



## News Release

### Earthquake Simulator makes a stop in Sechelt

Sechelt, BC – May 19, 2016 —Sponsored by the Insurance Bureau of Canada, Sunshine Coast Credit Union, the Co-Operators and the Sunshine Coast Regional District (SCRD), the “Quake Cottage” simulator will be at Raven’s Cry Theatre Parking Lot in Sechelt on Tuesday, June 7 from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

A small mobile trailer outfitted to resemble a typical workspace, the “Quake Cottage” demonstrates the need to proactively assess and secure various items in our homes, schools, and workplaces. Inside the “Quake Cottage”, a simulated major earthquake illustrates the importance of securing cabinets, furniture, flat screen TVs, refrigerators, cabinet doors, and a lot more. Up to three people at a time will be able to sit down and then feel and see what happens to their environment when an 8.0-magnitude earthquake occurs.

“The Quake Cottage will let people experience the impact of a major earthquake and will make many re-examine how well they’ve prepared their home or work surroundings for the eventuality of such an event,” says Garry Nohr, SCR D Board Chair. “The Sunshine Coast and much of BC is at risk of having a major earthquake occur at any time, so it’s important that everyone take steps to protect themselves from serious injury or damage when it finally happens.”

The SCR D would like to remind the public that emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility that begins with every individual and family making a plan and preparing a kit that includes knowing where everyone is to meet after a disaster, what their evacuation routes and emergency contacts are.

“The most basic emergency kit requires adequate food and water per person and pets for at least 72 hours, as well as warm clothes, prescriptions, medical supplies and important papers,” says Bill Elsner, SCR D Emergency Program Coordinator.

The “Quake Cottage” will be touring mid-island and Sunshine Coast communities over the next two weeks so those living in areas at high risk of earthquakes can better understand the need to be prepared.

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