



**PUBLIC SECURITY
KATIVIK REGIONAL POLICE FORCE**

**ACTIVITY REPORT
DECEMBER 2020 TO FEBRUARY 2021**

The KRPF has been delivering regular policing services since April 1, 1996. Created in accordance with the spirit of the *James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement (JBNQA)* and pursuant to sections 369 and 370 of the *Act respecting Northern Villages and the Kativik Regional Government*, the KRPF's mission is to maintain peace, order and public safety, prevent and suppress crime and infractions under the laws and regulations applicable in that territory and apprehend offenders.

Human Resources

- Seven people were hired as new probationary employees;
- Bruno Hamel was appointed as the Intelligence and Anti-Smuggling Division Supervisor.
- Gabriel Caron was appointed as Sergeant in Salluit;
- Gregory Lane, Michael Simpson and Alexa MacDonald were appointed as Sergeant Investigators;
- Kenneth Barnaby was assigned as Sergeant of the crime prevention and training unit;
- Ulaayu Dupuis-Miron, Pierre-Olivier Payment, Marc-Andre Morin and Félix Boisvert were assigned as constables on the Regional Mixed Investigations Team.

Overview of KRPF Police Officer Staffing (As of February 1, 2021)

| Position | Total | | Total |
|------------------------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|
| Chief | 1 | Female | 12 |
| Deputy Chief | 2 | Male | 74 |
| Captain | 4 | | |
| Sgt. Investigator | 4 | Inuit | 4 |
| Sergeant | 10 | Non-Inuit | 82 |
| Prevention Constable | 2 | | |
| Constable | 57 | Permanent | 82 |
| Long-term absence | 4 | Temporary | 4 |
| Total Police Officers | 86 | | |

Overview of KRPF Civilian Staffing (As of February 1, 2021)

| Position | Total | | Total |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------|
| Administrative Secretary | 4 | Inuit | 25 |
| Intelligence Supervisor | 1 | Non-Inuit | 34 |
| Guard | 50 | | |
| Prevention Counselor | 0 | Full-Time Permanent | 9 |
| Technician | 4 | Part-Time Temporary | 50 |
| Total Civilian Staff | 59 | | |

Creation of the Regional Mixed Investigations Team

It has been demonstrated over the years that the majority of crimes are offences against the person and that approximately 80% of all crimes were committed while the suspect was under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In order to reduce crime, it is essential to reduce one of the factors related to this crime, namely the smuggling of illegal alcoholic beverages and drug trafficking.

The KRPF believes that it was essential to set up a regional investigation structure to better respond to the needs in this area, offer a better adapted service for the local population, as well as provide the necessary support to each of the 14 detachments.

A regional mixed investigations team has been created with members of the KRPF and the *Sûreté du Québec* (SQ, Quebec provincial police). The team is composed of one SQ team leader, one KRPF intelligence and anti-smuggling supervisor, four KRPF sergeant investigators, five SQ sergeant investigators, and four KRPF constables. The members are based in Puvirnituk and Kuujuaq but travel to all communities.

Reporting to the intelligence and anti-smuggling supervisor, the team of four constables have a variety of tasks, including:

- Conducting reconnaissance and surveillance operations to gather evidence related to alcohol smuggling and drug trafficking;
- Supporting the Regional Mixed Investigations Team in the search for clues or evidence;
- Performing road safety operations, particularly with impaired driving;
- Supporting the prevention team during its activities;
- Filling in to meet staffing needs and supporting positions during planned events;
- Supporting patrol officers in crisis situation and major incidents;

Body-Worn Camera Pilot Project

In February, the KRPF began Phase II of the body-worn camera pilot project. Police officers in Puvirnituk (6) and Salluit (6) are now using the cameras. Phase I of the project was started in January 2020 in Kuujuaq and has had a positive effect on both the general population and police officers. Phase III of the project, is planned to start in August, and will be the deployed in the remaining 11 communities until the end of 2021.

Mobile Intervention Team (Saqijug)

Saqijug's Mobile Intervention Team (MIT), composed of one full-time police officer and one full-time social worker, was first launched in Puvirnituk in May 2019. In 2020, the MIT intervened in 550 incidents. Less than 1% of the interventions ended in the detention of the individual.

A second MIT team is planned to be launched in Kangirsuk within the next two months, and a third in Akulivik before the end of the year.

Training

- Captain Shaun Longstreet and Captain Maxime Mercier completed the *Processus d'enquête* training given by the *École nationale de police du Québec* (ENPQ, Quebec police academy) and the *Criminal Law* course given by Laval University. Both courses are mandatory as part of the baccalaureate in management of public security;

- Bruno Hamel completed the *Inspections systématiques dans les endroits licenciés* given by the ENPQ. The course provides important information with regards to the *Act respecting offences relating to alcoholic beverages* (CQLR, c. I-8.1).
- Up until the beginning of February, the Taser 7 user training have been delivered to 54 members in 11 communities. Sgt. Barnaby will travel to the other three communities before the end of March to train the remaining 11 members.
- Phase II of Laval University's *Inuit Cultural Awareness* training course is complete and was officially launched in December. As of February 1, 61 members have completed the nine-hour online training, which aims to improve knowledge of Inuit culture. All remaining members will complete the training by the end of February.

Community Visits

Community visits are done in communities where supervisors are not based permanently. The purpose is to meet with the police officers, elected officials, and partners in the community. Supervisors travelled to the following communities:

- Kangirsuk, Quaqtuaq, Kangiqsujaq, Salluit, Ivujivik: Chief Jean-Pierre Larose and Captain Tony Paquet
- Kuujjuaraapik, Umiujaq, Inukjuak, Puvirnituaq, Akulivik: Chief Jean-Pierre Larose and Captain Mathieu Savage

Other Activities

- On November 27, the KRPF conducted a roadblock operation in Kuujjuaq. Officers intercepted approximately 40 vehicles, and four individuals were arrested for impaired driving.
- In January, technicians travelled to Nunavik to begin work to replace the KRPF's radiocommunication system in each community. The new system is more reliable and increases the coverage. The work is expected to be completed in the following months.
- In January, the KRPF began renewing its document retention schedule. Currently, the KRPF archives all of its documents by paper and is running out of space. The goal is to archive all documents, including police incident reports, electronically.
- In February, in collaboration with the Municipal Public Works department, a public tender was launched to replace the camera surveillance system in 12 of the 14 police stations across Nunavik. Cameras will monitor activities outside the police station, in the exhibit rooms, and the police stations' detention area, including all holding cells. The system's replacement responds to a recommendation made in the *Special Report by the Québec Ombudsman* published in February 2016.
- Over the past several months, the KRPF has been actively recruiting individuals to act as crisis resolution facilitators. These individuals are respected within their community, who speak Inuktitut and have good knowledge of the local population. Their role will be to assist the KRPF by lowering the tension level and seek a passive solution in crisis situations. The SQ will give specialized training to these members. Currently, crisis resolution facilitators have been identified in 9 of the 14 communities. Phase II of the project will be to have full-time Inuit employees working at the police station in all 14 communities.

- The KRPF, in collaboration with the KRG Hunter Support Program, will head to the Northern Villages in the following months to help Nunavimmiut to register their firearms and offer them firearms courses. The visits will be announced in advance through the FM stations, Facebook and a notice in your mailbox.
- The KRPF is reaching its 25th anniversary on April 1, 2021. Over the past several months, the KRPF has been preparing to commemorate this important moment. More details will be announced in the weeks to come.



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Kativik Regional Police Force (As of February 1)

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