



**SARVAC HWF**  
**Local GSAR Group / HWF Responder Level**  
**Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)**  
**Phase 1 - NOTIFICATION**



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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this document is to provide a Local GSAR Group / HWF Responder level SOP for the *NOTIFICATION Phase* of SARVAC's HWF Program.

**SUMMARY:** The *NOTIFICATION Phase* takes place when a Provincial, Territorial or Indigenous Community Authority (i.e., AHJ) has made an RFA to PS, and where PS is considering using the HWF Program to respond to this request. SARVAC receives this query from PS to assess what capabilities are available for a possible response to the RFA.

**PROCEDURE:**

Local GSAR Groups:

- Should have individuals (e.g., local HWF DOs) monitoring for any SARVAC or P/T Association notices of PS sanctioned RFA incidents coming in.
- Have no actionable items during this Phase.

HWF Responders have no actionable items during this Phase.

This completes the *NOTIFICATION Phase* in accordance with the *National Search and Rescue Operations Concept*.