

## NEWS RELEASE

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### **The Shakezone tour visits Nanaimo!**

*Earthquake Simulator is coming to Nanaimo with an emergency preparedness message*

#### **Summary**

The City of Nanaimo has teamed up with The Insurance Bureau of Canada (IBC), Woodgrove Centre, 102.3 The Wave, 106.9 The Wolf, as well as the BC Earthquake Alliance to remind residents of the importance of earthquake preparedness as the Shakezone rolls into town.

Residents will have a unique opportunity to experience what it is like to live through an earthquake as well as receive valuable information on how residents can prepare for an emergency from various organizations that will be on site. The Shakezone is an earthquake simulator that residents can sit in and experience what a magnitude 8.0 earthquake feels like in a safe environment.

The Shakezone event is free and will be in Nanaimo on May 28th from 10am - 3pm at Woodgrove Centre. Arrive early as the simulator has limited seating. Visitors will be seated on a first come first serve basis.

*Strategic Link:* The City of Nanaimo is committed to Public Safety.

#### **Key Points**

- The Shakezone is rolling into the City of Nanaimo to allow residents to experience what an 8.0 earthquake feels like.
- Agencies will be on site to provide information on how residents can prepare themselves for emergencies.
- The Shakezone is sponsored by The City of Nanaimo, The Insurance Bureau of Canada, Woodgrove Centre, BC Quake Alliance and 102.3 The Wave and 106.9 The Wolf.
- The event is free but space is limited.

#### **Quotes**

"Being prepared for an emergency is something all residents know they should do and it is often talked about. We hope that this expo and simulator will remind residents that now is the time to take action and get prepared. I hope that we can become the most prepared community on Vancouver Island."

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