



CIVIL SECURITY Department

ACTIVITY REPORT FEBRUARY 2024 TO MAY 2024

The Civil Security Department raises awareness of emergency preparedness 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 for search and rescue operations.

Revised - Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (R-NFSCP):

Infrastructure Work

Progress on the delivery of seven new fire trucks is well under way. All are guaranteed for delivery in 2025; yet as many as three could be available for September 2024. We have reserved space on the last sealift of 2024.

Puvirnituk and Inukjuak firehalls have been completed and turned over to their respective municipalities early this year. Aupaluk fire hall renovation is completed, and the municipality has taken possession in April. Contracts were awarded for Tasiujaq and Kangirsuk with completion scheduled for fall of 2024. Contracts have been awarded for Quaqtaq and Akulivik Fire Halls renovations with completion expected for fall of 2024.

Firefighter Training

We received terrific news in March when the École National du Pompier Quebec (ENPQ) accepted the credentials of Mitch Vail (Civil Security Coordinator), which means he now qualifies for the fire service instructor accreditation program. A key priority is for the department to host firefighter 1001 training and have our own instructors in Nunavik.

SOPFEU is in Kuujuaq the week of June 17 to provide wildland fire training to communities that will be receiving wildland fire equipment this year. Kuujuarapik, Umiujaq, Inukjuaq, Puvirnituk, Kangiqsualujuaq, Tasiujaq, Aupaluk and Kangirsuk will receive the equipment this year, and the remaining communities will receive it next year.

Other Activities

The annual SAR Roundtable took place in Montreal in April. The Roundtable is designed to establish proper SOP and SOG, as well as best practices for marine and ground search and rescue operations in Nunavik. All municipalities had representatives participate in a good exchange of dialogue. The consensus to establish a common process for all communities is welcomed. However, it must be appropriate for Nunavimmiut. Several areas will be followed up for recommendation later this year.

Akulivik Emergency Event: The NV experienced a major blizzard and extreme cold conditions that triggered a power failure from February 29 to March 3. Department staff were able to finally land in the community on April 7 to render assistance. Civil Security organized a debriefing with the Municipality and local agencies on April 16-17. Further, a regional debriefing with strategic partners took place in Kuujjuaq on May 17.

We would like to acknowledge the NPS for their around-the-clock efforts in visiting all homes in the community to ensure the safety of residents. Further, local collaboration among organizations and individuals was exceptional in overcoming challenges; for example: the school administration made the school available as a relocation zone, and the local co-op provided supplies. Regionally, the extra effort of MPW, Kativik Transport to bring in technicians and snow-clearing personnel made a significant difference in restoring the community from an overwhelming accumulation of snow. The lessons learned will help guide future preparations and planning.

Regional and Municipal Annual Reports: Regional Annual Report on progress of the Revised - Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (R-NFSCP) to be presented to the Council. Municipal Annual Report for all 14 communities is well underway.

We provided MSP representatives Lynn Delisle and Isabelle Tétrault with a tour of Kangirsujuaq and the completed renovations of the fire hall, as well as work-in-progress firehall renovations in Tasiujaq and Aupaluk.

Planning and scheduling of equipment installation and maintenance is ongoing for rescue boats in advance of the boating season. Tenders completed and equipment arriving for installation of AIS for all vessels, FLAIR for ten vessels and new motors for two communities.

Civil Security mechanic, travelled to several NV's to assist with repairs to fire apparatus, air compressors, and to facilitate the ordering of new windows for rescue boats. Civil Security mechanic is spending extra time in Akulivik and Umiujaq to ensure fire truck parts are replaced in a timely manner and fire apparatus is operational.

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