



## **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 positions:

- Camille Le Gall-Payne was hired as Civil Security Coordinator;
- Louis M. Demers was hired as Firefighting Training Officer;
- Patrick Boulay was hired as Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician;
- Jordan Jones and Steven Walker were hired as Civil Security Technicians and will work respectively from Kuujjuarapik and Salluit.

The following positions remain to be filled:

- Public Safety and Fire Prevention Technician.

#### **Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan (NFSCP)**

The revised Nunavik Fire Safety Cover Plan has been adopted for some time and recently the Infrastructure and Capital assets agreement has also been approved by the MSP on March 10, 2021.

This will secure an amount of 39.5 million dollars in funding for Fire Hall renovation projects, new fire trucks and new communication systems in the communities over the next five years. This year renovation works are planned for Puvirnituq, Inukjuak and Kangiqsujaq.

#### **Prevention**

On the land prevention campaign:

- in collaboration with the KRG Communications department and Anguvigak - Nunavik Hunting Fishing Trapping Association (NHFTA) an *On the land* prevention campaign was organised. Messages were communicated through social media and posters were produced.

Fire Safety campaigns:

- in collaboration with KRG Communications and Image Nunavik Promotions, posters and social media have been utilized throughout Nunavik to promote clear exitways in our residences, in case of a fire.
- In collaboration with KMHB's *Pivallianiq* Program, preparation of the *Fire Safety Campaign* targeting fires in summertime which is the highest occurrence period according to our statistics. This campaign will involve social media messages and monthly prizes in order to promote public participation.

## **Emergency Planning**

### **Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC)**

KRG Public Security activated its Regional Emergency Operation Center (REOC) on March 16, 2020, and has continued to give leadership and guidance to the northern villages during the COVID-19 pandemic, specifically by 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) meets every Tuesday and review the situation of the region regarding the pandemic. The N-REPAC continues to meet regularly (monthly) 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. In parallel as well is development of the municipal emergency planning, specifically with gathering and updating of municipal and regional resources for all communities and strategic partners. On-site visits will be scheduled throughout the year.

### **Landslide in the vicinity of Kuujjuarapik**

A landslide occurred on April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 8 kilometers upstream of the community of Kuujjuaraapik along the Great Whale River. The landslide displaced considerable amount of debris (45 million cubic meters) but it did not pose an immediate danger to the 2 communities as it is located on a sandy plateau 10 m about water level. The department notified the Center of Governmental Operations (Centre des opérations gouvernementales) and also organized and coordinated meetings with the Mayor and representatives of Kuujjuarapik and Whapmagoostui along with representatives of Provincial and Federal Public Security, Ministry of Transport (Québec) and Université Laval experts to assess the damage and ensure monitoring of the situation.

## **Firefighter Training**

Due to travel restrictions and special measures related to the present COVID-19 situation, regional Firefighter training and coaching has been adapted to this new reality and therefore the Civil Security staff and regional certified Fire Fighting instructors should be visiting communities this summer and fall. Depending on the evolution and restrictions due to the pandemic, the possibility of having firefighters travel to Kuujjuarapik's training center will be evaluated.

A new Firefighting Training Officer has been hired in April 2021. Analysis and planning of training sessions to be given is under way. The objective will be to have instructors delivering onsite training

on a regular basis in order to reduce risks of injury and offer coaching and mentoring to the regions' firefighters.

### **Other Activities**

Civil Security staff continue to give support throughout the region.

Assistance was provided to Akulivik and Aupaluk and onsite visits were done in Kangiqsualujjuaq from February 3 to 5<sup>th</sup> and Umiujaq March 17 to 19 .

These visits will continue throughout the spring as required and staffing allows.

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