Kitikmeot Roundtable on Search and Rescue
The Explorer Hotel
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories
20-22 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 Maximum Expected Time to Rescue Project is studying regional and community capacity for assisting and sheltering in case of a shipping accident and subsequent mass rescue operation.

The Nunavut Search and Rescue Roundtables – held in Iqaluit for the Qikiqtani, Rankin Inlet for the Kivalliq, and Yellowknife for the Kitikmeot – are essential components of both these projects. 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

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5 pm Registration

5:30 pm Welcome and Introduction

6:00 pm Dinner

7:00 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.

4:30 pm Wrap-Up

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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 (all participants welcome)

1:00 pm Session 5: SAR Tabletop Exercise
- Guided by a Coast Guard facilitator, participants will engage in a mass rescue tabletop exercise.

2:15 pm Coffee break

2:30 pm SAR Tabletop Exercise continues

4:30 pm Roundtable Wrap-Up and Next Steps

Participant List

Kitikmeot Community Responders

Angulalik Pedersen	Cambridge Bay Coast Guard Auxiliary / SAR
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Brian Kavanna	Cambridge Bay Search and Rescue
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Ryan Nivingalok	Kugluktuk Search and Rescue
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Jack Skillings	Gjoa Haven Search and Rescue
Sarah Kamimmalik	Gjoa Haven Coast Guard Auxiliary

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Steven Ukuqtunnuaq	Taloyoak Search and Rescue / Guardians
Johnny Ukuqtunnuaq	Taloyoak Search and Rescue
Sam Inaksajak	Kugaaruk Search and Rescue
John Vander Velde	CASARA Nunavut

Federal, Territorial, Inuit, and Non-Profit Agencies

Jakob Anilniliak	Nunavut Emergency Management
Nicholas Dunphy	Nunavut Emergency Management
Major Marc Crivicich	Joint Rescue Coordination Centre Trenton
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Claire Wallace	Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Region
Chris Bianco	Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Region
Jay Collins	Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Region
Jessica Cucinelli	Canadian Coast Guard Arctic Region
Brian McShane	Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
Rob Wilkins	Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary
Captain Mackenzie Cook	CASARA Liaison Officer, 435 Squadron, RCAF
Major Stephane Belanger	1 Canadian Air Division Detachment Yellowknife
Guy Girard	RCMP Emergency Management
Sgt. B.M. Comley	RCMP V Division
LCol Kristian Udesen	1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group
Major Tim McHugh	1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group
Captain Chris Newman	1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group
GSM Adam Taylor	1 Canadian Ranger Patrol Group
Cdr Derek Merlo	Royal Canadian Navy
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Sly Bernier	Director Future Operations Continental / Royal Canadian Navy
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Jason Rosadiuk	Boating Safety Officer
Sharon Chung	Boating Safety Officer
Madyson Craig	Boating Safety Officer
Alex Samuel	Boating Safety Officer
Calli Citron	Public Health Agency of Canada
Kyle Van Deft	Parks Canada
Ron Kroeker	National Search and Rescue Secretariat (Retired)

NSAR / METR Project Team

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