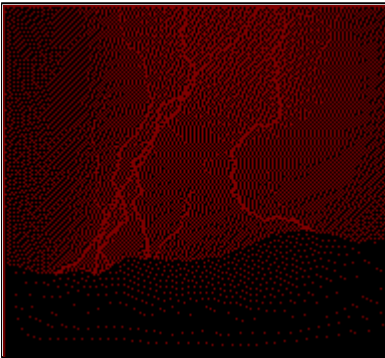


## EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

### **Be Prepared, Not Scared Emergency preparedness starts with YOU!!!!**



In our day-to-day living, disasters may seem a distant possibility. Yet natural disasters such as floods or ice storms...technological or environmental accidents such as chemical spills...or service disruptions such as power failures during the winter can strike any community, including ours, at any time. The Town of Gillams is in the process of preparing an Municipal Emergency Preparedness Plan in order to provide key officials, agencies, departments and the residents of the Town of Gillams with a general guideline to the expected initial response to an emergency and an overview of the responsibilities for the staff of the Town during an emergency.

Emergencies are defined as situations, or the threat of impending situations abnormally affecting the lives and property of our society, which by their nature or magnitude require a co-ordinated response by a number of agencies, both governmental and private. This response, under the direction of the appropriate elected officials, is distinct from routine operations carried out by agencies as normal day to day procedures, e.g. firefighting, police activities, normal hospital routines, ambulance routines.

If your unprepared for a disaster, it can shatter your life. Expect the unexpected and plan for it. Knowing what to do when a disaster strikes will help you better control the situation and be in a better position to recover more quickly. No community is equipped to handle all the demands of a catastrophe. Help your community by preparing yourself. Make sure everyone in your family knows what to do before, during and after an emergency. Will your whole family think clearly and logically in a crisis? Not many of us can. So do your clear, logical thinking now - when you have the time to be thorough.

**TO REPORT A FIRE CALL IN GILLAMS CALL  
911**