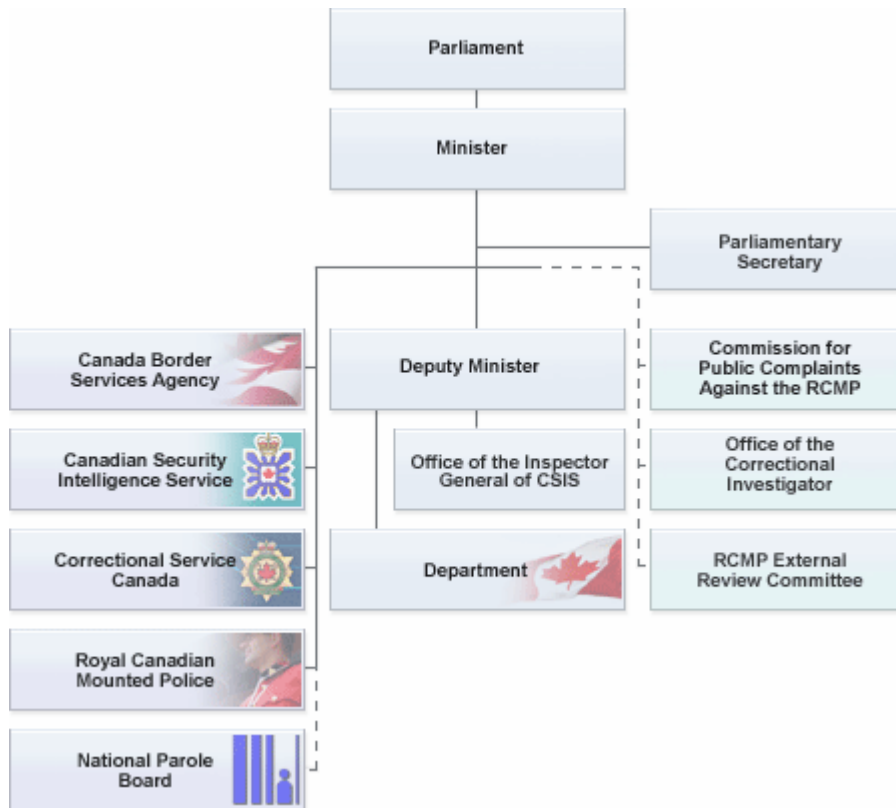
Government, first responders and military officials work together in exercises that simulate emergency scenarios such as natural disasters, health threats and terrorist attacks.

### **8. Finances :**

Annual budget of \$6 billion.

In the event of a large-scale disaster where costs exceed regional resources, PSEPC provides financial assistance to provincial and territorial governments. Assistance is paid to the province or territory - not directly to individuals or communities. The provincial or territorial governments design, develop and deliver disaster financial assistance, determining the amounts and types of assistance that will be provided to those who have experienced losses.

## Public Safety Portfolio



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**Minister of Public Safety**

