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Timelin nts

Date	Time (AST)	Event	Sources
29-Jan	7:30pm (approx.)	Makkovik RCMP receive a report of an overdue youth traveling on snowmobile. He was last seen at 2:00 PM (NL time). A search was conducted in the area during the evening period by the RCMP and local search and rescue members.	RCMP
29-Jan	10:40pm (approx.)	RCMP Makkovik contacted RCMP Operational Support Services in St. John's requesting air support. Through discussions with RCMP Makkovik, it was decided to have the search continue in the community. Based on the investigational findings, the ground search teams continued to follow leads and ensure a thorough search of the community and immediate surrounding area was completed considering all investigation information available. Searchers did not have a starting point and continued to look throughout the community and surrounding area. Present weather conditions were deteriorating.	RCMP
29-Jan	11:45pm (approx.)	A community member attended the detachment and advised that he had seen a snowmobile track on the ice heading from Makkovik Bay out toward the "Shina", the edge of the ice. The community member stated that he observed the track at approximately 2:30 PM (NL time). Searchers were sent out to follow the track to see if they could get a direction of travel.	RCMP
30-Jan	12:30am (approx.)	The searchers turned back after getting as far as possible but had to return due to poor ice conditions. The searchers could not confirm track origin or direction of travel due to weather conditions.	RCMP
30-Jan	1:00am (approx.)	Search teams debriefed on track location. A limited number of searchers were dispatched, equipped with floater suits, ropes and radios.	RCMP
30-Jan	1:45am (approx.)	Search team reports tracks heading toward open water. Bad ice is reported making it too dangerous for search, especially at night.	RCMP
30-Jan	2:30am (approx.)	All remaining searchers returned and the operations were called off for the night. Searchers arrange to meet at 7:00am to continue search.	RCMP
30-Jan	6:08am (approx.)	RCMP Operational Support Services contacted RCMP in Makkovik for an update. Burton Winters had not been located. Makkovik RCMP advised that the snow continued to fall and covered any tracks.	RCMP
30-Jan	7:00am (approx.)	Ground search resumes. Searchers revisit to areas searched to eliminate areas searched during hours of darkness.	RCMP
30-Jan	7:30am (approx.)	RCMP Air Services were contacted by Operational Support Services to confirm weather conditions and confirm if they would be flying to coastal Labrador on this date and available to assist. Air Services informed RCMP Operational Support Services that the plane was unable to fly due to poor weather conditions but once weather permitted would be available to assist in a search.	RCMP

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30-Jan	7:49am (approx.)	RCMP Operational Support Services in St. John's contacted FES-NL and requested that FES-NL call them back in respect of a request for air support for an ongoing ground search and rescue operation at Makkovik.	RCMP
30-Jan	8:00am (approx.) to 9:08am	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FES-NL returned the call to RCMP. RCMP outlines situation with the ongoing search in Makkovik. RCMP relays formal request for air support. 2. FES-NL contacts Government Air Services (GAS) in Gander - outlines the situation and requests availability of helicopter. GAS advises they will need to contact provider (Universal) and will advise shortly. 3. GAS contacts Universal (Goose Bay) and requests dispatch of helicopter. 4. Universal (Goose Bay) checks Environment Canada weather and places call to Postville to determine local weather conditions on the coast. Universal dispatch consults with pilot. 5. Universal calls back to GAS to advise that weather conditions will not permit dispatch from Goose Bay to Makkovik. 6. GAS contacts FES-NL to advise helicopter could not fly due to weather conditions. 7. FES-NL contacts RCMP and advises that contract helicopter cannot fly due to weather. RCMP confirms request for air support and it is agreed that FES-NL will contact JRCC with a humanitarian assistance request for air support. 8. JRCC received first call from FES-NL to request assistance in locating a missing person 	FES-NL
30-Jan	9:30am	JRCC has an internal discussion regarding the weather and aircraft status for the fleet with the Officer in Command (OIC). At this point, he does not want to commit resources other than the Griffons and they are unserviceable.	DND Operational Report
30-Jan	9:33am	FES-NL is advised by the JRCC that weather is not suitable in Makkovik. FES-NL is asked to call back when the weather improved in Makkovik and if Canadian Forces (CF) assistance still required.	DND Operational Report
30-Jan	10:00am (approx.)	Private aircraft volunteers to assist in search and leaves Postville.	RCMP
30-Jan	10:30am (approx.)	FES-NL officials receive a call from RCMP in St. John's who had been in contact with the RCMP in Makkovik who advised them a private aircraft was about to land in the community. RCMP in St. John's asked if it was now possible to fly in air support. FES-NL contacted Air Services. Air Services spoke to the contracted pilot who indicated he would attempt to fly to Makkovik even though there were still weather concerns.	FES-NL
30-Jan	10:40 (approx.)	Private helicopter lands in Makkovik and picks up three searchers.	RCMP
30-Jan	10:58am	The contracted helicopter departs from Goose Bay.	FES-NL
30-Jan	11:40am (approx.)	Private helicopter is forced to land due to mechanical problems.	RCMP

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30-Jan	12:00pm (approx.)	Contracted helicopter arrives on scene in Makkovik and commences search shortly thereafter.	FES-NL
30-Jan	12:20pm	Search teams discover snowmobile tracks heading for open water. A request for an underwater camera is made. Several search team members return to Makkovik to retrieve a boat for a water search. Remaining members stay on scene, sweeping the area. Contracted helicopter continues to search the area.	RCMP
30-Jan	3:05pm	Search Team is on site with boat. The Team cannot locate corresponding track on other side of open water or any other debris. Conditions worsen, with heavy flurries. Contracted helicopter is required to leave the scene prior to nightfall to return to Goose Bay.	RCMP
30-Jan	4:05pm	Contracted helicopter arrives in Goose Bay.	FES-NL
30-Jan	4:39pm	Search parties return to Makkovik. Conditions are too dangerous for night search. Plans are made to commence at first light.	RCMP
31-Jan	8:00am (approx.)	Search teams deployed to Adlavik Bay, Sharp Hill, Big Bite and Monkey (geographic locations). Search continues throughout the morning.	RCMP
31-Jan	12:00pm (approx.)	Search parties return to Makkovik. No new developments to report.	RCMP
31-Jan	1:00pm (approx.)	Search parties redeployed to track site. Preparations being made for use of underwater camera.	RCMP
31-Jan	3:45pm	RCMP plane arrives in Makkovik and offloads the equipment. RCMP in Makkovik ask the pilot to take on some searchers to fly over a hole in the ice to look for debris or tracks.	RCMP
31-Jan	3:54pm	The RCMP plane takes off. An abandoned snowmobile is spotted out on the sea ice during the search, remote from the town. Ground searchers were immediately dispatched to the location to follow up. They were not able to get to the snowmobile, and it could not be determined if the driver was in the area. RCMP plane left due to impending darkness.	RCMP
31-Jan	4:51pm	FES-NL receives a 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.	FES-NL / RCMP
31-Jan	4:54pm	JRCC receives a call from FES-NL to request support for a search of the area. Searchers had located the snowmobile and felt that the boy might be trying to walk back to the town. As the civil aviation assets could not search at night, FES-NL requested Canadian Forces support. Weather is now suitable and Canadian Forces commences SAR response.	DND Operational Report / FES-NL
31-Jan	5:10pm	JRCC has an internal discussion on options. Officer in Command (OIC) wants the Griffons to go if they are serviceable in the next hour or so. If not, send the Aurora. He does not want to send the Cormorants with no serviceable Hercules in the	DND Operational Report
31-Jan	6:05pm	Search party impeded by ice, cliffs and darkness. Too hazardous to continue. Ground search parties return to office.	RCMP
31-Jan	7:38pm	Canadian Forces Griffon airborne dispatched by JRCC.	DND Operational Report

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31-Jan	8:23pm	FES-NL advises that they will have an aircraft for daylight search on Wednesday, February 1.	DND Operational Report
31-Jan	8:45pm	Canadian Forces Griffon arrives at Makkovik and commences search shortly thereafter.	DND Operational Report
31-Jan	10:18pm	JRCC contacted 14 Wing Greenwood (Nova Scotia) Operations to commence work to redirect a Canadian Forces Aurora from training mission to support the Makkovik search and rescue.	DND Operational Report
31-Jan	10:48pm	The Aurora from Greenwood re-tasked to assist. As a secondary SAR asset, it was re-tasked to respond using its night search capability with its Electro-Optical/Infrared (EOIR) suite.	DND Operational Report
31-Jan	11:42pm	Aurora arrives in Makkovik with sufficient fuel to provide approximately 1-1.5 hours of search time.	DND Operational Report
1-Feb	1:00am	Aurora completes their search area.	DND Operational Report
1-Feb	1:05am	Griffon completes their search area twice. Griffon Flight Engineer makes first discovery of tracks from snowmobile. Footprints lead away from the South of the Last Known Position straight toward land. The tracks were only visible for 150'.	DND Operational Report
1-Feb	1:30am (approx.)	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. The contracted helicopter cannot fly until daylight.	FES-NL / RCMP
1-Feb	7:00am (approx.)	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.	FES-NL
1-Feb	8:00am (approx.)	Ground searchers muster at the detachment and teams are deployed to search shoreline in vicinity of snowmobile site.	RCMP
1-Feb	8:25am	Contracted helicopter departs Goose Bay for Makkovik.	FES-NL
1-Feb	10:15am	Contracted helicopter departs Makkovik to conduct search of footprints leading from abandoned snow mobile.	FES-NL
1-Feb	11:23am	The body of Burton Winters was discovered by spotters on the contracted helicopter.	RCMP