

THE FUTURE OF FIRST NATIONS FIRST RESPONDERS



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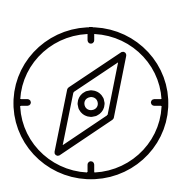
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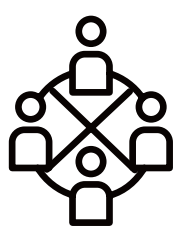
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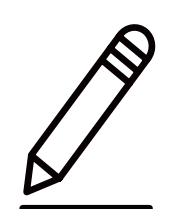
Search and Rescue



Indigenous Communities



Dementia



Education and Training

DEMENTIA FRIENDLY EDU-ACTION FOR INDIGENOUS FIRST RESPONDERS

Dementia in First Nations communities is three to five times more prevalent than in the rest of Canada's population. People with dementia are at higher risk of going missing, and many first responders are not trained to manage dementia-related incidents any differently than other missing persons cases.

In partnership with two Indigenous Nations: Kahnawà:ke Search and Rescue Team and Peacekeepers in Québec and Fire and Fisher River Ambulance from Peguis First Nation in Manitoba the research team created culturally appropriate training for Indigenous first responders. The team co-developed three training videos and one 360-degree video that use real-life scenarios to support the search and rescue of persons living with dementia in Indigenous communities.

The training videos were designed with evidence-based search scenarios specific to Indigenous communities. The team is disseminating these videos to other Indigenous communities and evaluating their usefulness in enhancing awareness and knowledge. The training is currently available in English and French, and selected videos have been translated into Mohawk and Ojibwe.



INTERESTING FACT:

When co-developing the training materials, the research team employed the term "edu-action" which refers to educational materials that lead directly to action.