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Eva Cohen is the Founder and President of Civil Protection Youth Canada (CPYC), a not-for-profit organization advancing community resilience and disaster readiness through youth leadership.

Born and raised in Germany, Eva brings a distinctive international perspective shaped by academic study in English and Geography at the University of Regensburg and hands-on Urban Search and Rescue experience with Germany's Federal Agency for Technical Relief, Technisches Hilfswerk (THW). This foundation has informed more than two decades of work at the intersection of disaster readiness, civil protection, and community resilience.



Long before citizen-based disaster response became a growing policy priority in Canada, Eva was advocating for a national civil protection model that trains and equips volunteer detachments on the municipal level to support communities before, during, and after disasters. As a recognized expert in this emerging field, she publishes, teaches, lectures, and advises ministers, MPs, senior officials, emergency management professionals, first responders, and defence stakeholders, and has been dedicated to translating decades of international best practice into a practical Canadian concept for citizen-based civil protection.