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All,

You may be aware that there were amendments tabled at the legislature on Mar 5th regarding the Emergency 911 Act and the E911 Cost Recovery Fund. These changes will help make more services available to Nova Scotians during emergencies and severe weather events, such as equipping comfort centres with satellite phones. Once the legislation and regulations are amended, EMO will work with you and our partners to develop the program. Here is the full media release:

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE/MUNICIPAL AFFAIRS--Amendments to the Emergency 911 Act

Changes to the Emergency 911 Act, introduced today, March 5, will help make more services available to Nova Scotians during emergencies and severe weather events. This may include providing comfort centres with satellite phones or helping provide enhanced cell phone charging services for citizens during prolonged weather events or emergencies.

The changes will also expand the mandate of the E911 Cost Recovery Fund to further complement the 911 service.

"First and foremost, this fund will continue to support our 911 service and ensure the system responds to Nova Scotians during emergencies," said Chuck Porter, Minister responsible for the Emergency Management Office which manages the fund. "In addition, we will work with our municipal partners to identify ways to strengthen emergency preparedness activities."

Most provinces in Canada charge telephone subscribers a small monthly fee to maintain and enhance 911 systems. Nova Scotia began charging a 43 cents per month fee in 2001 to cover the cost of operating the system. The money is disbursed through the E911 Cost Recovery Fund and does not go into the provincial government's general revenues.

The Emergency Management Office will work with municipalities to identify opportunities to better meet the needs of Nova Scotians during emergencies and severe weather events and help increase the resiliency of communities during such events.

FOR BROADCAST USE:

Changes to the Emergency 9-1-1 Act, introduced today (March 5th), will help make more services available to Nova Scotians during emergencies and severe weather events.

This may include providing satellite phones or enhanced cell phone charging services for citizens at comfort centres.

The changes will expand the mandate of the E-9-1-1 Cost Recovery Fund to further complement the 9-1-1 service.

Chuck Porter, Minister responsible for the Emergency Management Office, says the fund will continue to support the 9-1-1 service and ensure the system responds to Nova Scotians during emergencies.

In Nova Scotia, telephone subscribers pay a fee of forty-three cents per month to cover the cost of operating the province's 9-1-1 system.

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I will try to answer any questions you may have and will keep you informed as details become available.

Thanks,
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