



CIVIL SECURITY Department

ACTIVITY REPORT MARCH TO MAY 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

Completion and delivery of seven new fire trucks for Nunavik is well under way. Final inspections, to ensure compliance with plans and specifications, have been completed. Kuujjuaq, Tasiujaq, Aupaluk, Kangirsuk, Quaqtuq, Kangirsujuaq, and Akulivik are receiving new trucks, with delivery scheduled for the first sealift of 2025. In April, Civil Security staff visited the manufacturer for orientation and training on these new trucks. Staff included the Civil Security Coordinator, our mechanics and all three regional Civil Security technicians. When the new truck arrives, we will complete detailed orientation and training with municipal operators and senior fire fighters from each respective community. The addition of these trucks to municipal fire departments is a welcomed milestone in firefighting capacity for our remote communities.

The contract has been awarded for renovation of Salluit firehall and minor renovations have been undertaken. More extensive repair work has begun, with completion and handover expected in fall 2025.

Firefighter Training

Certified NFPA 1001, Level 1 firefighter skills continue to be delivered to firefighters in Kuujjuaq, Kangiqsualujjuaq and Quaqtuq. Recent collaboration with École National du Pompier Québec (ENPQ) has resulted in Michael Cameron becoming certified as an instructor. We hope soon to have Michael assist the delivery of firefighter training.

Civil Security staff continues to develop regional capacity as accredited regional instructors, and we are working closely with ENPQ to continue this trend.

Planning is ongoing for the 2025 Nunavik Annual Fire Chiefs Meeting (NAFCM) in September.

Wildland fire training in collaboration with SOPFEU is being organized for the first week of July at our firefighter training centre in Kuujjuaq. This training will be offered to communities that did not receive the training last year, including Aupaluk, Kangirsujuaq, Salluit, Ivujivik, Akulivik and Umiujaq. Civil Security will assume all costs associated with this initiative, and participating communities will receive specialized equipment including pumps to fight fires in and near their home communities.

Other Activities

In close collaboration with provincial authorities and the KRG Communications department, a successful first-year participation in Civil Security Week (May 4-10) was achieved. Within Nunavik the twin themes of “Strengthening communities Resilience throughout Quebec” and “Acting together for everyone’s safety” were promoted. The campaign also featured recommendations on 72-hour home emergency kits to aid personal preparation for extended weather events or power outages.

In addition, Inukjuak and Kangiqsualujjuaq were profiled, with video testimonials from front-line intervenors, municipal officers and elected officials on local challenges and achievements. The testimonials were broadcast in multiple languages on social media platforms.

An Arctic SAR Summit was held in Halifax during the last week of February, gathering frontline SAR intervenors from Nunavik and Nunavut. Participants came from communities served by Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) Halifax’s area of operation. Participants had the opportunity to visit the JRCC Halifax operation centre, Canadian Coast Guard facilities, and Canadian Forces Base Greenwood. The summit allowed for exchange of best practices and information on ongoing challenges among Arctic SAR intervenors. The event was a resounding success.

The Nunavik SAR Roundtable 2025 (NSAR 25) took place in Montreal on March 29-30. The roundtable theme, Finding the Trail Forward, focused on the future of SAR in Nunavik, and priorities were set for key areas such as training, equipment, and communications. A consensus was reached on how to build a SAR governance framework. All Nunavik participants supported the creation of a Nunavik Search and Rescue Association (NSARA) to collectively represent the concerns of frontline SAR intervenors.

The participation of the Nunavik Police Services (NPS) was welcomed during this event. There were critical and revealing exchanges among participants. A result of NSAR 25 was the announcement from Canadian Coast Guard of approval from the Indigenous Community Boat Volunteer Program (ICBVM) of successful applications for new rescue boats and shelters for Salluit and Kuujjuaq.

As well, the NPS committed to deliver, as part of an ongoing commitment to SAR in Nunavik, one new snowmobile for each municipality for dedicated SAR activities. Civil Security will work with

Consolidation of the efforts of all NSAR events in recent months is ongoing and a briefing is being prepared for the KRG executive.

An evolving relationship with the CCG as well as the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary (CCGA) continues to be mutually beneficial. A presentation to Regional Council by CCG representatives is planned for fall 2025.

Regarding potential environmental marine spills, Kangiqsualujjuaq, Kuujjuaq, Tasiujaq, Aupaluk and Kangirsuk received two containers (caches) of limited marine spill response equipment in the fall of 2025. Quaqtuq, Salluit, Puvirnituq and Kuujjuarapik will receive similar kits this fall. Planning is underway for local training on this equipment, and negotiations continue to have kits in the remaining Nunavik communities.

A meeting was held in April with strategic partners including Makivvik, several KRG departments (Environment, Transport and Civil Security) and representatives from CCG on Community Marine

Response Training (CMRT). The intent of this initiative is to improve local marine response capacity. Integrated Marine Response Planning (IMRP) and terms of reference will be developed.

Progress is being made to connect more Nunavik community fire departments to the St. Eustache call centre. Initial tests have been conducted with Umiujaq, Inukjuak, Puvirnituq, Akulivik, Ivujivik and Salluit. As a result, Umiujaq and Inukjuak have been recently connected. We have identified a few technical issues that we hope to correct in the near future. These other communities should be connected by June.

Our project with ICO has been completed. A letter of understanding acknowledging project completion and next steps has been signed. IT software has been developed to allow Civil Security staff to establish a database of all incident and activity reports. This has been an ongoing project with ICO in collaboration with St Eustache for a few years. Support from IT will continue to be available.

Fire Prevention Techs have been working diligently to ensure visits to all communities. Our inspection priority involves high-risk structures, and KRG assets in particular. All inspection reports have been sent to the appropriate supervisor, and focus will be placed on those who have not responded to the reports. A program is being developed to ensure a proper follow-up on compliance.

As well, Fire Prevention Techs accepted an invitation to attend a career day in Quaqtaq at the local school where students mingled with local firefighters, the Fire Chief and the Fire Prevention tech. The students also visited the newly renovated fire hall and had an opportunity to dress in a firefighter's bunker gear.

New incentives such as health and safety programs for the local fire halls and incident pre-plans are being developed. An initial meeting between NHB and new fire prevention techs is expected to promote further collaboration.

We now have a full complement of mechanics, with one specializing in marine and the other in heavy equipment, specifically fire apparatus. We have ordered and purchased nine new display screens to ensure that the integration of the AIS and FLIR are compatible. We have also purchased new shockwave seats for all SAR vessels. The CCGA has purchased new mini Starlink terminals for all vessels, and our mechanics will be working diligently to ensure all equipment is installed quickly. Our mechanics have visited all communities and continue to make a positive impact.

The Civil Security Department plays a pivotal role in enhancing emergency preparedness through the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan. Recently, Civil Security technicians Kris Tukkiapik and Jordan Jones received national Emergency Management Service awards for exemplary public safety work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jordan joined the team in 2021, drawing from his experience as a firefighter and first responder to serve communities on the Hudson Coast, where he supports community-based civil security plans and coordinates emergency responses.

Kris has been with the KRG since 2019 and became a team leader in 2024. He oversees civil security planning for Ungava Bay communities and brings a decade of firefighting experience, community volunteer work, and extensive knowledge of the land, positioning him as a vital figure in fostering resilience across Nunavik's communities.

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