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**Operations Memorandum**

**Date:** August 27, 2002  
**To:** Unit Leaders  
**CC:** Board of Directors  
**From:** Ryan Woodward, Director of SAR/Operations  
**Subject:** Illumination Flares

As part of last year's NIF equipment allocation, operational CCGA-P Units have received (or are about to receive) a limited number of illumination flares. Because these items are dangerous goods, distributing them has been a challenge, please bear with us if you have yet to receive yours.

When considering using these flares please consider the following:

- These are **NOT** distress flares, they throw a white parachute flare intended for illumination during a SAR case.
- Because of the limited number of these flares received, distributed and available, Units are requested to use them sparingly, and in situations where a brief supply of additional light over a large area during a SAR tasking would be beneficial. These flares should **NOT** be used for training or exercise purposes.
- All CCGA-P units must discuss the potential use of the illumination flares with the JRCC **prior** to using them.
- Units must ensure that no harm can come from the use of these flares (ensure that the area that the flare could drift into is safe).
- Members who will be firing the flares must read, understand and comply with all the instructions printed on the flare bodies. Additionally, the members who have never fired a flare of any type, or have only ever fired distress flares, should expect and be prepared for a **significant** recoil.
- Any Unit that has used these illumination flares during the course of a SAR tasking is requested to record the flare use in the significant events portion of the appropriate SAR Mission Report.
- Any Unit that does use any of these flares during the next few months, is strongly encouraged to pass on a description of their experience in order that it can be shared with other which have not yet deployed the illumination flares themselves.

If you have any comments or questions regarding this memorandum, please do not hesitate to contact Ryan Woodward at home at 604-214-8206 on cellular/pager at 604-961-8206 or by email at [ryan.woodward@ccga-p.ca](mailto:ryan.woodward@ccga-p.ca).