



INFORMATION RELEASE

Got firearms? Lock'em!

March 3, 2014 Kuujjuaq, Quebec – The Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPf) is launching its very first Gun Safety Awareness Day with activities promoting safe handling and storing of firearms taking place in all 14 communities on March 3, 2014. KRPf officers, with the help of the cadets will distribute free gun locks along with promotional items while giving out prevention tips.

The KRPf is asking gun owners to be smart and responsible with their firearms. Security measures should be followed at all-times. Basic safety tips include:

- Always keep the firearm properly stored, unloaded, locked and out of people's reach.
- Firearms are to be used for the sole purpose of hunting.
- The firearms owner is always responsible for their use, regardless of who might handle them.

Everyone is invited to participate in the event, receive their free gun locks, and learn more about gun safety. To know the exact location and time of the distribution, Nunavimmiut can contact Conor Goddard or Cst. Luc Alarie at the KRPf headquarters in Kuujjuaq at 1-800-964-2644 or their local KRPf police station. Improper storage and use of fire guns can result in serious accidents, even death. Got firearms? Lock'em!

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The Kativik Regional Police Force was created by the Kativik Regional Government in 1996 with the participation of the Solicitor General of Canada and the Ministère de la Sécurité publique du Québec to maintain peace, order and public safety in Nunavik. There is a police detachment in all 14 communities of the region. The mission of the Kativik Regional Police Force and each of its members pursuant to the Québec Police Act is to maintain peace, order and public security; to prevent and repress crime and offences under the law and municipal by-laws; as well as to apprehend offenders.

The Kativik Regional Government is a 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.