



CIVIL SECURITY DEPARTMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT SEPTEMBER 2021 – NOVEMBER 2021

The role of the Civil Security Department is to increase awareness of the importance of emergency preparedness in the communities and support-related activities. In particular, the Department works closely with the 14 northern villages to strengthen planning, human and physical resources for fire departments and search and rescue operations.

Personnel

The Civil Security Department recently filled the following position:

- Patrick Boulay started working as Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician.

Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (NFSCP): Infrastructure Work

The NV of Quaqtaq passed a resolution delegating powers to the KRG to undertake renovation projects on their fire hall.

Regular meetings are held with Municipal Public Works with respect to those projects. Visits were made to Inukjuak, Salluit and Kangiqsujuaq to evaluate scope of work required on their Fire Halls.

Fire Prevention

Our Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician participated in the Kuujjuarapik daycare fire drill and visit organised by the Childcare Section at the end of September. Inspections of some of the communities high and very high risk buildings (school, daycare, NV buildings, etc.) were achieved during the visit. This visit and others during this quarter required a total of 12 letters and reports being sent to building owners to address risks or deficiencies observed during these fire prevention inspections and 17 reports are being drafted and will be delivered by the end of November.

In collaboration with KMHB's *Pivallianiq* Program and KRG Communications department, the *Fire Safety Campaign* targeted awareness and tips related to residential fires and involved social media messages and monthly draws for prizes. This campaign ended in October.

Collaboration with *Pivallianiq* will continue throughout the year. Residential visits of the KMHB tenants will include a fire safety questionnaire co-developed by KMHB and our Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician. At the end of the residential visits, fire prevention items for kids will be given to all tenants.

A year-round fire prevention campaign, that began in October, has been produced in collaboration with the Communications department and consists of monthly safety tips on social media as well as local radio announcements.

Emergency Planning

Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC)

KRG Public Security activated its Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC) on March 16, 2020. During the recent Fall 2021 outbreak of Covid-19 in Nunavik, the Civil Security department has continued to give leadership and guidance to the northern villages specifically by reactivating and coordinating with all of the Local Emergency Response Teams (LERT). Daily meetings were held with all LERT's that were in red zones. Mayors meetings were also held regularly during this period.

Regional operation committee (ROC)

The Regional Operation Committee (ROC) continues to meet every second Tuesday and review the situation of the region regarding the pandemic. During the Fall outbreak, the ROC met every day to do a situational update, guaranteeing a good flow of information and prompt action.

The N-REPAC continues to meet when needed with the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) and other regional partners to address the challenges for the region related to the COVID-19 situation.

Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP)

Planning and development of the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP) continues, meetings with Department directors are planned for late November-early December if the state of the spread of Covid-19 permits. A first official N-REPAC sitting with all partner organisations to present the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan will be convened in 2022 to start building the partnership foundations on that file.

Firefighter Training

An Aircraft Firefighting Crash and Rescue training, in accordance with the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) was successfully delivered in September in 3 airports of the following communities: Kuujjuarapik, Puvirnituq, and Salluit.

A recognized Ecole Nationale des Pompiers du Quebec ENPQ Instructor came to give a training during the Nunavik Fire Chiefs Annual Meeting (NFCAM) to teach the participants the ways to research into the causes and circumstances of a fire by using a scientific approach intended to locate the place of origin of a fire, to determine the initial cause and to explain the spread of the incident.

Also, a list of new Firefighter recruits was received, planning and organization is under way for creating new candidates in the Firefighter 1 certification program.

Nunavik Annual Fire Chiefs Meeting (NAFCM)

The Nunavik Annual Fire Chiefs Meeting in Kuujjuaq was held from October 10 to October 16. During that week, fire chiefs received presentations and instruction on the following:

- Self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) maintenance and care;
- Investigation on the probable causes and circumstances of a fire;
- Role and Responsibilities of NVs and Fire Departments, Health and Safety, Call for tender process (Legal department);
- Training program, Recruitment and Retention;
- Fire Prevention and new reporting system;

- Orientation on trauma and Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD);
- Procedures to ensure safe, incident free cargo operations for delivery of fuel, from sealift Petro-Nav company.

The Annual Fire Chiefs meeting was held during the fire prevention month of October in close collaboration with the KRG Communications department to ensure maximum visibility of the meeting and fire prevention issues.

Search and Rescue Boat Inspections and repair

An inspection of 11 of the 13 Nunavik Search and Rescue Boats was realised in September and October by Avataa, after being awarded the call for tender. Inspections were done by a specialised technician, and a local certified mechanic with the help of our local civil security technicians. Reports of the inspections were received and work is ongoing towards necessary and preventive maintenance. Nunaviks Search and Rescue Boats and specialised equipment are in good general condition.

Replacement of pontoons were done on the Search and Rescue Boats of Inukjuak and Akulivik by a company called BLYacht in September. The two boats are now ready for operation with the exception of a few necessary adjustments on the Inukjuak vessel.

Other Activities

Civil Security staff continues to give support throughout the region. Civil Security Technicians regularly contact the 14 communities to provide assistance and gather information on Fire Departments activities. Repairs on the Fire Truck pumps were done in Kuujjuarapik, Puvirnitug and Akulivik in September with the help of a specialised technician.

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