

PROVINCIAL STRUCTURAL PROTECTION UNIT DEPLOYMENT PROCESS

WHEN WOULD AN SPU BE REQUESTED FOR COMMUNITY PROTECTION?

The following conditions must be met before a request for an SPU will be made:

- The local government has opened an Emergency Operations Centre
- An evacuation alert or order has been requested
- Structures are at risk
- Local Government has exhausted their supply of suitable structures protection equipment

WHAT IS THE PROCESS FOR DEPLOYMENT

Once the above criteria have been met, the Incident Commander will make a request for an SPU to be deployed to the site. This request goes through the following channels:

Regional Fire Centre, MOFR – the Incident Commander requests an SPU and operating crew through the Regional Fire Centre, where the financial approval is made.

Provincial Fire Control Centre, MOFR – the Regional Fire Centre forwards the request to the Provincial Fire Control Officer (PFCO) who will confirm the availability of the resource and ask the Fire Commissioner Coordination Centre (FCCC) to make the arrangements for delivery of the SPU and the activation of the operating crew.

Fire Commissioner Coordination Centre – Upon receipt of the Ministry of Forests Resource Request document the FCCC will arrange for the deployment of the SPU and pre-qualified contractor crews.

The FCCC will confirm details of the deployment to the PFCO. They will relay the information to the Regional Fire Centre.

SPU Installation contractor – once deployed by the FCCC, the contractor will be responsible for unit deployment under the guidance of the Incident Commander.

To obtain additional information about sprinkler systems, please contact the Office of the Fire Commissioner by phone at 1-888-988-9488 or by e-mail at OFC@gov.bc.ca
