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KRPF Launches New Cadet Program for Nunavik Youth

Kuujuuaq, Québec – June 9, 2009 – The Kativik Regional Police Force (KRPF) launched its groundbreaking Cadet Program today. The Cadet Program provides excellent part-time work opportunities for youth around the region while teaching important life skills and helping to make Cadets physically and mentally stronger. The program also informs and prepares participants for a possible career serving their communities as law enforcement officers.

The Cadet Program is structured with two types of Cadets in mind – Junior Cadets who range in age from 14 to 18 and are still in school, and Senior Cadets who are 18 to 21 and either in or out of school. The Junior Cadet program features challenging summer training camps and prevention work throughout the year. The Senior Cadet program is much more geared towards young people with an immediate interest in a career in law enforcement and includes rigorous physical training as well as a classroom component where cadets are introduced to the basic concepts of the law and law enforcement. Cadets, both Senior and Junior, will be paired with KRPF officers in their communities who will act as Cadet Coaches supervising activities and guiding the Cadets through the program. In no case will any Cadets be asked to participate in police work.

“This program is a real priority for the KRPF,” explains Lisa Epoo, KRPF Assistant Director of Administration, who coordinates the program. “The youth of the region are the future of our police force. We think this program offers youths a chance to take on a fun, exciting and challenging part-time job. It’s also an opportunity to do something that will help make their communities safer in the long run.”

“This program makes sense, it creates part-time jobs for our youth while helping the KRPF achieve its goals of integrating more local officers into the force, which creates more jobs,” says Margaret Gauvin, Director of the Employment, Training, Income Support and Childcare Department at the Kativik Regional Government (KRG). “There is no downside to a program like this. Even those youths who go through the program and don’t choose a career in law enforcement will come out the other side with new skills and a strong sense of service to the community.”

The program is now accepting applicants and the first training camps are scheduled for late June. For more information or to apply to become a Cadet call **1-877-964-0739** or visit the KRPF Cadet website at www.krpfcadets.ca.

The Cadet Program is organized by the KRPF with the financial support of the KRG and Ungaluk Safer Community Program. Also participating in the development and delivery of the program are the Kativik School Board, the École nationale de police du Québec (policy academy) and the Québec ministère de la sécurité publique (public security, MSP).

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. The KRG administers public affairs in the areas of municipal matters, transportation, the environment, policing, employment, labour training, income security, childcare services, renewable resources, land-use management, civil security and economic development. The KRPF was created by the KRG in 1996 with the participation of the Solicitor General of Canada and the MSP to maintain peace, order and public safety in the Kativik Region.

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