

## Residents impressed with response



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Raymond Nash looks at the rushing Trent River Monday, April 21, 2014 from his home on Prior Lane, just north of Frankford. Volunteer firefighters sandbagged neighbouring homes on Good Friday.

QUINTE WEST - Raymond Nash isn't concerned about the rising waters of the Trent River.

The sandbags surrounding his waterfront Prior Lane home just north of Frankford are a precautionary measure only.

"Just in case," said Nash watching the fast current of the river Monday morning.

Nash has lived in the bungalow for 19 years. He's watched the water levels rise and fall.

"But it's never been this bad and it's worse than 2008," he said. "I'm certainly not expecting the worst to happen."

But when water levels finally breached his lawn late last Thursday and into Good Friday, Nash made the call.

"Volunteer firefighters were out here within minutes," he said. "I called for help and the next thing you know there were fire trucks parked on the road. They were terrific."

Firefighters sandbagged four homes.

"Many of us are seniors citizens and it's nice to know they were there to help," said Nash.

Jim and Teresa Lummis live next door. Like their neighbours, the couple say the response by the city could not have been better.

"We want to thank the firefighters and volunteers who helped us out. They deserve a lot of credit," said Jim.

The couple has lived on Prior Lane for 22 years. Their house has never flooded.

"But I've never seen the water this close. The sandbags give us a real peace of mind," said Teresa.

Residents can expect to see water levels continue to rise for the next several days.

Nash says if water levels continue to rise, firefighters will rush out and add more bags.

Lower Trent Conservation (LTC) issued a flood update late Monday morning, saying water levels should stabilize by Friday.

"Water levels along the Trent River from Campbellford to Trenton will increase slightly over the next 24 to 48 hours and begin to stabilize by Friday. Any significant precipitation could lengthen the period of high levels, or further increase levels," said LTC spokesperson Marilyn Bucholtz, in a statement.

Quinte West used its PRISM-911 emergency telephone notification system last Thursday to alert residents living from Glen Ross in the north to Frankford in the south of flood potential.

The city's emergency management group is meeting late Monday afternoon to update the situation.

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