



# Training Curriculum Standard GSAR

# BACKGROUND



- 2002: National Criteria for GSAR was developed as the basis for formal GSAR competency and training within Canada;
- 2012: SARVAC secured New Initiative Funding (NIF) to develop national core competencies for GSAR searchers, team leaders and search managers.

# PROJECT SCOPE



- Develop, Implement and Distribute National Core Competency Standards for GSAR in French and English - **Completed July 2015**
- Develop, Distribute, and Implement Curriculum Standards – **Ongoing until March 2016**



- 2012: Canadian Standards Association (CSA) was contracted by SARVAC to partner in the development of Core Competency Standards for Searcher, Team Leader, and Search Manager, for GSAR in Canada.

## PHASE 1



- To develop a Consensus Statement on National Standards for GSAR in Canada that would be applicable to all GSAR practitioners, Volunteers, DND, Policing Agencies, and Governments;
- The Standard should consist of current thinking/practices and previous GSAR competency and training documents provided by GSAR practitioners & stakeholders.



- The standard is voluntary;
- It is a tool for documenting and communicating the knowledge and skills of GSAR practitioners to the public, government agencies, training providers and stakeholders.

## PHASE 2



- To establish a CSA Group multi-stakeholder Technical Committee (TC) on GSAR.

## PHASE 2 (cont'd)



- The TC established a starting point for development and guidance on GSAR curriculum, training materials, certification;
- The multi-stakeholder TC consists of GSAR volunteers, training providers, policing agencies, Parks Canada, Canadian Forces and government agencies responsible for GSAR within Canada.

## COMPLETION of PHASES 1 & 2



- June, 2015: Core competency standards (Z1620-15) completed - Searcher, team leader, and SAR manager;
- Endorsed by SARVAC, the National Search and Rescue Secretariat of Canada (NSS) and the CSA Group.

## PHASE 3



- April 2015: establishment of the Technical Sub-Committee (TSC) for GSAR Curriculum;
- The TSC consisting of GSAR volunteers, training providers and government agencies responsible for GSAR.

## PHASE 4



- To develop GSAR Curriculum Design Standard and Curriculum Standard;
- TSC and CSA are making great progress to date (on going).



- Public Review (60 days) Dec. 2015 with a completion date for Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016;
- Train the Trainer courses are expected to commence in October 2016.

# SUMMARY



The Combined Project Goals are:

- Development of a national set of common skills and competencies;
- Interoperability of teams among provinces and territories and portability of skills;
- The economies of scale in the development and delivery of training;
- Minimize duplication of effort and associated costs.



QUESTIONS

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