



CIVIL SECURITY Department

ACTIVITY REPORT DECEMBER 2024 TO FEBRUARY 2025

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

Progress on the delivery of seven new fire trucks is well under way. We have been advised that two of the fire trucks are more than 90% completed and ready for inspection (to make sure they comply with plans and specifications, and to be certain the remaining five are built identically). Our consultant is set to inspect these at the builder's site in Saint-Georges de Beauce on February 18th. Kuujjuaq, Tasiujaq, Aupaluk, Kangirsuk, Kangirsujuaq, Quaqtac and Akulivik are receiving new trucks. The delivery date is still on time for sealift 2025.

Renovations of the Puvirnituc, Inukjuak, Aupaluk, Akulivik, Kangirsuk, Tasiujaq, Quaqtac and Kangirsujuaq firehalls are completed and have been handed over to their respective municipalities.

The contract has been awarded for renovation of Salluit firehall and minor renovations have been undertaken. Extensive works will be achieved starting in spring of 2025 with completion and handover expected in fall 2025.

Firefighter Training

In collaboration with Ecole National Pompier Quebec, NFPA 1001 Level 1 firefighter training is continuing for Kuujjuaq, George River and Quaqtac firefighters.

Other Activities

A Nunavut community SAR Coordinator roundtable 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 as well as the Nunavut SAR coordinators. We look forward to continuing to grow this relationship.

A SAR Summit is planned for Halifax in late February 2025, gathering SAR intervenors from Nunavik as well as Nunavut. Participants are from communities served by Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC), and participants will visit the JRCC, Canadian Coast Guard (CCG) facilities, and Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Greenwood. The objectives of this SAR Summit are

to improve relationships with strategic partners and exchange best practices within the Arctic regions served by JRCC Halifax.

An evolving and improving relationship with our region and the CCG as well as the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) is proving to be mutually beneficial. Planned events for this year include:

- KRG hosted the regional CCGA 2025 annual meeting in mid-February
- several specialized First Aid courses are being delivered to rescue personnel by CCG in Nunavik communities
- planning and coordination of advanced Maritime SAR skill training is underway for summer and fall 2025
- access to the Indigenous Community Boat Volunteer Program, which has allowed several communities to replace their rescue boats
- a presentation to Regional Council by CCG representatives is planned for fall 2025

Evacuation Plan

The department is currently working on an evacuation plan, should wildland fires or any emergency event 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 various hazards.

Resilience Plan

Quebec's Ministry of Public Security (MSP) has agreed to fund a three-year project to develop a disaster risk management framework for Nunavik. This calls for the creation of a new, three-year position of Resilience Plan Manager who will gather and develop a comprehensive database of all potential risks to Nunavik. The agreement has been negotiated and resolutions passed; signatures on the agreement are now being secured.

The relationship between KRG's Civil Security and the new Regional Director for the Minister of Public Security (MSP) Nunavik region is evolving and proving to be mutually beneficial. Several exchanges have taken place on several key files, resulting in collaborative resolution of issues.

Of note in recent weeks, there has been a prevalence of arctic foxes in and near our communities, creating a potential public safety risk, considering the possibility of rabies being transmitted. Our department staff collaborated with the MSP, strategic regional partners and our Communications Department to develop and distribute appropriate guidelines and information to the general population as well as municipal authorities.

The department has begun visiting the 14 communities in the first months of 2025 in order to introduce members of the Civil Security management team and staff to the municipal officers and newly elected councils. Civil Security will present our mandates, advise of upcoming training and meetings planned with municipal representatives, review and discuss respective legal obligations, openly exchange concerns and reflect on how we can collectively collaborate better to achieve success.

A first meeting of the Nunavik Regional Emergency Preparedness Advisory Committee (NREPAC) is being organized. Implementation of the NREPAC responds to many challenges within the Nunavik region. The NREPAC is the primary planning forum for the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP). This comprehensive approach, along with the commitment of key partners, is endorsed by Civil Protection Act legislation and regulations; most notably in the four aspects of emergency preparedness: Prevention, Preparedness, Response (intervention), and Recovery.

Kris Tukkiapik and Jordan Jones have been invited to Ottawa in late February 2025 to receive recognition for their efforts during the pandemic. They have been selected as recipients of the FPT Emergency Management Exemplary Service Award (EMESA).

The EMESA is prestigious recognition of outstanding achievement and service across Canada in preventing, preparing for, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters. A partnership between the federal, provincial and territorial governments, the award honours recipients who have achieved excellence in their respective fields. Across Canada, there are many deserving individuals and groups working in the field of emergency management, including community volunteers, and people working in emergency management organizations at all levels of government and communities.

Progress is being made to connect more Nunavik community fire departments to the St. Eustache call centre. Initial tests have been conducted with Umiujaq and Inukjuak. There remain a few issues that need to be corrected prior to the final connection between the communities and the call centre. Puvirnituaq, Akulivik, Ivujivik, and Salluit are expected to be connected to the emergency call centre later this year.

Our Fire Prevention Techs are currently working on developing health and safety plans for all Nunavik fire halls. As well, pre-incident plans are being developed with senior fire department staff, as well as fire inspections of all high and medium risk occupancies throughout Nunavik. Collaboration with strategic partners such as the Nunavik Housing Bureau (NHB) on fire prevention efforts is ongoing.

Our mechanic continues to travel throughout Nunavik to assist in the maintenance and repair of fire department emergency equipment and SAR rescue boats.

We are making considerable effort to hire a Fire Fighter Training Officer, and to fill a second mechanic position.

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