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Transcript

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: RC Rescue, Halifax, bonjour.

M. HOUSE: Good day, it's Captain House here. I'm the DDO over here in Winnipeg. I'm just going through the SAR sums there that you guys put up there for the case there in Makkovik. It says that the case is still ongoing as of, I guess, the latest SAR sum.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Last night, yeah. But the latest we heard was that they located the search object, deceased.

M. HOUSE: Yeah.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: So that will be – we're just going to contact them this morning and find out exactly where he was located.

M. HOUSE: Oh, okay. When did they find him? Was that ...?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Sometime – we got advised, let's see the file – one of our guys called the RCMP last night.

M. HOUSE: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: At 2241.

M. HOUSE: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Did you find the boy? Yes. So he's been located.

M. HOUSE: Okay.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: It's not a happy resolution, apparently.

M. HOUSE: Yeah no, I guess not, no. That's too bad.

Okay, all right, well good enough.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

M. HOUSE: Thanks a lot. Bye-bye.

(Call ended.)

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(Phone ringing.)

P. PEDDLE: Hello.

J. HARRISON: Hello, it's Captain John Harrison calling. Is Paul Peddle around?

P. PEDDLE: Speaking.

J. HARRISON: Hi, Paul Peddle.

Hey, we were involved in that search up in Makkovik –

P. PEDDLE: Yes.

J. HARRISON: – for a night search with an Aurora and a helicopter. We're just about to close up the case –

P. PEDDLE: Yes.

J. HARRISON: – I saw on the news that the young fellow had been found deceased.

P. PEDDLE: Yes. Yes.

J. HARRISON: That's tragic.

P. PEDDLE: Yes.

J. HARRISON: Would I be able to get the lat and long of where he was found just so we can plot that on our charts and close up the case?

P. PEDDLE: All right. I'll have to get a hold of the RCMP in Makkovik –

J. HARRISON: Okay.

P. PEDDLE: – and get back to you on that one.

J. HARRISON: Okay, and if possible, if it could be in a latitude and longitude format, that would be great.

P. PEDDLE: Okay. What's your name again?

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J. HARRISON: Captain John Harrison at the Rescue Coordination Centre in Halifax.

Do you want my number?

P. PEDDLE: No, I got your number –

J. HARRISON: Okay.

P. PEDDLE: – that's not a problem.

J. HARRISON: Fine.

P. PEDDLE: Thanks. Bye.

J. HARRISON: Bye-bye.

(Call ended.)

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UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: JRCC Halifax, bonjour.

GERRY: Hi, it's Gerry up in public affairs.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, how are you doing?

GERRY: Good, how are you doing?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Good, thank you.

GERRY: Good.

Reference the SAR yesterday for the 14-year-old.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes.

GERRY: I got a couple of media queries on this.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Okay.

GERRY: How involved were we?

J. HARRISON: Do you want me to handle this?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Sure, go right ahead.

J. HARRISON: Hi, hey, Gerry, it's John Harrison.

GERRY: Hi.

J. HARRISON: We were only supporting a provincial operation.

GERRY: Okay.

J. HARRISON: It was basically a – RCMP were handling it for the Province of Newfoundland.

GERRY: Okay.

J. HARRISON: As is their normal practice and they requested air support so we provided an Aurora –

GERRY: Okay.

J. HARRISON: – and we provided a Griffon helicopter. They did a night search but then during the daytime once it got into daytime searching, then we handed that responsibility for the air search back over to the province –

GERRY: Okay.

J. HARRISON: – and they chartered their own aircraft. But they used CASARA spotters, which are a resource that was sort of started through, you know, an initiative in the military. But –

GERRY: Yup.

J. HARRISON: – but, they are – they have a memo of understanding now –

GERRY: Yeah.

J. HARRISON: – with the province so they can be used for ground SAR as well but they are largely – CASARA, Civil Air Search and Rescue Association, is used as a civilian volunteers helping out the air search efforts.

GERRY: Right.

J. HARRISON: So that's how we're involved, basically: not our case –

GERRY: Okay.

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J. HARRISON: – just supporting RCMP.

GERRY: Okay. Supporting RCMP.

Okay. Do you have a contact there for me so I can refer the media to?

J. HARRISON: Sure. Now, it was – our contact, let me just take a look in the case file. Our contact was EMO (redacted).

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J. HARRISON: The RCMP constable up on site –

GERRY: Mm-hmm.

J. HARRISON: – is corporal. Just a constable.

GERRY: Okay.

J. HARRISON: So I don't think he'd be a good contact to bother. There's Paul Peddle. He's the EMO representative. I've got a number for him.

GERRY: Okay.

J. HARRISON: (Redacted) and Emergency Measures Organization for Newfoundland is basically overall responsible for coordinating that, but they hand that responsibility over. Just like there – instead of having provincial police, of course, Newfoundland has –

GERRY: Yeah.

J. HARRISON: – just has a contract with the RCMP –

GERRY: Okay, so –

J. HARRISON: – to provide that service.

GERRY: – coordinating and handing over to –

J. HARRISON: Yeah.

GERRY: – RCMP. Okay.

J. HARRISON: All right.

GERRY: I think that's all I need.

J. HARRISON: Okay.

GERRY: If I don't, I'll call you back.

J. HARRISON: All right, thanks.

GERRY: Thanks.

J. HARRISON: Bye-bye.

(Call ended.)

February 2, 2012, 1434:42.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: RCC Halifax, bonjour.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi, it's (inaudible) in Halifax.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Hi.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: I have (inaudible) – is it 372 or 327?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: 327.

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: 327.

(Redacted.)

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: (Inaudible) Halifax.

ALI: Yeah, hi, is this (inaudible)?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yes, it is.

ALI: It's Ali, how are you?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Pretty good, Ali.

ALI: Hey, who is the air coordinator? Is it John?

UNIDENTIFIED MALE SPEAKER: Yeah, John's at the desk, I just hopped on the line too.

ALI: Hey John, how are you?

JOHN: Good.

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ALI: There's a lot of hype now with the media about a bunch of stuff.

JOHN: Yes.

ALI: I'm not going to entertain any request for media or anything like that.

JOHN: Okay.

ALI: Because they're going to try to tie it into the sub-centre closure and all that.

JOHN: Oh yes.

ALI: So what I would ask is if you could update the media tape with the details of the Makkovik case.

JOHN: Okay.

ALI: Basically, it's we, we, you know, we helped out with the (inaudible) you know, we were called on this day at this time and we provided the helicopter from 444 squadron and an Aurora who has the, I guess the, you know, the proper –

JOHN: FLIR.

ALI: – things for, yeah, the FLIR and all that stuff. And that we, and we haven't had any more requests for that and then that's basically it. So we're going to refer them to the (inaudible) so we don't get any calls.

JOHN: Yeah, that sounds good. I mean, it wasn't even our case.

ALI: Well –

JOHN: Yeah.

ALI: – this is the thing, right. This is what they're asking us the details of the Makkovik case –

JOHN: Mm-hmm.

ALI: – but it's not our jurisdiction.

JOHN: No, we (inaudible).

ALI: So I know what they're trying to do.

JOHN: Yeah.

ALI: And I don't want to get into that.

JOHN: Right on. Good idea.

ALI: Okay.

JOHN: Okay, I'll update the tape.

ALI: And then maybe on the tape specifically say that this is an EMO, for any further –

JOHN: Right.

ALI: – requests, this is an EMO jurisdiction.

JOHN: Right.

AIL: And then I forwarded it to them.

JOHN: Okay, I will do. Bye.

ALI: Okay, thanks now.

(Call ended.)

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JOHN: Good morning.

You've reached the media line for the Joint Rescue Centre, Halifax. Today is the 2nd of February. Time right now is about 10:30 in the morning.

Presently all is quiet in Halifax Search and Rescue region. There are no cases in progress at this time.

Concerning the case of a missing 14-year-old boy in the Makkovik area, the Canadian Forces provided some search effort in support of a RCMP/EMO Newfoundland search operation, it was humanitarian. We provided an Aurora aircraft to search during the night using FLIR, which is Forward-looking infrared which can detect heat sources. We also sent a Griffon helicopter from Goose Bay to provide some visual search during the nighttime search effort.

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This is on the night of the 1st of February. On the daytime, daytime hours, on the 1st of February, the air search was resumed again by the Province of Newfoundland using a charter aircraft and CASARA spotters. The military was not requested to provide any support to this RCMP/EMO operation.

For any further update on the Makkovik case, recommend that you contact either Newfoundland RCMP detachment or EMO Newfoundland for more detail on this case.

There's nothing further at this time. Good day.

MESSAGE MANAGER: Recording stopped.