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LOCAL CHARITY RESPONDS TO FIRE VICTIMS

Burnaby, B.C. (July 20th) -- With wildfire season ramping up, The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services has mobilized emergency response units and stand at-the-ready to support First Responders, evacuees and fire victims, in multiple locations across the province.

As of today, the Army has 18 Emergency Community Response Units on standby. The mobile canteen units are equipped with stoves, fridges, and grills to serve on location and they can quickly relocate should circumstances change. Already active in West Kelowna and Penticton, the Army is on the ground providing food, hydration, blankets, and Emotional and Spiritual support to those being impacted.

With teams located across the province, “We are uniquely positioned to respond quickly in times of crisis,” says Mike Leland of The Salvation Army. “Our priority is providing those being impacted practical and emotional support to help see them through devastating circumstances.”

Last year, The Salvation Army provided unprecedented support during fire season responding in 12 communities and provided over 260,000 meal and hydration items to first responders, evacuees fire victims and others affected by the devastation. The Army was also there – and is still there – in several communities to provide emotional and spiritual support to the thousands who were impacted.

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About The Salvation Army Emergency Disaster Services:

For 125 years, The Salvation Army has been the on scene serving whenever there has been a natural or man-made disaster – always ready to assist during emergencies by providing mobile feeding and hydration units, shelter, emotional and spiritual support, along with the distribution of necessary supplies. The Salvation Army Community Response Units in British Columbia are one of the first to arrive and the last to leave.

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