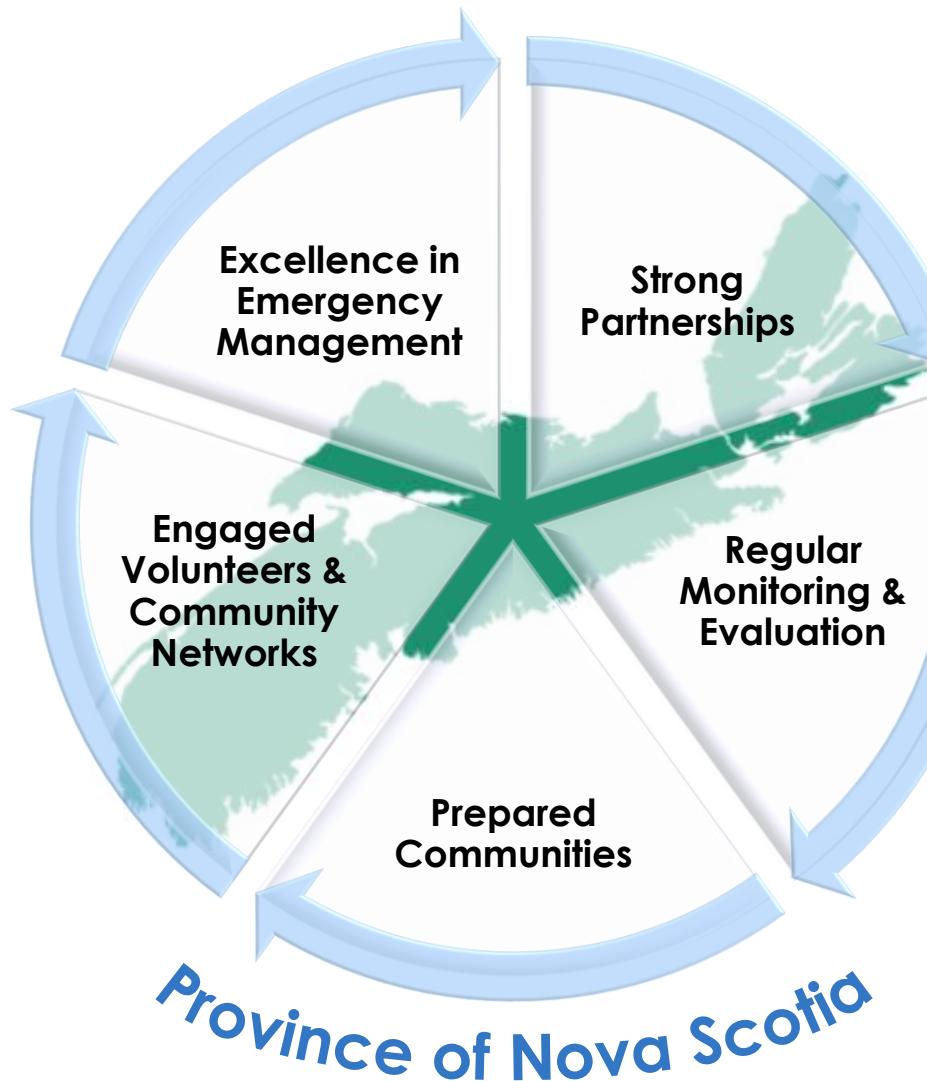




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The Department of Emergency Management is divided into three divisions:

- **Provincial Incident Management and 911**
- **Planning and Preparedness**
- **Regional Services and Infrastructure**



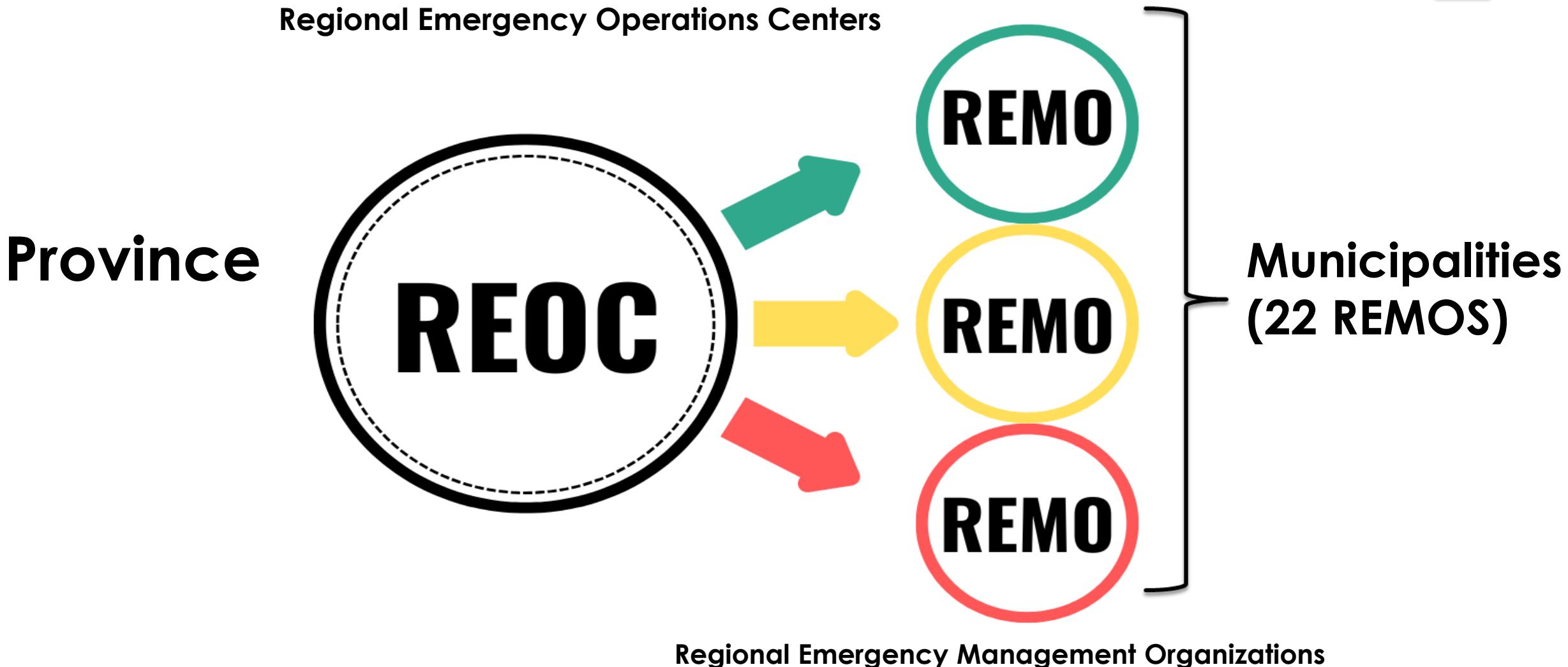
24/7 Provincial Coordination Centre

Leadership For:

- **Emergency Management** Incident management, coordination of resources and setting standards in the provincial emergency management program. Responsible for the effective management of incidents to minimize impact and work to restore normalcy as quickly as possible
- **24/7/365 Provincial Coordination Centre** – Province wide Situational Awareness and Rapid Response (See Graphic)
- **Distributed and Decentralized Public Alerting Model** – Provide ongoing training and support to entities tasked with requesting or issuing alerts to ensure timely and effective alerting
- **Leads Training And Exercising, With Key Emergency Management Partners**
- **Modernizing Provincial Emergency 911 System** – ensuring the provincial system meets emerging standards

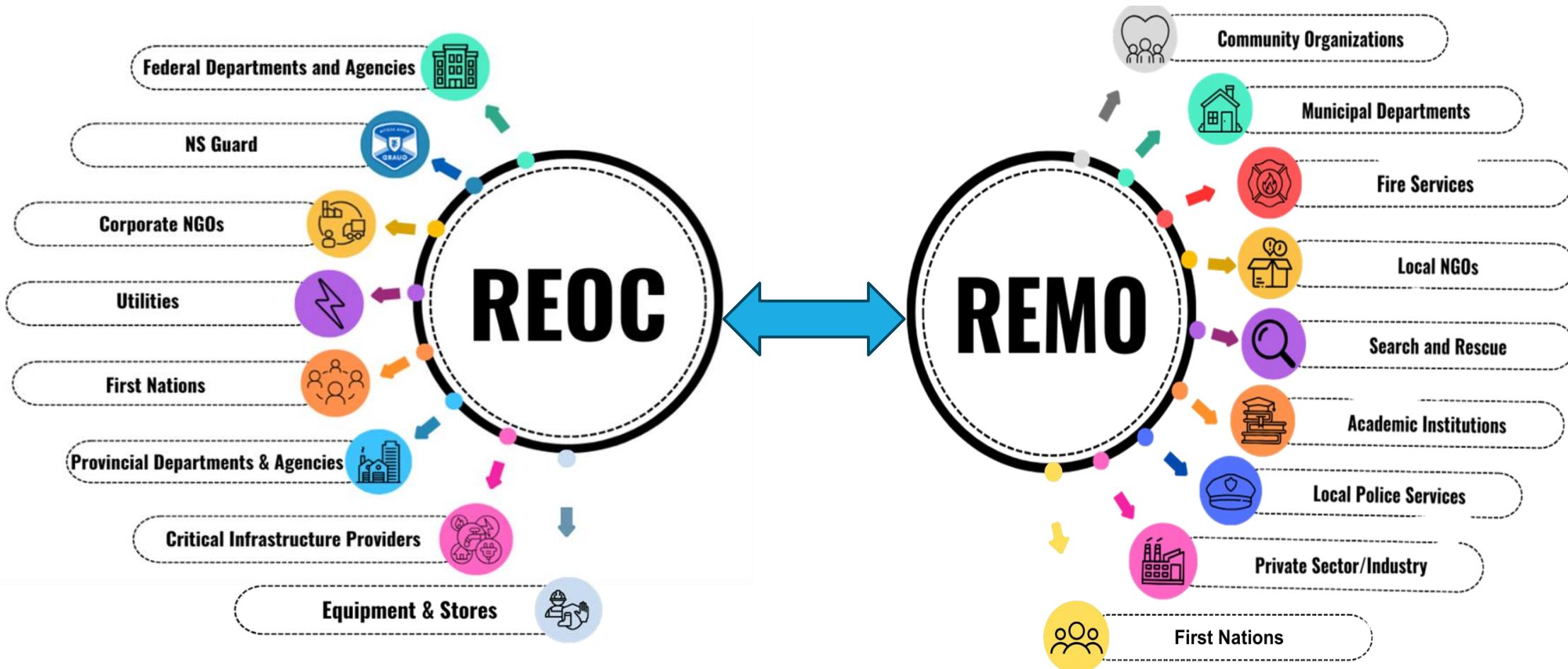
Regional Structure and Integration

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Improve Planning, Training, Exercising, Response & Recovery

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Planning and Preparedness Branch

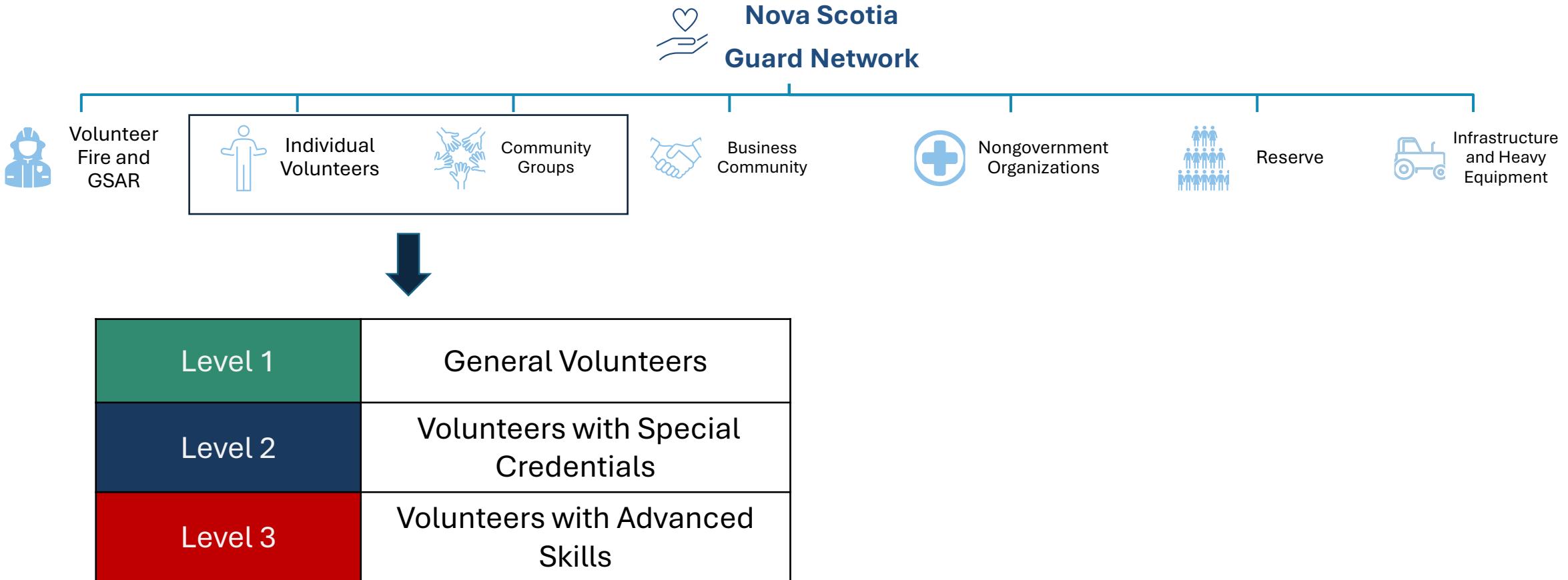
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Leadership for:

- **Nova Scotia Guard**- recruits, trains, and deploys community volunteers who want to support their community during an emergency
- **Resiliency Office** – builds provincial resiliency by working with government, municipalities and critical service providers to ensure up-to-date business continuity, risk assessment and emergency management plans are in place. Supports Nova Scotians to prepare for increasingly frequent weather events.
- **F/P/T and First Nation Inter-Governmental Affairs**
- **Modernized Disaster Financial Assistance Program** to support recovery after catastrophic events
- **Regulatory Framework and Standards** to improve emergency management in Nova Scotia
- **Reviews/Studies and Research** – Example : Fire Services Governance Review which will also include fire fighter training, funding models, equipment and fire dispatch (Co-managed with DMAH)

Nova Scotia Guard Network

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Legislative and program areas-Update

Public Alerts:

- Exploring Alertable App which extends the reach of alerts to anyone with a Wi-Fi connection
- Conversations are underway with Alberta to adopt their alerts portal and training program. Municipalities will have access to access policies and training materials.

Fire Dispatch:

- Comprehensive review by Fire Services Association of Nova Scotia will include fire dispatch and training. The report is expected in the Fall

Vulnerable Persons Registry:

- Consultations with CAOs Table

REOC/REMO Structure:

- Building incident command capacity at the REOC/REMO level
- Phone number for local residents
- When PCC activates to a level 2 municipalities in the affected area(s) also activate their local Emergency Operations Centres.

Modernized Disaster Financial Assistance Program:

- New Federal guidelines in effect April 1
- Need more information on program eligibility and what this means for Nova Scotians