



CIVIL SECURITY department

ACTIVITY REPORT

JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 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 Resources

The Civil Security Department has hired Sonia Gosselin as Administrative Coordinator she will help the department in providing administrative and technical oversight towards the achievement of our mandates.

Nicolas Desroches was hired as a Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician on a three months contract to do inspections of high and extremely high risk buildings in different communities.

The full-time permanent position of Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician will remain open until filled.

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

Renovation work was initiated in the Kangiqsujuaq Fire Hall and will be ongoing until the end of November or early December.

Renovation work will start at the end of this month in Inukjuak and Puvirnituk Fire Halls and will be ongoing until December.

Call for tender for the purchase of new fire trucks was launched in June for a full month, unfortunately no bids were received. We were informed that there are backlogs on orders as well as back orders on parts and equipment. Our consultants recommend we try to launch our tender again in January 2023.

Fire Prevention

Presentations were given on revised procedures for Residential Visits as well as Reporting System during the Nunavik Annual Fire Chief Meeting (NAFCM). Some communities have resumed residential inspections over the summer, we have received reports from Kuujjuaraapik and Umiujaq.

Work is underway for the production of 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.

The Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician has developed a Fire Prevention presentation outlining 8 good behaviours to adopt in case of fire.

Emergency Planning

Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC)

KRG Public Security activated its Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC) on March 16, 2020. As the situation of the pandemic evolved, the need to keep an active REOC has diminished. Regular contact is maintained with municipal, regional and government partners and the regional health board is sending weekly updates on the situation.

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 Kangirsuk on August 2. Civil Security Technicians will play 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 at the end of 2022 or early 2023 to start building the partnership foundations needed for success.

Unorganized Territory (UT)

A total of 13 promoters sent us their emergency plans for their fieldwork during summer 2022, this will ensure minimal information required is gathered in case of an emergency.

Search and Rescue Round Table

A mandate to review Nunavik Search and Rescue was given to Civil Security to gain an overview of the uniqueness and numerous idiosyncrasies of Local Search and Rescue processes to make recommendations to the KRG Regional Council. To this end, the Civil Security Department is currently planning towards a Nunavik Search and Rescue Roundtable to be held October 24-27 in Montréal with multiple representatives from Nunavik municipalities including SAR responders, regional organisations, provincial and federal entities.

Firefighter Training

The Firefighting Training Officer (FTO) prepared and coordinated with our Nunavik Regional Instructor to deliver Fire Fighter 1 training sessions. A first block of 21 hours was given in Tasiujaq to 8 new recruits. For the moment, a total of five (5) 21-hours sessions are planned before the end of the year for the following 3 communities: Tasiujaq, Kangiqsualujjuaq and Quaqtaq. Priorities will be evaluated from FF1 training for remaining communities in 2023.

The FTO prepared a framework presentation for all fire chiefs on Incident Commander responsibilities. This presentation was tailor-made to assist fire chiefs in their role during this summer's table-top and full-scale exercises prepared by the KRG transport department.

The 2022 Nunavik Annual Fire Chiefs Meeting (NAFCM) was held in Kuujjuaq from June 6 to 10. Hands-on training was emphasized this year, including a professional Instructor, who manufactures the Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) in use in Nunavik. This provided training on care, calibration, repair and maintenance of the SCBA units and a certificate of accomplishment was delivered to the participants. There was enthusiastic participation to this week-long regional event and the feedback obtained from the fire chiefs was very positive.

From September 10 to 16, Aircraft rescue and firefighting (ARFF) trainings are to be conducted in collaboration with a professional instructor in the following communities: Kuujjuaq, Kangiqsualujjuaq and Kangirsuk.

Planning for the 2023 NAFCM to be held in another community is under way and is based on a draw from all communities that volunteered and who could meet the minimal lodging capacity, meals, and collaboration required for this event.

Other Activities

A video was produced and uploaded to the Civil Security webpage on the KRG website. It is a tutorial on how to use the InReach devices; how to couple it with a phone, how to send two-way messages, activate SOS, get weather and more. An e-mail was sent to all municipalities to inform them of that new informative resource.

The Civil Security Technicians provided assistance to Umiujaq in early July as the engine of the Compressed Air Foam System (CAF) needed to be dismantled, crated and shipped for repair. The engines were then shipped back to Nunavik.

Community visits were done to assist the Fire Chief with inspection and maintenance of equipment. More specifically, our Civil Security Technicians travelled with specialised calibration equipment necessary to insure proper operation of the SCBA. The following communities were visited; Kangiqsualujjuaq (June 16-19), Tasiujaq (June 26-28), Aupaluk (June 28-30), Umiujaq (July 5-8), Kuujjuaraapik (July 8-11), Akulivik (July 18-20). Regular community visits were also done in Quaqtac (24-25 May) and Ivujivik (June 19-20). Specialised assistance was provided in Ivujivik, Kangirsuk and Tasiujaq performing necessary repairs on the CAF Fire Truck system from August 16- August 26.

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