



Nunavik Roundtable on Search and Rescue

Courtyard Marriott Montreal Airport Montreal, Quebec 11-14 April 2024

Welcome to the Nunavik Roundtable on Search and Rescue 2024. The primary purpose of this roundtable is to discuss and develop standard operating procedures/guidelines (SOP/SOGs) for marine and ground search and rescue operations in Nunavik.

At the first Nunavik SAR Roundtable, held in December 2022, first responders emphasized that each community in the region does search and rescue in a different way. “There are 14 communities, 14 ways of doing SAR,” was a common remark. The lack of effective SOP/SOGs can generate confusion, slow down response times, impede inter-community searches, and put responders at risk. Well-constructed SOP/SOGs can create efficiencies, break complex processes down into step-by-step instructions, ensure everyone knows their roles and responsibilities, facilitate cooperation, coordination, and communication between different agencies and communities, and make searches safer.

Part of the roundtable will also be devoted to providing participants with practical SAR coordination and planning training. This training will involve two components:

- using lessons from past SAR operations in Nunavik to identify best practices
- a formal SAR coordinator training course offered by trainers from the Civil Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA)

Given the relatively small number of participants, most of the roundtable will involve group discussions. To assist with thinking through procedures and best practices, we will also ask SAR coordinators and unit leaders to participate in small break-out discussions in which they will be asked to explain how they would respond to various SAR scenarios.

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.



Given that relationship-building is a primary objective of the roundtable, we consider the personal conversations shared over coffee and meals to be as valuable as the broader discussions involving the entire group.

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.

*We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Canadian North and Air Inuit for providing discounted air fare rates for community participants.

Agenda

11 April

7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast (all participants welcome)
8:45-9:00 am	Welcome and Introduction
9:00-9:30 am	Recap of Nunavik Roundtable on SAR 2022
9:30-10:15 am	Introduction to Standard Operating Procedures and Guidelines
10:15-10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:30 am-12:00 pm	At the Foundation of SOP/SOGs: Understanding the Health and Safety Concerns of Community SAR Responders
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch (all participants welcome)
1:00-1:30 pm	Ground Search and Rescue in Nunavik: Review of Current SOP/SOGs
1:30-2:30 pm	Ground Search and Rescue: Determining SOP/SOG Core Requirements
2:30-2:45 pm	Coffee Break



2:45-4:00 pm Ground Search and Rescue: General Discussion of SOP/SOGs

4:00 pm Daily Wrap-Up

12 April

7:30-8:30 am Breakfast (all participants welcome)

8:45-9:00 am Recap and Introduction of Day 2 Sessions

9:00-9:45 am Ground Search and Rescue SOP/SOGs: The Path Forward

10:15-10:30 am Coffee Break

10:30-11:00 am Marine Search and Rescue in Nunavik: Review of Current SOP/SOGs

11:00 am-12:00 pm Marine Search and Rescue: Determining SOP/SOG Core Requirements

12:00-1:00 pm Lunch (all participants welcome)

1:00-2:00 pm Marine Search and Rescue: Determining SOP/SOG Core Requirements

2:00-2:30 pm Marine Search and Rescue: General Discussion of SOP/SOGs

2:30-2:45 pm Coffee Break

2:45-3:30 pm Marine Search and Rescue: General Discussion of SOP/SOGs

3:30-4:00 pm Marine Search and Rescue SOP/SOGs: The Path Forward

4:00 pm Daily-Wrap-Up

13 April

7:30-8:30 am Breakfast (all participants welcome)

8:45-9:00 am Recap and Introduction of Day 3 Sessions



9:00-10:15 am	New and Emerging Technologies: Satellite Communication Devices, PLBs, iPhone Emergency SOS, and Starlink
10:15-10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:30 am -12:00 pm	SAR Coordination in Nunavik: Best Practices and Lessons Learned
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch (all participants welcome)
1:00-2:30 pm	CASARA SAR Coordinator Course
2:30-2:45 pm	Coffee Break
2:45-4:00 pm	CASARA SAR Coordinator Course
4:00 pm	Daily Wrap-Up
14 April	
7:30-8:30 am	Breakfast (all participants welcome)
9:00-10:15 am	CASARA SAR Coordinator Course
10:15-10:30 am	Coffee Break
10:30 am- 12:00 pm	CASARA SAR Coordinator Course
12:00-1:00 pm	Lunch (all participants welcome)
1:00-2:30 pm	CASARA SAR Coordinator Course
2:30-2:45 pm	Coffee Break
2:45-3:45 pm	CASARA SAR Coordinator Course
3:45-4:00 pm	Roundtable Wrap-Up and Next Steps



Nunavik Search and Rescue Roundtable Participants

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