



**CIVIL SECURITY Department**

**ACTIVITY REPORT**  
**SEPTEMBER TO NOVEMBER 2024**

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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, and human and physical resources for fire departments and for search and rescue operations.

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

**Infrastructure Work**

We are seeing steady progress on the delivery of new fire trucks to Akulivik, Aupaluk, Kangirsujuaq, Kangirsuk, Kuujjuaq, Quaqtac and Tasiujaq. The most recent update we received advises us that the chassis will be delivered to the Québec plant by November. The delivery date is still on time for mid-2025.

Construction of firehalls in Puvirnituc, Inukjuak, Aupaluk and Kangirsujuaq is complete and facilities have been handed over to the municipalities. Contracts for Tasiujaq, Kangirsuk, Quaqtac and Akulivik firehalls have been awarded and completion is scheduled this year for Akulivik and Quaqtac. Contracts have been awarded for Salluit, minor renovations were started in the summer, and completion and handover expected in the fall of 2025.

**Firefighter Training**

Continuation of Nunavik Fire Fighter training will begin again this fall. Civil Security staff along with regional accredited instructors are leading the training. This is a long training cycle involving a one-to-two-year commitment.

Civil Security continues to strive to ensure firefighter training is provided on a continuous basis, and attempts to accommodate specific NV requests.

**Other Activities**

SAR Research: Two teams of researchers were deployed in 11 communities this summer, to gather information on past Search & Rescue events, response issues and challenges, and areas for improvement for both for marine and ground SAR events. The remaining three communities will be visited in the coming months and a summary report will be issued when all data has been correlated.

A first sitting of the renewed Arctic and Northern SAR round table was held in Yellowknife on November 5, and Civil Security Coordinator Mitch Vail attended. The purpose of renewing this table is to improve interjurisdictional collaboration involving unique Arctic SAR responsibilities.

A Nunavut community SAR Coordinator round table was held in Iqaluit from November 15-17. Several Civil Security staff participated as observers. The opportunity allowed Civil Security staff to improve our relationship with Nunavut's Emergency Management team.

The relationship between Civil Security and Canadian Coast Guard is evolving and proving to be mutually beneficial. Craig Lingard, Mitch Vail and France-Sylvie Loisel attended Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Region Ocean's Protection Plan 2.0 to gain a fuller appreciation of Integrated Marine Response Planning (IMRP), Marine Spill Equipment Caches (Caches), Coastal Marine Response Team (CMRT), and Environmental Response training and Exercising (ER T&E).

Specialized and advanced Marine SAR training was offered to eight members of Nunavik Rescue boat crews in Parry Sound Ontario in October. This special project is possible with collaboration from Coast Guard, Makivvik and KRG. The representatives from Nunavik excelled in all disciplines and challenged the instructors in some areas – a testament to the professionalism and capabilities of Nunavik SAR team members.

Brigitte Paradis, Civil Security Coordinator, France-Sylvie Loisel, Senior Advisor and Kris Tukkiapik, Civil Security Technician and Team Leader, attended the 26th Annual Civil Security Symposium in Quebec City. Multiple plenary events dealt with future earthquake forecasts, as well as retrospectives on flooding and forest fires events, explaining action plans and lessons learned from a community evacuation.

Evacuation Plan: The department is currently working on an evacuation plan, should wildland fires force communities to evacuate. We have reached out to strategic partners to evaluate the possibilities of assistance should such an event happen and threaten people's lives. Climate change is now having an effect in the north, with a significant rise in temperatures, increasing the vulnerabilities associated with this hazard.

Resilience Plan: Quebec's Ministry of Public Security (MSP) approached the department with funding to create a position for the implementation of a disaster risk regional management approach, and the establishment of Nunavik public safety education and awareness strategy and plan. This project would start in 2025 for a duration of three years. An agreement is currently being written for MSP approval of the project.

The Department hosted the Nunavik Annual Fire Chiefs Meeting from September 16-20 in Montréal. Knowledge-sharing sessions, firefighter training, and in-depth discussions took place on how Nunavik's fire chiefs can respond safely to dangerous incidents like electrical fires and receive the support they need to improve fire safety in their communities.

Presentations were received on safety measures from Hydro-Québec as well as Petronav/ FCNQ; the Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan from Quebec's MSP; and Nunavik's evolving emergency planning framework from the Health Board and the Canadian Coast Guard, as well as from ENPQ on monthly training and certification sessions.

Throughout the week, fire chiefs also visited Pointe-Claire's Firehall 55 and Montreal Airport's well-equipped firehall, where fire chiefs examined and tested the latest in firehouse equipment, emergency response systems and operations.

Roy Nolan joined the department as our second Fire Prevention and Public Safety Technician. He brings over 30 years of experience with the New Brunswick Fire Marshall's Office. Together with William McCrae, they have visited most communities and hope to visit all NV by end of the year. The Fire Prevention Tech's role is to support the community by identifying areas to improve fire safety, help develop public safety programs and help fire departments where needed. Several inspections were completed during community visits and reports will be issued to building owners.

Dustin Reid, our new mechanic, has visited most NV in the short time since joining the department. Throughout his visits, he has prioritized installation of AIS systems as well as FLIR cameras on rescue boats.

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