



A Note from your Council
...*Alan Thomarat*



RECENT UPDATES TO OUR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANISATION

We have acknowledged before but must say again, our vibrant community continues to find new energy and ideas from the many new residents and also from those that have been supporting Thode for decades now. Thank you to all of you that have been so helpful in revitalizing our community efforts and working to keep our community safe. Among the most vital aspects of our community's safety are planning and preparedness. All municipalities in Saskatchewan must have in place an updated and coordinated Emergency Management Organisation Plan.

We are fortunate in Thode that Bev Johnson has been leading our EMO efforts for several years now as our EMO Coordinator. Bev is joined by Orlene Martens, Nathalie Baudais, Erin Chophonis (Council liaison) and Ryan Bradley (BEST liaison), but we need at least three more members to join the EMO and also ten (10) volunteers to be available as Block/Section Captains. We need your support to ensure that we are prepared with the goal that through sound planning we can be sure that everyone, every child and every family will be safe. Please see the attached EMO Update to learn more about our team's efforts and please call us to help the EMO address our community's emergency preparedness needs.

We have been fortunate in Thode for having many volunteers over the years that help us provide new amenities, improved utilities and services, and simply make our community the safest it can be, a safe community, a great place to live with a very bright future. Many thanks to all of you, and we look forward to working with you to build a better Thode.

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

What can you do?

Contact Info

Provide the Village Administrator, Jessie with your up-to-date email and phone numbers:

- land line
- mobile phone for each person in your household
- an additional emergency contact number.

(306-429-2259 thode@xplornet.ca)

Emergency Plan

1. Call 911. Fire, Police and Emergency Services will respond.
2. Call the following:
 - Village Administrator, Jessie Williams (306-429-2259)
 - Mayor, Alan Thomarat (306-227-9717)
 - EMO Coordinator, Bev Johnson (306-230-5010)

They will activate the EMO Response.



Let's Be Prepared

When an emergency happens in the Village of Thode, residents need to be prepared! We will be updating everyone soon about the Emergency Response Plan.

The purpose of an Emergency Response Plan for the Village is to:

- Avoid or limit harm to residents and visitors including loss of life;
- Avoid or limit damage to property and the environment.

An Emergency Response Plan moves into action quickly when a situation happens. However, an Emergency Response Plan is not a prevention plan.

EMO Committee Member

Join us as a Volunteer!!!

3 additional members are needed to join the current EMO team:

- Bev Johnson, EMO Coordinator
- Orlene Martens
- Nathalie Baudais
- Erin Choponis, Council Rep
- Ryan Bradley, BEST Rep

Block Captain

Become a block captain. The village has 10 sections or blocks.

There will be training for Block Captains.

The role of the block captain is to:

- Contact everyone in the block during an emergency
- Keep track of those you notify.

Information Form

The committee will be contacting every home owner (via email or letter) to ask a few questions about the contact information and other details.

Plan ahead. You may be able to offer resources during an emergency. Examples are:

- group transportation (bus / vans)
- off-road transportation (boat / quad / snowmobile)
- tools & heavy equipment (chainsaw / generator)
- alternate heating (wood fireplace)
- medical assistance (nurse / CPR)
- other skills (cooking / childcare)

Responses will be kept confidential and used only for emergencies.

What is an Emergency?

“Emergency” in a community means a calamity caused by accident, an act of war / terrorism or a force of nature which may result in harm to the safety, health or welfare of the people and / or widespread damage to property and the environment.

Potential Emergencies

The Village of Thode Emergency Management Organization (EMO) has identified the following risks:

- Lengthy Blizzard / Utility Outage
- Fire (Buildings and / or Grass)
- Severe Wind / Tornado
- Major Motor Vehicle Accidents (Roadway or Water)
- Ruptured Gas Line / Hazardous Spill
- Pandemic



EMO Response

In any emergency, dial 911. First Responders will be called. When there is a threat to the Village, information will then be given to the Thode Emergency Management Team. If needed, the Block Captains will be notified to contact all residents as to the action that must be taken to ensure safety. In some situations action may involve evacuation to a safe site.

Next Steps

The EMO is currently updating the Emergency Response Plan. As part of this process, they will be contacting every home owner via email or letter to confirm contact information, gather a list of resources and any special needs or circumstances.

More details will be outlined for residents before Summer 2015. Training sessions will be available.

We trust that everyone in Thode will support our Committee’s work as they prepare for a village emergency.