



CIVIL SECURITY department

ACTIVITY REPORT JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2023

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

Hiring Process is ongoing for the following positions :

- Civil Security Coordinator
- Administrative Coordinator;
- Administrative Technician;
- 1 additional Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician.

Revised Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (NFSCP):

Infrastructure Work and Annual Report

The renovations of Kangirsujaq fire hall is complete. Puvirnituk fire hall is expected to be completed in September. Inukjuaq and Aupaluk fire hall renovations are under construction. A new call for tender has been launched and contracts are expected to be awarded for Tasiujaq and Kangirsuk in the very near future.

Onsite visits and preparations for renovations of firehalls in Quaqtuaq, Umiujaq, Akulivik, Ivujivik and Salluit are ongoing. These are in anticipation for tender processes in the coming months.

Fire Prevention

During the 2023 Nunavik Annual Fire Chiefs Meeting (NAFCM), the Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician (PSFPT) presented training to improve the residential visits and to raise awareness to fire chiefs towards the importance in making the residential visits.. In addition, the presentation of the new fire prevention campaign “Eight good behaviours” was made to the fire chiefs. All the fire chiefs present (10 fire departments) were motivated to help to present this training, starting this fall.

Lots of time was invested to create nineteen (19) reports of high and extremely high building inspections following visits in Kangiqsualujuaq, Kangiqsujaq and Ivujivik. These inspections included Northern Village infrastructures, the CLSCs, Schools, Daycares and Police Stations. The reports will be sent to the respective owners in the near future.

During the month of August, the travel itinerary and organization of the fire prevention campaign, “Eight good behaviours” was done to be presented in October in collaboration with the fire

departments and KI. The campaign will take the form of a training given in the schools, for the children in grades one and two, in each community. The training will focus on “Eight good behaviours” that the children should adopt to be more cautious and alert when faced with fire hazards or any object with which they can burn themselves.

On August 3 and 4, the PSFPT travelled to Tasiujaq to give additional training to fire department personnel on the subject of residential visits, as well as take part in a community BBQ event where a fire prevention kiosk was set up. The BBQ was organized by the Tasiujaq fire department in collaboration with the NV, the NPS as well as the KRG Civil Security Department. Activities available during this event included a game to teach children what “hot and not hot” objects are, visit of the fire truck, distribution of fire prevention tips pamphlets, as well as a draw for four (4) children’s bicycles offered by the NV.

The collaboration with Pivallianiq continues, both organizations made a joint order for additional “Eight good behaviours” magnets and KMHB continues to distribute them to housing registered in this program. These same magnets will be distributed during the “Eight good behaviours” prevention campaign.

For the fire hall renovation projects in Quaqtac, Umiujaq, Ivujivik, Akulivik and Salluit, the PSFPT is actively involved in the plan verifications to ensure the conformity of the new constructions and renovations with the regulations in force.

Emergency Planning

Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP)

Planning and development of the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP) continues.

Civil Security Technicians play an essential role in providing liaison with Municipalities and ensuring regular updates of the Municipal Emergency Preparedness Plan (MEPP).

Unorganized Territory (UT)

In collaboration with the Environment and Lands Section of the Renewable Resources Department, an emergency plan template was developed and will be required to be filled by companies, organizations or individuals that are undertaking fieldwork activities on the Unorganized Territory (UT) in order to gather the necessary minimal information on projects to ensure emergency preparedness.

Firefighter Training

In collaboration with CS team members, the 2023 Nunavik Annual Fire Chief Meeting (NAFCM) was held in Puvirnituq, from June 5 to 9. Multiple presentations and workshops were prepared to address the importance of regular trainings, fire department equipment inspections, tools, and fire prevention. Other subjects addressed were the gradual implementation of the emergency call center pilot-project and presentation, a new reporting software to facilitate and improve access and sharing of Nunavik fire statistics as well as a mental health workshop and Petro-Nav presentation on fuel delivery via sealift. Ten (10) Northern Village fire departments were represented during this event.

On June 22, the CS Director, FTO and contracted expert consultant attended a preproduction meeting with representatives of the builder for the delivery of seven (7) new fire trucks to Nunavik.

On June 26, FTO visited the offices of the Emergency Call Center (ECC), in Saint-Eustache, to gather additional information and better understand the workstations available and services offered in order to prepare a training for Nunavik fire department personnel concerning radio communications with the ECC.

On July 18 and 19, a training on communications with the ECC was delivered to the fire department crew members in Kuujjuaraapik.

In August, the FTO is also actively involved in the plan analysis of the fire hall renovation projects in Quaqaq, Umiujaq, Ivujivik, Akulivik and Salluit.

Ongoing discussions, preparation and collaborative efforts are underway with École nationale des pompiers du Québec (ENPQ) to offer an adapted training opportunity to Nunavik fire department personnel in the coming fall.

Other Activities

The Civil Security Technicians provided on-site assistance in their respective communities and assisted in the delivery of call center orientation to the Kuujjuarapik fire fighters.

The Civil security mechanic has had the opportunity to visit and review priority issues to be addressed in nearly all Nunavik communities. Prioritization of necessary works will determine follow up scheduling along with acquisition of necessary parts and equipment.

Debriefings of two (2) marine incidents in Ungava bay were achieved, formalizing critical information on the present processes of Marine SAR.

Summer of 2023 has been very worrisome for fires, with more than a dozen having occurred in Nunavik. Collaboration with provincial and municipal authorities has been achieved to mitigate the impact on our communities. Consideration is being given acquire some portable fire fighting equipment for each community, this to have the option and capability to intervene in a remote area.

Fuel reserves in several communities were critically low in anticipation for sealift fuel resupply. Collaboration was essential with industry, sealift operators and regional and local authorities to alleviate the impact of the situation.

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