



CIVIL SECURITY department

ACTIVITY REPORT

SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2022

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.

Human Ressources

Civil Security Coordinator, Camille Le Gall-Payne will be leaving for a six (6) month differal leave and will be back in June 2023.

Revised Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (NFSCP): Infrastructure Work and Annual Report

Renovation is well under way in Kangiqsujaq Fire Hall and is scheduled to be terminated at the end of November.

The contractor for renovation work in Inukjuak and Puvirnituk Fire Halls has informed KRG of undertermined and unexpected delays on both projects as they are unable to initiate work as planned this fall. The MPW, Legal and Civil Security departments are working in collaboration to ensure that the contractor respects the contract to which it is bound and that the renovation work is undertaken in the least amount of delays.

A tender by invitation was launched for Fire Management Software in order to have a certralised system to enter all fire, activity and occurrence reports for all municipalities. Technical issues required a second call for tender. This software will improve reporting and data management of all emergency reports once fully operational.

A visit to Salluit was organised on October 26 concerning the Fire Hall renovation project under the Revised NFSCP. All options were presented to the present NV Council members so that they can select their preferred option, by means of resolution.

Fire Prevention

Our Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician visited Puvirnituk during the week of October 3rd to do inspections of High and Extremely High risk buildings. Theses included all schools, daycares, police station, hospital, coop store and hotel as well as several NV infrastructures. Similar inspections were done in Akulivik and Ivujivik during the week of October 17 to 21.

In collaboration with the Communications department, fire safety messages have been promoted on KRG's facebook page.

Work is underway for the production of five (5) short scripted fire prevention videos targeting priorities that were highlighted in our annual fire statistics, specifically: Smokers supplies, Shack Fires, Dangerous Goods, Kitchen Fires and prevention of home fires.

Emergency Planning

Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP)

Planning and development of the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP) continues, as in person presentations and discussions were delivered to municipal officials in Puvirnituq on October 4. Civil Security Technicians will provide an essential role in providing liaison with municipalities and ensuring regular updates of the Municipal Emergency Preparedness Plan (MEPP).

A first official Nunavik–Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (N-REPAC) sitting with all regional partner organisations to present the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan will be convened early 2023 to start building the partnership foundations needed for success.

Unorganized Territory (UT)

Promoters continue to send us their emergency plans for their 2022-2023 fieldwork, this will ensure minimal information required is gathered in case of an emergency.

Nunavik Roundtable on Search and Rescue

The Nunavik Roundtable on Search and Rescue will take place from December 11 to 13 at the Courtyard Marriot in Montreal. This will help in the mandate given to Civil Security to gain an overview and understanding of the uniqueness and numerous idiosyncrasies of all Nunavik Search and Rescue practices, and to make recommendations to the KRG Regional Council for short and long term Nunavik SAR priorities. Invitations have been sent to three (3) representatives from all Nunavik municipalities and strategic partners including regional organisations as well as provincial and federal entities.

In August approval was received from the Provincial Government for a Search And Rescue New Initiatives Funding (SARNIF) project to review past SAR incidents in Nunavik and develop a strategy for future priorities and processes. A regional data management will be established for future events and training organized for municipal SAR coordinators during this three year project.

To achieve these goals a project manager will be hired as well as researchers to travel to all municipalities to achieve accuracy for past events.

Firefighter Training

The Firefighting Training Officer (FTO) prepared, coordinated and travelled with our Nunavik Regional Instructor to deliver Fire Fighter 1 training sessions. A first block of twenty-one (21) hours was given in Kangiqsualujjuaq to five (5) candidates September 23-25, October 14-16 in Quaqtaq to six (6) candidates. Two (2) 21-hours sessions are planned before the end of the year, in Quaqtaq and Tasiujaq.

From September 10 to 16, the Aircraft Rescue and Fire Fighting (ARFF) training was done in collaboration with a professional instructor in the following communities: Kuujjuaq (7 firefighters), Kangiqsualujuaq (5 firefighters) and Kangirsuk (10 firefighters), a total of twenty-two (22) firefighters from those three (3) communities participated in those trainings.

Ongoing collaboration during this quarter with KRG Transportation Department during their Airport Emergency and Security exercises was helpful for both departments.

Fire Chiefs were informed and encouraged that their firefighters could enrol for in-community First Aid and CPR courses offered by KI during this quarter.

Assistance to Municipalities

Civil Security Technicians visited Umiujaq from September 29 to October 4th to install their repaired pump engine for the Compressed Air Foam System (CAFS) of their fire truck. Minor repairs and servicing from local mechanic was pending arrival of parts for the truck to be fully functional.

The FTO and Civil Security Technician visited Kangiqsualujuaq to assist them in addressing motivation in their fire department as well as in Kangiqsujuaq to address issues and planing after the departure of their fire chief.

Other Activities

A visit from Lissa Okoh of Innulicare, specialised therapist in trauma, was organised in Puvirnituk from September 19 to September 22 to offer her services to the local fire department.

A specialised Yamaha Technician installed the two (2) new outboard engines in Salluit from September 25 to October 3rd. The Search and Rescue Boat is now fully operational, a follow-up visit will be organised before the boating season of 2023.

The community of Kangirsujuaq has received on the last sealift of the year, their new Rescue Boat. This was well received from the community and was verified with the certification of ten (10) new Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary members to the local team of operators and crew members. Final certification will be completed with ice breakup next year.

The Annual MSP Congress for Civil Security was held in Quebec city from Oct 17-19, the director and coordinator attended this event and represented the department during the Civil Security Annual ceremony. This year, the KRG Civil Security department was awarded a merit prize in the category of prevention and preparation in recognition for their leadership role in implementing the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan during the recent pandemic as well as establishing a civil security department within KRG.

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