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Subject: Cougar Helicopter
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Hi Steve, please see below some info from FES on the Cougar Helicopter letter. If you have any questions please call me at 3830.....Regards, Dave

In response to the correspondence from Cougar Helicopters on the topic of aeronautical Search and Rescue (SAR) services for Newfoundland and Labrador, Municipal Affairs, through Fire and Emergency Services (FES), has a very limited role in this area and as such leave operation requirements and aeronautical platforms best suited to conduct SAR operations to the lead police agencies.

To confirm the role of FES in SAR operations, the following is provided:

- A person(s) are reported as lost or missing
- Lead police force conducts investigation and determines resources required to aid in the investigation
- If air support is required, the lead police force contacts FES and requests air support
- FES has access to contract helicopter services managed by Government Air Services, Transportation and Works
- If the contracted helicopter service is not available to fly, then FES may call the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC) in Halifax and request humanitarian assistance for a SAR operation
- JRCC makes the determination if they can provide humanitarian assistance and if able to assist they deploy resources per their own protocol
- When an air asset is tasked the direct communication is established between the lead police force and the air asset responding, either contract helicopter or JRCC
- FES does NOT engage with CASARA resources or Cougar Helicopters for air support requests
- FES does NOT play a role in medevac operations

The process outlined above demonstrates that partners other than FES would be more vested in a formalized relationship with Cougar Helicopters as our role is tangential. Given that both Transportation and Works and Health and Community Services have a role to play in the deployment of air support assets, they may wish to be engaged.

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From: Ring, Stephen R.
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Good morning,

As discussed, please see attached. Thanks.

Steve