



# Building a National Framework for SARVAC

Under funding provided by the National Search and Rescue Secretariat New Initiatives Fund, the SARVAC office is up and running! For the first time the organization has a permanent office and staff who are tasked with meeting the objectives outlined in the SARVACs application under the SAR NIF. A quick snapshot of the 3 year program include:

- Development and implementation of an updated governance structure
- Development and implementation of an updated 5 year business plan
- Development and delivery of a national standardized training program focusing on response and prevention
- Development of communications and sustainability strategy aimed to increase visibility of SARVAC to its members and stakeholders

## SARSCENE 2008

Planning is well in hand for this years SARSCENE conference to be held in St. John's, NL Oct. 15-18th at the Delta Hotel and Conference Centre. Registration is over 400 people as of the end of September 18th and hotel rooms are filling up quickly. High-lights include the SAR Games to be held on Wednesday October 15th, Volunteer Appreciation Night on Thursday evening, a traditional St. John's Pub Crawl on Friday evening, the Awards Banquet on Saturday evening. Don't forget to attend the SAR Expo or the SAR demonstrations and public displays at Quidi Vidi Lake. Visit [www.sarscene.ca](http://www.sarscene.ca) for further information and sites of

## Response and Prevention Training gearing up for October 2008

Adventure Smart and Exercise design training is scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday October 14-15th. Each province and territory has 3 seats available at the training sessions - travel, meals and accommodations will be covered by SARVAC. Please contact your provincial/territorial SARVAC representative for further details.

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