



CIVIL SECURITY DEPARTMENT

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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 recently filled the following position:

- Pierre-Luc Lessard was hired as Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician.

Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (NFSCP): Infrastructure Work

Puvirnituk, Inukjuak, Akulivik, Kangiqsujaq and Salluit Northern Village councils passed a resolution delegating powers to the KRG to undertake renovation projects on their fire halls.

Regular meetings are held with Municipal Public Works with respect to those projects. Visits were made to Puvirnituk and Akulivik to evaluate scope of work. Visits are planned in August and September for Inukjuak, Kangiqsujaq and Salluit. Renovation and extension are planned for 2022.

Fire Prevention

In collaboration with KMHB's *Pivallianiq* Program and KRG Communications department, the *Fire Safety Campaign* has started and will continue until October. This campaign targets residential fires in summertime which according to our statistics are the most frequent. This ongoing campaign involves social media messages and monthly prizes are drawn upon completion of a short quiz.

In collaboration with PlaySafe Productions and KRG Communication department a series of videos about water safety were produced. This prevention campaign shall be released in the Fall and made available throughout Canada.

Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician started community visits and inspections of High and Very High Risk buildings. Visits were made to Puvirnituk at the end of July and Kangirsuk in early August. During those visits, buildings such as Police stations, Schools and dispensaries were inspected. Letters are being sent to building owners to address risks or deficiencies observed during these fire prevention inspections.

Emergency Planning

Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC)

KRG Public Security activated its Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC) on March 16, 2020, and, with the Civil Security department, has continued to give leadership and guidance to the northern villages during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically by holding regular meetings with the region's mayors and coordination of the Local Emergency Response Teams (LERT).

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. The N-REPAC continues to meet when needed with the Nunavik Regional Board of Health and Social Services (NRBHSS) and other regional partners to address the challenges for the region related to the COVID-19 situation.

Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP)

Planning and development of the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan (NEPP) continues and a presentation will be made at this sitting of the KRG regional council. Then, the Civil Security Department will meet with KRG departments as well as convene a first official N-REPAC with all partner organisations to present the Nunavik Emergency Preparedness Plan and start building the partnership foundations on that file.

Landslide in the vicinity of Kuujjuaraapik

The Ministère de la Sécurité Publique (MSP) along with experts from Ministère des Transports (MTQ) visited Kuujjuarapik-Whapmagoostui on July 21 to evaluate the impacts of the landslide on the Great Whale River. Work was divided in two teams; one team was studying the river banks along the communities and the other went up the river to the landslide site to study the impact of the event on the river itself.

The observations gathered by the two teams confirm their preliminary satellite imagery observation that there is very little damage on the river banks near the communities. Also, the hydrologists were surprised to find the water channel clear of major obstruction. There are still numerous debris in the water channel as well as on the banks but navigation is safe. During summer, the quantity of debris on the banks remains stable as most of the debris removal will occur during the spring melt over several years. MSP and MTQ did a presentation to both communities early afternoon of July 22nd.

Marine Pollution Incidents

Initial meeting with Coast Guard Canada - Emergency Response representatives occurred on August 3rd to start collaboration in tackling appropriate response to Marine Pollution Incidents. A presentation was given on their mandate as well as expected role of KRG in case of Marine Pollution Incidents.

A second meeting is planned for the end of September in which KRG Civil Security department will explain its mandate and discussion will begin in order to find an appropriate response from regional and local partners to a Marine Pollution Incident.

Firefighter Training

Access to École nationale des pompiers (ENPQ) database was effective at the end of July 2021. In the meantime, meetings with instructors, partners and suppliers for training planification were

conducted. An Aircraft Fire Fighting at Airports and Aerodromes training, in accordance with the Canadian Aviation Regulations (CARs) was planned for mid-September in 3 communities (Kuujuarapik, Puvirnituk, and Salluit). Also, trainings were organized for the Annual Fire chief Meeting in Kuujuaq for Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) maintenance and care as well as Investigation of the causes and circumstances of a fire, which is linked to the Non-Urban Officers (ONU) certification.

Fire Chief Annual Meeting

Planning has started towards the Annual Fire Chief Meeting in Kuujuaq scheduled from October 10 to October 16. During that week, fire chiefs will receive the following trainings:

- Self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) maintenance and care.
- Investigation of the causes and circumstances of a fire.

There will also be discussions with fire chiefs concerning fire prevention campaign, residential visits, retention and recruitment of firefighters. The Annual Fire Chief meeting will be held during the fire prevention month in October, collaboration with the KRG Communication department will be made to ensure maximum visibility of this event in Kuujuaq in relation to fire prevention.

Other Activities

Civil Security staff continues to give support throughout the region. Civil Security Technicians contact the 14 communities to provide assistance and gather information on the different Fire Departments twice a month. Onsite community visits were done in Kangiqsujaq, and Salluit mid-July, in Kangirsuk early August as well as Akulivik mid-August to offer assistance to local Fire Departments.

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