

SHINING IN SERVICE : NUNAVIK FIRST RESPONDERS

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SAROWILLIE ANOWAK

-UMIUJAQ

Since 2009, Umiujaq has been able to count on Sarowillie Anowak as a steadfast First Responder. With 14 years of service, he is recognized as one of the veteran First Responders in Nunavik. From the very beginning, Sarowillie dedicated himself fully to the program; often on call for months at a time, training new recruits, and responding to emergencies day and night.

His commitment goes beyond his role as a First Responder. Sarowillie also serves his community as a firefighter and in search and rescue, ensuring safety and support across multiple fronts. Despite personal challenges, he has never stopped giving of himself, always stepping forward with kindness, resilience, and determination.

For Umiujaq, Sarowillie is more than a responder, he is a pillar of strength, compassion, and service.



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ELENA ALASUAK -PUVIRNITUQ

Elena became a First Responder in 2021, answering the call to be someone her community could count on in their most vulnerable moments. Growing up in Puvirnituq, she was inspired by the strength and resilience of her people and felt drawn to serve in a meaningful way.

For Elena, being a First Responder is about more than responding to emergencies, it's about being present, prepared, and part of something bigger than herself. She values the trust placed in her and the opportunity to work alongside dedicated teammates who share her commitment to safety, compassion, and cultural respect.

Her hope for the future is clear: that the next generations of Nunavimmiut step forward with courage, kindness, and pride to continue shaping strong, caring communities.



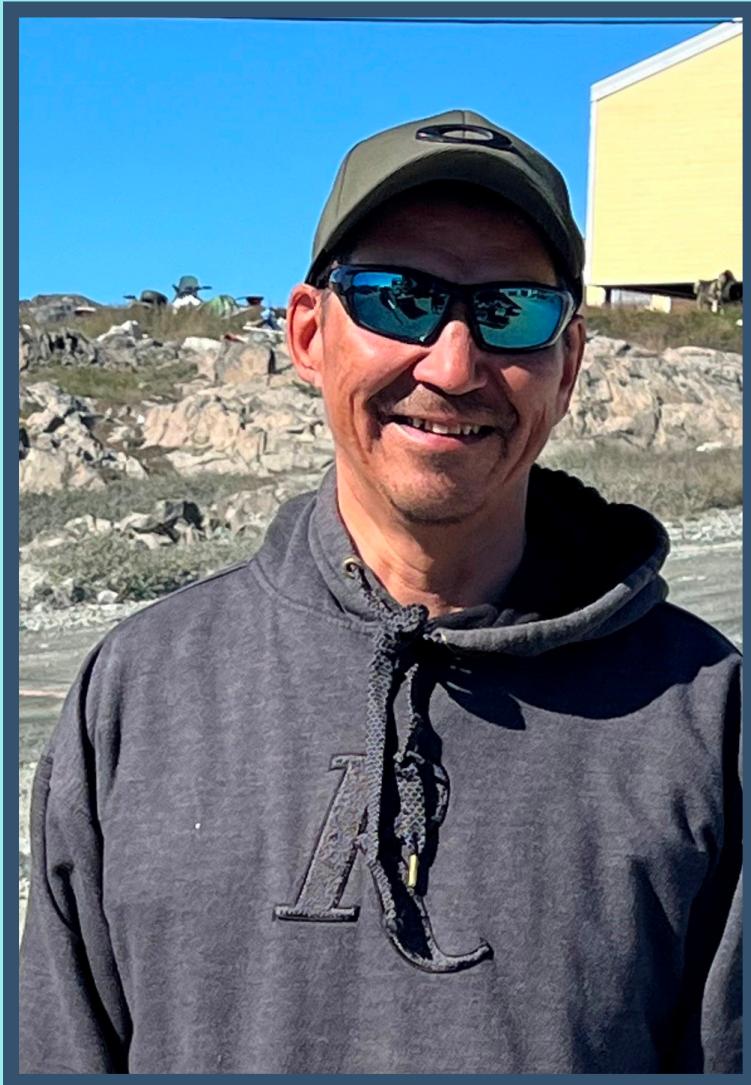
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PETER TAMU EETOOK -KANGIRSUK

Peter dedicated 12 years of service as a First Responder in Kangirsuk. Throughout his career, he showed courage, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to his community, taking on difficult work that many could not do. Now retired, or perhaps just taking a well-deserved break; Peter's contributions have left a lasting impact on the people of Kangirsuk.

His community members describe him with gratitude: "The community does not forget the work and dedication you have done for us."

Peter's legacy stands as a reminder of the strength, bravery, and generosity of Nunavik's First Responders.



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MICHAEL CAMERON

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Michael Cameron has been serving as a First Responder in Salluit since 2003, when he obtained his First Responder training certificate. As one of the original 12 first responders trained in the community, he is the only one still active today, a testament to his dedication and resilience. Already an emergency responder with basic first aid at the time, Michael sought advanced training to better serve and help those in need.

What he values most about his role is the ability to perform his duties professionally while keeping people calm during stressful situations. His message to future generations of Nunavimmiut is deeply rooted in care and compassion: **"If you become a first responder, make sure you have peer support and take care of yourself. Don't let PTSD take away your joy or turn to substance abuse, speak up, let your feelings out, and be ready for your community in this amazing role."**

In addition to his First Responder duties, Michael works as the Coordinator of the Uumajuit Program with the Kativik Regional Government. His decades of service reflect his unwavering commitment to the safety and well-being of his community.



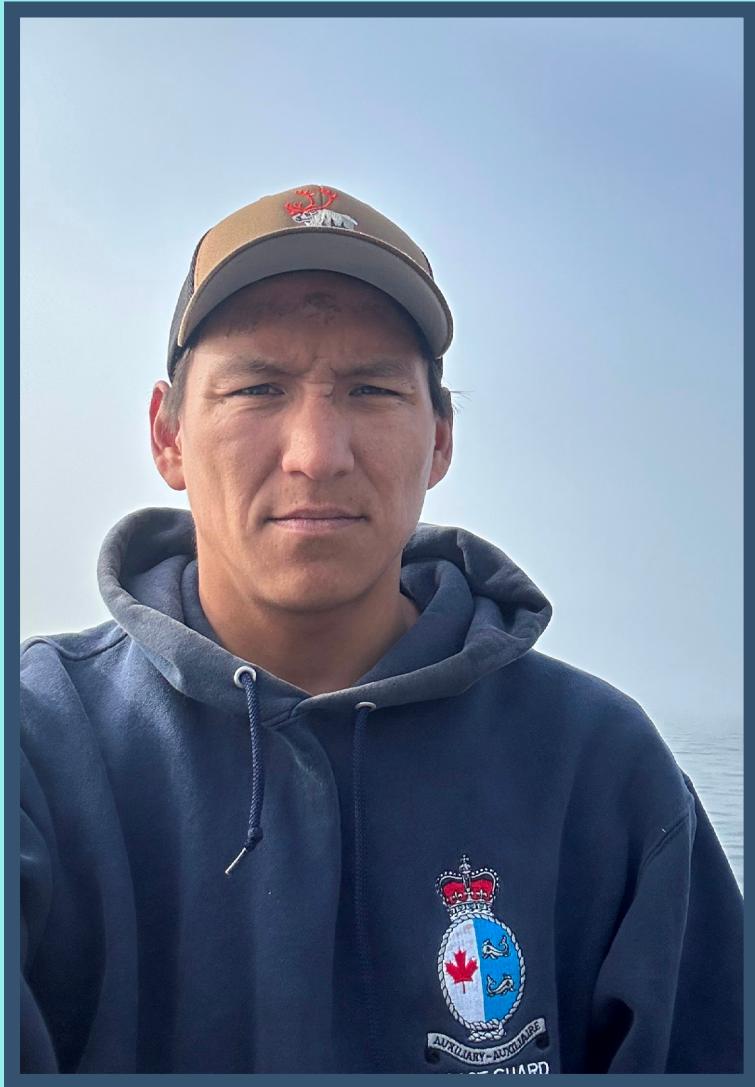
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QUPPIA JAAKA -KANGIQSUJUAQ

After seeing local first responders in action and experiencing the loss of a close friend, Quppia felt called to serve. Since late 2019, he has dedicated himself to helping others in moments of crisis, valuing the trust placed in him and the strength of his team.

His message to future generations is heartfelt: "You are not alone. Don't keep what's bothering you inside, let it out. This world is a better place with you in it."

Quppia also encourages young people to join their local first responders, reminding them that every new member brings not only knowledge but also strength and hope to the community.



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SANDY KOOKTOOK

-KANGIQSUALUJJUAQ

Sandy Kooktook has been a First Responder since 2017. In addition to his frontline role, he is the Fire Chief and Coordinator for First Responders in Kangiqsualujjuaq, as well as a member of the Canadian Coast Guard Auxiliary and local search and rescue. He also gained three years of experience as a professional First Responder in Inukjuak.

Inspired by a calling to help his fellow Inuit, Sandy has always been ready to step up in moments of need: "No matter what the outcome was, I would always be there for them."

For Sandy, the strength of being a First Responder comes from teamwork and community support. His message for future generations of Nunavimmiut is simple but powerful: **"We can do this together. Let's continue to help one another in our communities."**

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LOUISA TARKIASUK -IVUJIVIK

For Louisa, becoming a first responder was about courage and compassion: "Not everyone can handle wounded people. I'm proud that I can help others."

As a first responder, what she values most is helping those who can't help themselves. Her message to the next generation is powerful: "I hope others can ask for help. Not everyone has that person to talk to, but it's important to know who you can turn to."

Beyond her duties, Louisa is known for her constant availability, her leadership, and her ability to remain strong, even in the most difficult moments, like treating a member of her own family. A single mother of six, she continues to inspire her community with strength, patience, and dedication.



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KEN LABBÉ -TASIUJAQ

Since 2016, Ken has been a constant source of support for the people of Tasiujaq. His commitment is rooted in a deep respect for his community; especially its elders, whose stories and wisdom he hopes to help preserve by keeping them safe.

Ken's favourite part of being a first responder is simple yet profound: **"I like to take care of people when they need help."**

To future generations of Nunavimmiut, his message is encouraging: "It's a good job and interesting, you keep learning. I do this for the care of my family and my loved ones."

Those who nominated Ken describe him as a protector, a role model, and someone who has saved many lives, including their own. Known for his perseverance and his heart, Ken continues to serve with humility and dedication, inspiring Tasiujaq year after year.



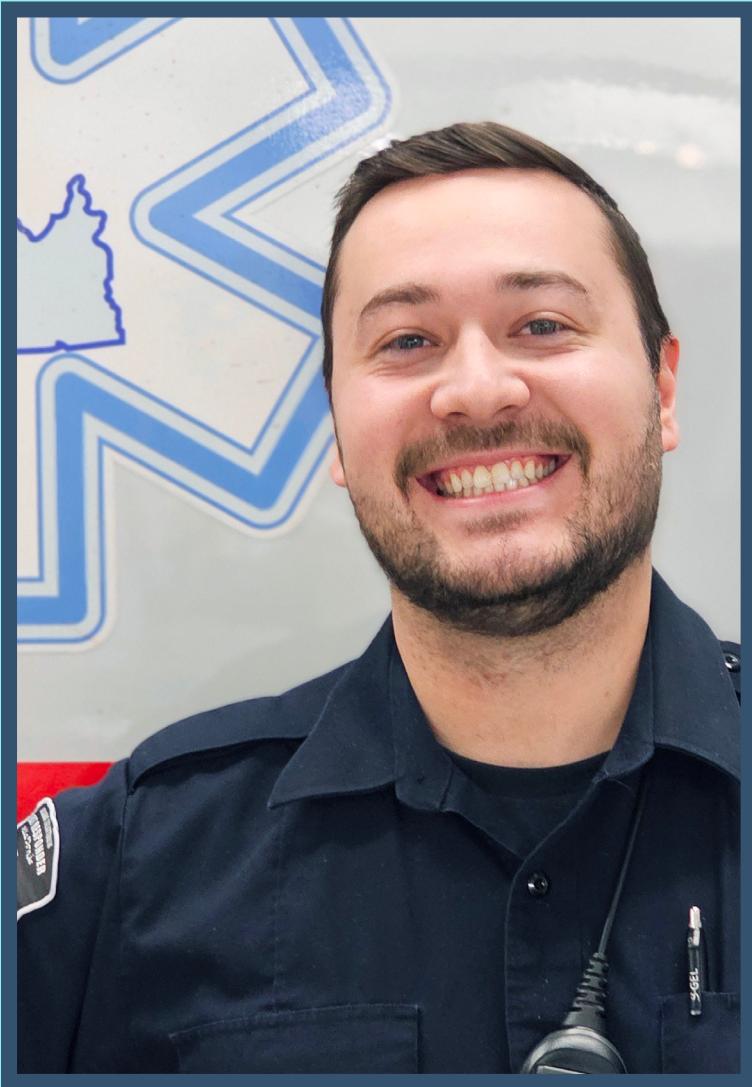
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FRANÇOIS MOREAU

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Born and raised in Québec City, François Moreau has long been fueled by a desire to help those around him. His early studies in Police Technology and Nursing shaped this path, but it was in Nunavik, serving as a first responder, that he found his purpose.

François became a first responder to support people at their most vulnerable moments and to play an active role in the well-being of the community. "Helping people when they need it the most is what drives me," he shares.

What he values most in his work is being part of a multidisciplinary team dedicated to serving Nunavimmiut with care, respect, and professionalism. Each call is an opportunity to make a meaningful difference.

His hope for future generations of Nunavimmiut reflects deep admiration: “Continue stepping forward as leaders. Carry your strength, resilience, and cultural pride with you, and use it to inspire and support those around you.”

Through his commitment, empathy, and steady presence, François continues to honour the community of Kuujjuaq and those



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PAPVIK OKPIK

-QUAQTAQ

Papvik joined the First Responders Program in 2019 when she saw her community needed support. She is proud to help others and values the teamwork and solidarity of her fellow responders in Quaqtaq.

Her hope for the future is that more Nunavimmiut will join the First Responders: "We are the next generation and we need to step up."



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MOSES INUUKPUK -KUUJJUARAPIK

Moses Inukpuk from, Kuujjuaq, First Responder with 5 years of service.

Moses became a first responder to help his community in moments when people need someone the most. He appreciates the strength and teamwork of frontline responders, coworkers, nurses, and doctors; working together to save lives.

His message for future generations: "Your knowledge and skills give you the power to save lives. Look within yourself, that's where motivation begins."

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TOMMY KUMARLUK

-INUKJUAK

Tommy has served his community with commitment and courage for 8 years. Through every call, Tommy has shown reliability, compassion, and a profound dedication to keeping his community safe. Thank you, Tommy, for your years of service and the difference you continue to make.



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BILLY AUGIAK

-AUPALUK

We salute Billy, whose 13 years of service as a first responder demonstrate extraordinary resilience and devotion. Billy's long-standing contribution has made him a trusted and respected presence in moments when his community needed him most. Your community is proud of your unwavering leadership and heart, Billy!



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-AKULIVIK

A special mention to all first responders in Akulivik: although we did not receive a nomination, we want to extend our deepest appreciation to you all.

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From March to July 2025, we received 57 community nominations recognizing exceptional First Responders across Nunavik. While only one nominee per community could be profiled, we extend our appreciation to all First Responders for their resilience and service.



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