



Press Release

KRPF CADETS AT KUURURJUAQ

Kuujjuaq, Québec, July 11, 2012 – From June 25 to July 1, a backpacking expedition was organized at *parc national Kuururjuaq* for youth cadets of the Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF). Ten cadets from Quařtaq, Kangiqsualujjuaq and Kuujjuaq explored the park along with supervisors and certified guides. The seven days spent in the park were filled with hiking and wildlife observation. The expedition strengthened team spirit among the cadets and taught participants to push their limits.

This summer's Kuururjuaq expedition began with a charter flight directly to the valley of the Koroc River, followed by a three-day hike. From their base camp, the participants were familiarized with climbing gear and taught basic climbing skills. For two cadets, the week's expedition culminated with the challenging and successful ascent of Mount D'Iberville. Tommy Jr. Adams (aged 16) and Josie Nulukie-Mesher (aged 19) can now add their names to the short list of individuals who have reached this summit. Rising to an elevation of 1646 m, Mount D'Iberville dominates the park and is the highest peak in mainland eastern Canada.

Launched in 2009, the Cadet Program organizes activities for youth with the long-term goal of increasing the number of KRPF Inuit officers. The Program teaches about officer responsibilities through community-service and classroom lessons, and it organizes physical and land-based activities. Participants also receive information on public safety issues which they share with their communities.

There are currently 48 youth enrolled in the Cadet Program in 10 communities. Cadets must be aged 14 and older. The Cadet Program is funded through the Ungaluk Program for safer communities under the *Partnership Agreement on Economic and Community Development in Nunavik* (Sanarrutik Agreement), as well as by the Sustainable Employment Department of the Kativik Regional Government (KRG).

The KRG is a non-ethnic public organization created in 1978, under the James Bay and Northern Québec Agreement. The organization has jurisdiction over nearly the entire territory of Québec north of the 55th parallel in areas such as municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use planning, civil security and economic development.

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