

Public Service Announcement

424 (T&R) Squadron to conduct Arctic search and rescue training

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424 (Transport and Rescue) Squadron, from 8 Wing / Canadian Forces Base Trenton, along with Civil Air Search And Rescue Association (CASARA) will conduct search and rescue (SAR) training in Nunavut 02 – 07 October. They will also bring 1000lbs of winter clothes and hockey equipment collected by East Northumberland Secondary School to the community of Resolute Bay.

A CC-130 H-model Hercules aircraft will be flying over the communities of Arctic Bay, Hall Beach, Iqaluit, Pond Inlet, and Resolute Bay. During this time, the SAR technicians may be observed in the area as they will parachute in the direction of the airport, weather permitting.

The aircraft will be flying within 60kms of each community conducting SAR procedures. As such, the aircraft will be flying at low level and will be dropping rescue equipment. The rescue procedures will be coordinated with the local Civil Air Search and Rescue Association (CASARA) unit. A ground team will pick up the equipment to be brought back to the airport.

It is standard practice to advise our community neighbours of SAR training in the local area. This training is crucial to improve the skills of the crew and to ensure good cooperation between SAR organizations during times of crisis. It is also a coordinated effort between Joint Task Force (North), 424 (T&R) Sqn, CASARA and Nunavut Services (Ground SAR). No disturbance to the community is expected. Thank you for your support.

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