Cougar Helicopters to Participate in Joint Search & Rescue Exercises

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In support of its continuous improvement of offshore and search and rescue (SAR) operations, Cougar Helicopters will be participating in a collaborative effort with Joint Rescue and Coordination Center (JRCC) – Halifax, 103 Rescue Squadron (RS), CASARA and Eastern Health in developing a joint agency response to simulated emergencies in the offshore environment.

Although the initial thrust of the exercise involves search and rescue aircraft response to aid those in distress offshore, valuable contributions by onshore response agencies is essential to ensure post rescue care and treatment to those affected.

As a result of these exercises, the public is advised that throughout the afternoon and evening of Monday, November 18 and possibly Tuesday, November 19 they may witness increased helicopter activity and increased emergency response vehicles in and around Cougar Helicopters.

To achieve operational excellence in command and control communications during emergency situations, Cougar Helicopters and the individual agencies participating will test and evaluate their procedures and processes. Cougar Helicopters is pleased to be a participant in this proactive initiative.

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