Qikiqtani Roundtable on Search and Rescue

Aqsarniit Hotel and Conference Centre – Ballroom B
Iqaluit, Nunavut
11-13 November 2022

Building off the work completed for the Kitikmeot SAR Project (kitikmeotsar.ca), the Nunavut Search and Rescue Project (nunavutsar.ca) is a partnership between community responders, territorial and federal practitioners, and academics with the objective of strengthening SAR prevention, preparedness, and response in the territory. To do so, we are exploring SAR:

- strengths and challenges
- best practices and lessons learned
- policies, plans, and procedures
- infrastructure needs
- future requirements
- solutions and new approaches

The Nunavut Search and Rescue Roundtables – held in Iqaluit for the Qikiqtani, Rankin Inlet for the Kivalliq, and Yellowknife for the Kitikmeot – are at the foundation of this project. Co-organized with Nunavut Emergency Management, these roundtables will bring SAR partners together in the spirit of piliriqatigiingniq to discuss all aspects of the SAR system and to strengthen relationships. Given these objectives, we consider the personal conversations shared over coffee and meals to be as valuable as the broader discussions involving the entire group.

The roundtables will involve a mixture of all-participant discussions and small breakout groups to facilitate brainstorming and the sharing of perspectives. To encourage free flowing and candid conversations the roundtables will follow the Chatham House Rule – participants may use



information from the proceedings, but the identity of the speakers will not be revealed in any reports or briefings. Participants can, however, request that specific stories or information be attributed to them.

If at any point discussions become exhausting or triggering, participants are encouraged to step away from the roundtable. Roundtable organizers can provide information on mental health and critical incident stress supports available to all participants.

The roundtables are designed to be flexible – if more time is required for a certain session, we will make it happen. Likewise, if participants do not find a session particularly helpful, we can move on to the next.

Agenda

11 November

5 pm Registration

6:00 pm Welcome and Introduction

6:30 pm Dinner

7:30 pm Session 1: What would you like to discuss?

- Participants will have the opportunity to lay out the main topics, issues, and questions they wish to examine in more detail over the course of the roundtable.

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7:30 am Breakfast (all participants welcome)



8:45 am Introduction of Day 2 Sessions

9:00 am Session 2: Introduction to the SAR System and Discussion Period

- Short presentations from federal, territorial, non-profit, and Inuit organizations on their roles and responsibilities in the SAR system.
- Participants will be invited to ask any questions and/or raise any concerns they might have about how the SAR system functions.
- This session will also provide an opportunity to discuss topics raised in the previous day's brainstorming session.

10:15 am Coffee break

10:30 am Session 2 continues

12:00 Lunch (all participants welcome)

1:15 pm Session 3: Sharing Best Practices and Lessons Learned

- In small groups, participants will share how SAR operations work in their community/organization, what they do well, and the challenges that they face. They will be able to exchange ideas, offer possible solutions, and problem solve with one another.
- Participants are encouraged to share SAR stories to communicate lessons learned, best practices, challenges, and strengths.
- Each group will be assigned an NSAR Project member to record the conversation.

2:30 pm Coffee break

2:45 pm Session 3 continues

- Each group will present their major discussion points to the roundtable.

4:15 pm Wrap-Up

13 November

7:30 am Breakfast (all participants welcome)

8:45 am Introduction of Day 3 Sessions

9:00 am Session 4: Strengthening the SAR System

- In small groups, participants will discuss:
  - what they require to successfully conduct SAR operations
  - what they think will strengthen the system
  - new approaches and solutions to challenges and gaps
  - infrastructure needs
  - future requirements
- Each group will be assigned an NSAR Project member to record the conversation.

10:15 am Coffee break

10:30 am Session 4 continues

- Each group will present their major discussion points to the roundtable.

12:00 Lunch



1:15 pm Session 5: SAR Tabletop Exercise

- Guided by a Coast Guard facilitator, participants will engage in a mass rescue tabletop exercise.

2:30 pm Coffee break

2:45 pm SAR Tabletop Exercise continues

4:00 Roundtable Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Participant List

Qikiqtani Community Responders

Alex Puasi Ippak	Sanikiluaq Search and Rescue
Elijassie Kavik	Sanikiluaq Search and Rescue
Rosie Akavak	Kimmirut Search and Rescue
Adamie Nuna	Kinngait Search and Rescue
Juanisie Etidloi	Kinngait Search and Rescue
George Innuksuk	Sanirajak Search and Rescue / Coast Guard Auxiliary
Isaiah Pikuyak	Sanirajak Search and Rescue
Gina Paniloo	Clyde River Search and Rescue
Mark Kilabuk	Pangnirtung Coast Guard Auxiliary
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Jacob Malliki	Igloolik Coast Guard Auxiliary / Search and Rescue
Leena Sangoya	Igloolik Search and Rescue
Valerie Qaunaq	Arctic Bay Search and Rescue
April Taqtu	Arctic Bay Search and Rescue



Nancy Amaraulik	Resolute Bay Search and Rescue
Marty Kuluguqtuq	Grise Fiord Search and Rescue
Amon Akeeagok	Grise Fiord Search and Rescue
Titus Allooloo	Pond Inlet Canadian Ranger Patrol / Search and Rescue
David Suqslak	Pond Inlet Coast Guard Auxiliary / Search and Rescue
Jacopie Audlakiak	Qikiqtarjuaq Search and Rescue
Jaloo Kooneeliusie	Qikiqtarjuaq Search and Rescue
Jimmy Akavak	Iqaluit Search and Rescue
John Vander Velde	CASARA Nunavut / Iqaluit

Federal, Territorial, Inuit, and Non-Profit Agencies

Jakob Anilniliak	Nunavut Emergency Management
Nicholas Dunphy	Nunavut Emergency Management
June Shappa	Nunavut Tunngavik Incorporated
Randy Qamaniq	Makigiaqta Inuit Training Corporation
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Steve Waller	Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Halifax
Major Christopher Simm	Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Halifax
Steve Thompson	Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Region
Mark Gagnon	Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Region
John Landry	Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Region
Chris Bianco	Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Region
Brian McShane	Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
Captain Martin Zimmer	CASARA Liaison Officer, 424 Squadron, RCAF
Brandon Anderson	Visitor Safety Coordinator, Parks Canada
Captain Thomas Jancarik	1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group



MWO Murphy	1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group
Major Sean Brinkema	Joint Task Force (North)

NSAR Project Team

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