

From: [Samson, Mike](#)
To: [Gullage, Cheryl](#)
Subject: Fw: Media reply-- for Approval
Date: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 5:40:19 PM

Is this the piece - seems clear enough. There was no contact with FES-NL on Sunday, January 29th. There was contact between RCMP (Makkovik) and RCMP (St. John's) - but NO ONE called us until 8:19 am on Monday, January 30, 2012. M

Sent Via BlackBerry

From: Samson, Mike
To: Gullage, Cheryl
Sent: Tue Mar 27 13:32:33 2012
Subject: RE: Media reply-- for Approval

Looks good to me. M

From: Gullage, Cheryl
Sent: Tuesday, March 27, 2012 1:30 PM
To: Samson, Mike; O'Brien, Kevin
Cc: Norman, Paula M.; Mundon, Tansy
Subject: Media reply-- for Approval
Importance: High

DRAFT Reply:

It is recommended that we also include a copy of our SOP for air services to help inform the request

"Hi Rod,

To be attributed to the agency, Fire and Emergency Services – Newfoundland and Labrador, the results of the review are as follows:

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.

Following the Makkovik incident, FES-NL reviewed our role in the events in conjunction with the other associated Provincial Government departments in accordance with our standard operating procedures for air support (attached) and the situation as it unfolded in Makkovik as we understood from the lead agency, the RCMP.

The review found that all appropriate and available action was taken by Provincial Government staff, in line with established policies and procedures.

Anything further, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks,
Cheryl

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From: Rod Etheridge [<mailto:Rod.Etheridge@CBC.CA>]
Sent: Monday, March 26, 2012 5:32 PM
To: Gullage, Cheryl
Subject: Hello Cheryl from Rod/CBC

Hi Cheryl, I heard the premier in the house today say that the province's investigation involving the Burton Winters case involved its own (fesnl) protocols and whether anything differently needs to be done, in light of the search for Burton. Can I get the results of that review? Thanks
Rod