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**From:** Samson, Mike  
**Sent:** Tuesday, March 27, 2012 1:01 PM  
**To:** Dutton, Sean  
**Subject:** Updated Timelines - Makkovik search.doc  
**Attachments:** Updated Timelines - Makkovik search.doc

Sean: Our internal annotated timeline doc is attached. This has not be circulated outside GNL. M

**UPDDATED Event Log; Makkovik Search  
(January 30 – February 1, 2012)**

Fire and Emergency Services-Newfoundland and Labrador's (FES-NL) Emergency Services Division authorizes air support services from the Department of Transportation and Works' Air Services Division (in Gander) for ground search and rescue missions at the request of policing agencies (RCMP and RNC). The Air Services Division engages a contracted private operator for this service. In the event that the contracted private operator is unable to respond (mostly due to inclement weather or night time flying requirements), FES-NL will contact the Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) in Halifax to request humanitarian air support services for the lead agency conducting the search, either the RCMP or RNC. For clarity, FES-NL had no contact regarding the Makkovik Search on January 29, 2012.

In the event of the Makkovik search, the requests and responses unfolded as follows in island time:

**Monday, January 30, 2012**

**8:19 am**

Telelink records indicate a call was placed to Paul Peddle, FES-NL, at his office landline. No answer.

**8:19 am**

Telelink records indicate a call was placed to the On-Call Cell Phone; no answer.

**8:20 am**

Telelink records indicate call was placed to Fred Hollett on his cell phone (Mr. Hollett's cell phone indicates this call was received at 8:18 am) and RCMP Sgt. Lloyd Youden was patched through to Mr. Hollett's cell phone. Mr. Hollett reports that Sgt. Youden indicated he couldn't reach Mr. Peddle and that this was a "heads-up call"; that there was a search ongoing in Makkovik for a young fellow. Furthermore Sgt. Youden advised that while a search was ongoing, the RCMP were not yet sure what they were looking for but assistance for air support may be required. Mr. Hollett was enroute to the office and advised Sgt. Youden that he would have Mr. Peddle call him back. Within 3-4 minutes of receiving this call, Mr. Hollett had arrived at FES-NL's office and he contacted Mr. Peddle and requested that he contact Sgt. Youden.

**(Timings for the following to be confirmed - phone records pending)**

**8:30 am-9:00 am**

- Mr. Peddle contacted Sgt. Youden and was advised that last night at approximately 11 pm, Sgt. Youden became aware that the RCMP in Makkovik was conducting a ground search for a missing 14 yr old boy. At the time of that 11 pm call, Sgt. Youden was not sure air support services were required as he was not convinced that a thorough ground search had been completed. Sgt. Youden discussed with Mr. Peddle what air support services may be available (there were some weather considerations) and they agreed to request a chopper

through Air Services in Gander, and if necessary (ie: weather would prevent provincial air support response), the JRCC would be contacted for humanitarian assistance.

- Mr. Peddle contacted Air Services and was advised that they would determine if weather conditions would permit dispatch of a flight. A few minutes later, Mr. Peddle was informed the chopper was unable to fly due to weather.
- Mr. Peddle contacted Sgt. Youden to advise of status. Decision to contact the JRCC for humanitarian assistance confirmed.
- Mr. Peddle contacted the JRCC and was informed by the Duty Officer that they had minimal resources available however he would check into the request and get back to Mr. Peddle. A short time later, the JRCC contacted Mr. Peddle informing him there were no aircraft available; nothing was in service. Mr. Peddle contacted Sgt. Youden to advise that the JRCC had no choppers in service; that nothing was available to assist. At that point in time, they agreed to keep in contact and once weather conditions improved, a second request would be made to Air Services in Gander.
- Mr. Peddle reported to his Director and Deputy Minister that this was the first time in almost 12 years that he could remember being denied assistance from the JRCC; Mr. Peddle advised his Director and Deputy Minister of the JRCC's response.

**11:00 am (approximate)**

FES-NL staff received a call from Sgt. Youden who had been in contact with the RCMP in Makkovik who advised him that a private aircraft (Woodwards) was about to land in the community and Sgt. Youden asked if it may now be possible to fly in air support (it was noted that Mr. Peddle was advised by the RCMP that the step-father of the missing boy worked at Woodward's). Mr. Peddle contacted Air Services at 11:15 am and Air Services spoke to the contracted pilot who indicated that he would attempt to fly to Makkovik even though there were still weather concerns. Mr. Peddle requested that the pilot bring an overnight bag in the event that the search would go into the next day. A chopper was able to deploy shortly thereafter.

**11:20 am (approximate)**

Air Services reports that the contracted helicopter had taken off from Goose Bay enroute to Makkovik.

**12:00 – 12:30pm (approximate)**

Contracted chopper arrived on scene in Makkovik to assist in the search.

**3:00pm (approximate)**

FES-NL called the RCMP for an update on search efforts. The RCMP indicated that they had released the chopper and were 'standing down' as snowmobile tracks leading to open water were located, and it was believed the missing boy had fallen in. As indicated

to FES-NL, the RCMP intended to bring in under-water cameras at first light to attempt to locate the missing boy and his skidoo.

**Tuesday, January 31, 2012**

**5:30pm (approximate)**

FES-NL received another call from the RCMP requesting additional air search resources to resume the air search. The snowmobile and a gas can had been located on the ice and police now believed the missing boy may be sheltering in the woods or in a nearby cabin. Given the time of day (night fall), the JRCC was contacted and indicated they would be able to have an aircraft in the air within the hour to provide air support in the search.

**9:00pm (approximate)**

The JRCC arrived on site with two aircraft to assist throughout the evening; an Aurora aircraft and a chopper. The RCMP indicated that the JRCC aircrafts flew with the assistance of heat seeking cameras until approximately 1:00am, Wednesday February 1<sup>st</sup>. At that time, the crews and pilots required rest as per Transport Canada regulations.

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012**

**2:00am (approximate)**

FES-NL received a call from the RCMP in Makkovik advising of the JRCC's crews timing out and requested the assistance of further air support from the Province to aid in the search at first light.

**7:00 am (approximate)**

FES-NL contacted Air Services to authorize further air support and a helicopter out of Goose Bay was dispatched to Makkovik to aid in the search.

**11:00 to 11:30 (approximate)**

FES-NL contacted the RCMP to request an update on search efforts. At that time, additional search time was requested and approved.

**12:30pm (approximate)**

FES-NL received word that air support was no longer required as a body located. The chopper transported the body to the clinic in Makkovik before returning to Goose Bay.

**Conclusion**

In total, FES-NL provided approximately 9.5 hours of flying time for transit and search time, in addition to associated fuel costs towards the efforts in Makkovik to locate the missing teenager. A total of \$15,311.05 was invoiced for the air search component.

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February 23, 2012

**Event Log; Makkovik Search  
(January 30 – February 1, 2012)**

FES-NL's Emergency Services Division engages air services for ground search and rescue missions at the request of policing agencies. FES-NL engages either a private operator or Joint Rescue Coordination Center (JRCC) resources, based on the time of day requested and the resources, to provide support to the lead agency, RCMP or RNC.

In the event of the Makkovik search, the requests and responses unfolded as follows:

**Monday, January 30, 2012**

**8:30am**

FES-NL staff received call from RCMP requesting the assistance of air services.

**8:30- 9am (approximate)**

FES-NL first requested services from Government Air Services with the Department of Transportation and Works and contract helicopters were unable to fly due to weather.

JRCC was then contacted by FES-NL to request assistance in the search. FES-NL staff spoke with the duty officer, who indicated JRCC was unable to accommodate request due to a combination of their flying capacity and weather. The duty officer undertook to see what resources may be available. Approximately 20 to 30 minutes after the original request, the duty officer called back to indicate JRCC was 'out of service' and had no aircraft available for flight out of Gander or HVGB.

**11:00 am (approximate)**

FES-NL staff received a call from Makkovik indicating a private aircraft (Woodwards) was landing in the community and asked if it was now possible to fly in resources. Government Air Services contacted Universal who indicated they would attempt to fly. A chopper was able to deploy shortly thereafter.

**10:50 (Local Lab time)/11:20 (Island time)**

Universal reports take off from Goose Bay

**12:00 – 12:30pm (approximate)**

Universal chopper arrived on scene in Makkovik to assist in the search.

**3:00pm (approximate)**

FES-NL staff called RCMP for an update on search efforts. Police indicated they were releasing the chopper and they were 'standing down.' Searchers had located snowmobile tracks leading to open water and believed the teenager to have fallen in. As indicated to FES-NL staff, searchers intended to bring in under-water cameras at first light to attempt to locate the missing teenager.

**Tuesday, January 31, 2012****5:30pm (approximate)**

FES-NL received another call from RCMP requesting additional air search resources looking to resume the air search. The snowmobile and a gas can had been located on land and police believed the missing teenager may be sheltering in the woods or in a nearby cabin.

Given the time of day, JRCC was contacted and indicated they would be able to accommodate and hoped to have an aircraft in the air within the hour to provide support in the search.

**9:00pm (approximate)**

JRCC arrived on site with two aircraft to assist throughout the evening; an Aurora aircraft and a chopper. RCMP indicate JRCC flew with the assistance of heat seeking cameras until approximately 1:00am, whereby the crew timed out as per Transport Canada regulations requiring rest for pilot and crew.

**Wednesday, February 1, 2012****2:00am (approximate)**

FES-NL staff received a call from RCMP advising of JRCC's crew timing out and requesting the assistance of further air resources to aid in the search at first light.

**7:00 am (approximate)**

Government Air Services were able to provide a contract helicopter out of Goose Bay to Makkovik to aid in the search.

**11:00 to 11:30 (approximate)**

RCMP called to update FES-NL on search effort. Police requested additional time which was provided.

**12:30pm (approximate)**

FES-NL received word that air resources were no longer required as the body of the young man had been located by the Universal aircraft. The chopper transported the body to the clinic in Makkovik before returning to Goose Bay.

**Conclusion**

In total, FES-NL provided approximately 9.5 hours of flying time for transit and search time, in addition to associated fuel costs towards the efforts in Makkovik to locate the missing teenager. A total of \$15,311.05 was invoiced for the air search component.

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