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Marlo Pritchard, President, and Fire Commissioner

Steve Roberts, Vice President, Operations

Teresa Florizone, Vice President, Corporate Services and CFO

David Cundall, Executive Director, Corporate Planning

Luanne Synk, Director, Policy, and Legislation

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Chapter 40, Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency, Coordinating Provincial Emergency Preparedness, 2020 Report Volume 2

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We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency follow its established process to work with key stakeholders on identifying and updating, each year, assessments of risk of emergencies requiring provincial assistance.	290	Implemented			
We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency provide key stakeholders responsible for key infrastructure in Saskatchewan with guidance to help them determine which infrastructure is critical to emergency preparedness for the province overall.	291	Intent of Recommendation Met			
We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency periodically and formally confirm that emergency plans of all key stakeholders align with the Provincial Emergency Management Plan.	291	Partially Implemented (Note – Oct. 2022 Auditor follow up - updated status to ‘Intent of Recommendation met’.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The PEMP was reviewed and approved by DMs - PEMP was endorsed by Cabinet in May, 2022. - Educate key stakeholders with 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Use Emergency Operations Advisory Committee (EOAC) along with ongoing tabletop exercises to continue educating key stakeholders on new requirements. - Conduct formal review of each 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - EOAC scheduled to meet in November 2022 (Q3 2022/23) - Formal reviews of emergency plans scheduled for Q4 2022/23 and Q1,Q2 2023/24.

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			various training courses,	stakeholder emergency plan within the next year.	

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<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency maintain a robust and enforceable written contract with the party providing day-to-day administration for the SaskAlert program. (2019 Report – Volume 1, p. 83, Recommendation 1; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 26, 2020)</p> <p>Status—Implemented</p>	255	Implemented			
<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (formerly the Ministry of Government Relations) document its regular monitoring of all key responsibilities of its SaskAlert program administrator. (2019 Report – Volume 1, p. 88, Recommendation 2; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 26, 2020)</p> <p>Status—Partially Implemented</p>	256	Partially Implemented	CanOps will provide reporting on all alerts issued not just the alerts they assist with. We have quarterly meetings to discuss processes, what’s working, what’s not.	SPSA is receiving automatic reports regarding monitoring live alerts.	2022
<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (formerly the Ministry of Government Relations) actively monitor whether SaskAlert</p>	256	Partially Implemented	Practice reports are run quarterly to ensure compliance. Delinquent users are either called or	Quarterly reports are run to ensure compliance, follow up happens with	2022

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<p>participants complete timely and accurate alerts, and take action where necessary (e.g., suspend system access). (2019 Report – Volume 1, p. 89, Recommendation 4; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 26, 2020)</p> <p>Status—Partially Implemented</p>			<p>emailed a reminder and if they do not comply, they are removed from NAADs</p>	<p>emails and phone calls.</p>	
<p>Outstanding: We recommended the Saskatchewan Public Safety Agency (formerly the Ministry of Government Relations) work with the operator of Alert Ready (the National Alert Aggregation and Dissemination System) to obtain information needed to enable a periodic review of the appropriateness of user access to the System. (2019 Report – Volume 1, p. 88, Recommendation 3; Public Accounts Committee agreement February 26, 2020)</p> <p>Status—Partially Implemented</p>	<p>259</p>	<p>Partially Implemented</p>	<p>On the current NAAD system reports are run to ensure appropriateness of users.</p>	<p>A new NAAD system is being implemented which will be more user friendly and produce more information.</p>	<p>Will be implemented in Dec 2022.</p> <p>NAAD is responsible to implement the new system. They have confirmed the new system will be in place in 2022.</p>

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