



CIVIL SECURITY DEPARTMENT

ACTIVITY REPORT DÉCEMBER 2021 – FEBRUARY 2022

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

The Civil Security Department needs to fill the following position:

- 1 Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician
- 1 Administrative Technician

Nunavik revised Fire Safety Cover Plan (NFSCP): Infrastructure Work and Annual Report

Call for tenders were launched to allocate renovation works of Inukjuak, Puvirnituk and Kangiqsujaq fire halls. Renovation work is planned from July to November 2022. The Civil Security Department, Municipal Public Works (MPW) and the Northern Villages (NV) will work in close collaboration so that the renovation work has minimal impact on Fire Department operations.

Work on the Technical requirements necessary to launch a call for tender for purchase of new Fire Trucks is nearly completed. Call for tender should be launched in the coming months.

The Annual report on accomplishments as required for the revised NFSCP were prepared (1 regional report and 14 municipal reports) and will be sent to the Ministère de la Sécurité Publique before March 31st. A resolution for the adoption of the annual report will also be presented. This resolution will be conditional to the approval of the municipal annual report by the NV.

Fire Prevention

Our Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician has worked to develop different fire prevention tools and presentation for future in person awareness campaigns.

- Specifically, purchase of fire safety simulators to do presentations in schools and daycares based on the arctic house model as well as a kitchen model. This aims at reducing the risk of residential fires in general and more specifically of cooking fires. The addition of visual interactive displays and presentations should help in the engagement of children and adults.
- Production of posters to be distributed to Schools, Daycares, and youth centers, of 8 important behaviours to reinforce fire safety awareness.
- Production of refrigerator puzzle magnets reinforcing the same 8 important behaviours, to be handed during residential visits in collaboration with KMHB's *Pivallianiq* Program.

- Production of a retractable banner to focus awareness of Civil Security and Public Safety and Fire Prevention activities.

Residential visits of the KMHB program *Pivallianiq* will resume when Covid-19 prevention measures are relaxed. Those residential visits include a fire safety questionnaire co-developed by KMHB and our Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician. At the end of the residential visits, the puzzle magnets will be handed to the family to promote 8 good behaviours in fire prevention. This collaboration and resulting information statistics acquired will enhance future Fire Safety campaigns to increase safety of Nunavimmiut.

A year-round fire prevention campaign, which began in October, has been produced in collaboration with the Communications department and consists of monthly safety tips on social media as well as local radio announcements.

Messages were prepared and sent to the local FM radio on Fire Prevention during Christmas holidays.

Emergency Planning

Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC)

KRG Public Security activated its Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC) on March 16, 2020. During the recent Fall 2021 outbreak of Covid-19 in Nunavik the Civil Security department, has continued to give leadership and guidance to the northern villages specifically by reactivating and coordinating with all of the Local Emergency Response Teams (LERT). Meetings were held with all LERT's that were in red zones. Mayors meetings were also held regularly during this period.

Regional operation committee (ROC)

The Regional Operation Committee (ROC) continues to meet every second Tuesday and review the situation of the region regarding the pandemic. During the fall outbreak, the ROC met more frequently, ensuring a good flow of information and prompt action.

Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP)

Planning and development of the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP) continues, meetings with KRG Department directors is planned for the first quarter of 2022. A first official N-REPAC with all partner organisations to present the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan will be convened in 2022 to start building the partnership foundations needed for success.

Unorganized Territory (UT)

Discussions with regional and strategic partners have been initiated for best practice and usage of the areas of Nunavik beyond municipal boundaries, designated by Quebec as the Unorganised Territory, to ensure realistic and appropriate emergency preparedness.

LERT-Coordinators- Updates

Regular updates are sent to the LERT-coordinators to inform them of the latest Public Health protocols and evolution of the pandemic situation.

Firefighter Training

The Firefighter Training Officer (FTO) completed a review of our regional Firefighters as well as numerous KRETC priorities for 2022;

- Airport Firefighting Crash And Rescue Training
- Maintenance Training Course For SCBA
- Vehicle Extrication
- Firefighter 1 training (FF1)
- Non-Urban Officer Training
- Hazardous Material Operations training (HMO)

Priority in February will be to establish groups and participants and to start training as soon as pandemic measures allows.

The FTO produced a training calendar and shared with all Fire Departments. Each fire department is required to do monthly practices and training as well as weekly inventory of equipment. A PowerPoint presentation was shared to help Fire Departments give their January training on protective personal equipment and safety at a fire scene. It is recommended the duration of monthly training is 3 hours and is expected of all fire department members. Firefighters doing regular training with the fire department can receive extra monies if completed appropriately and their NV file a request to the Civil Security Department.

Other Activities

Civil Security Department organised conference calls with the Fire Chief's of each region: Ungava, Hudson Bay and Hudson Strait on December 7, 8 and 9 of 2021. Discussion focused on the new fire reporting system. Fire safety and preparedness during the holiday season and the Fire Chiefs were informed the 2022 Nunavik Annual Fire Chief Meeting will be held in Kuujuaq from June 6-11.

Purchase of equipment necessary for gas detection calibration for all communities. Assistance was provided to Kangirsuk during their power outage on January 13, 2022. The Civil Security Department will resume essential travel to certain communities once the travel restrictions are lifted. Precautionary measures will be taken and all health guidelines will be respected and communities will be contacted prior to travel.

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