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To: Station Leaders/Society Presidents/ Members

From: Bill Riggs, Chief Executive Officer

Critical Incident Stress Management Program (CISMP)

In my previous communique I informed you about the opportunity for RCMSAR to work with BC Search and Rescue Association (BCSARA) on developing a CISMP. More specifically the potential to partner with and learn from BCSARA on the provision of CISM services to our members.

I am pleased to advise that twelve (12) of our members have successfully completed the required education to take on the role as a peer support resource. They are:

Sean Sweeney Stn 04,	Doug Wasylenki Stn 106	Stephen Adam Stn 29/HQ	Ken Squirrell Stn 25
Jennifer Robb Stn 64	Ruth Sharun Stn 27	Dale Skoreyko Stn 59	Rona Tepper Stn 5
Monica Sager Stn 33	Erin Heeney Stn 37/HQ	Grace Timney Stn 2	Doug Kiloh Stn 5

As previously mentioned, our members will apprentice with a BCSARA support person for approximately twelve (12) months or until they are able to take the lead on an intervention themselves.

Ten (10) peer support members of BCSARA have become supporting members of RCMSAR to enable this process. They are:

Chris Mushumanski,	Ian Maslin,	Greg Miller,	Wendy Scott,	Mark Hall,
Gloria Urwin,	Les Hudson,	Gen Pierre,	Lisa Steels	Linda Hildebrandt

I would like to congratulate our members on the successful completion of their training and welcome and thank the eleven BCSARA members who now are also members of RCMSAR.

I would also like to thank both Chris Mushumanski and Ian Maslin from BCSARA for the support, guidance and instruction they have provided to RCMSAR. It is very much appreciated.

**Key take aways:**

- The RCMSAR/BCSARA CISM partnership is active
- BCSARA at the request of headquarters will assign the resources needed to manage an intervention involving RCMSAR members
- An SOP #2023-004 will govern the CISM intervention process (attached)
- This program will take the place of the program offered by DFO/CCG effective immediately

Should you have any questions pertaining to this update please feel free to reach out to me or John Johnston [john.johnston@rcmsar.com](mailto:john.johnston@rcmsar.com).

Keep Safe,

Bill