

## **Wildfire Technologist**

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**Alberta Agriculture and Forestry, Fort McMurray.** We support Albertans in being proud stewards of air, land, water, and biodiversity by leading the work required for the desired environmental outcomes and sustainable development of natural resources. For more information about the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry please visit our website at: <http://agric.alberta.ca/> . For more information about the Wildfire Management Branch: <http://wildfire.alberta.ca/>.

Besides being a great place to work and one where you can make a difference, we can offer you:

- Exciting learning opportunities to further your skills
- Chances for career growth and development
- Work life balance
- Occasions to travel for training and export during wildfire season
- Capability to earn overtime pay
- Christmas closure and vacation entitlements
- Additional allowances and bonuses: <http://www.chr.alberta.ca/benefits/northern-allowance/map.htm>
- A comprehensive and competitive benefits plan: <http://www.chr.alberta.ca/Employees/DocList134.cfm>
- Pension plan: [http://www.pspp.ca/members/publications/PSPP\\_Member\\_Handbook.pdf](http://www.pspp.ca/members/publications/PSPP_Member_Handbook.pdf)
- An additional \$750 Health Spending Account:  
<http://www.chr.alberta.ca/Practitioners/?file=benefits/healthspendingacct/overview&cf=2>

It is what you make of it so why not come to Fort McMurray and make it an investment, a community, a home. Fort McMurray is a dynamic community made up of people from all over the world. With great community facilities, a multitude of amenities, and natural beauty abound, this region offers endless recreational values not to mention a variety of opportunities for you and your loved ones. For more information on Fort McMurray follow the link below:

<http://www.fortmcmurraytourism.com/>

Do you have a strong background working in wildfire operations and/or prevention? Are you ready for the next step in your wildfire career? If you have a burning desire to take on a leadership role in supervising Wildfire staff and programs this may be the opportunity for you. We are currently looking for a dedicated individual to take on the role of a Wildfire Technologist in our Fort McMurray forest management area.

As a Wildfire Technologist you will be challenged with the operational and/or prevention program delivery in your respective Forest Management Area. You will be accountable for items including, but not limited to, pre-suppression, suppression, prescribed burns, FireSmart, education, compliance, investigations and Area safety programs. Through the supervision of permanent and seasonal staff you will also play a key leadership role which will involve program planning and program monitoring as well as providing training, mentoring and coaching to staff in order to achieve consistent application and effective program results. Another responsibility will be to provide support to the forest management program where you will apply your knowledge and expertise to assist in integrating forestry practices into field operations. Participation on special provincial Incident Command Teams and on provincial task forces, working groups, and committees will be expected and, in addition to this, you will act as the Duty Officer and Deputy Duty Officer on a rotational basis in the Fire Centre.

To learn more about the requirements of the job, click here:  
<https://www.jobs.alberta.ca/pprofile/pp1034907.htm>

#### ABOUT YOUR COMPETENCIES:

The following competencies are key for success in this position. Please make sure to include how you have demonstrated these competencies in your past work experience in your resume and/or cover letter:

**Drive for Results** - The main focus of this position is on accountability for the wildfire management program goals that are assigned to you, and to meet or exceed the required performance measures through the effective coordination of resources and stakeholders. Additionally, you will ensure that all operations are conducted safely and efficiently in accordance with all applicable legislation, policy, and procedure.

**Creative Problem Solving** - You will be responsible for assisting in solving issues by giving the best solution to resolve the problem; problems which can vary from contracts to budget to human resources to uncontrollable events on Incident Management Teams (IMT's). Participating on IMT's and as Duty Officers, you will need to make time sensitive decisions and ensure that the appropriate resources, strategies and tactics are utilized.

**Develop Self and Others** - You will be accountable for ensuring staff are trained and conversant with all Wildfire Management guidelines in order to meet objectives and obtain desired results. Strong leadership skills will allow you to effectively develop team members and inspire them to work towards a common goal.

**Build Collaborative Environments** - Promoting team effectiveness within both the assigned programs and area operations will ensure delivery of wildfire management programs and resolution to wildfire management issues. Additionally, you will participate on provincial working groups to identify and address common operational issues and develop policy, guidelines, and initiatives.

**Develop Networks** - Building relationships with both internal and external stakeholders and ensuring that the right stakeholders and agencies are involved are imperative to your success in this position. You will participate on provincial task groups and work with a variety of industry and aboriginal groups, members of the public, emergency services, municipalities, and other staff to resolve issues and strategize on suppression and pre-suppression activities.

#### ABOUT YOUR WORK ENVIRONMENT:

As the successful candidate, you will be operating out of an office setting. Travel within the region and throughout the province will be required as part of your responsibilities and you will have frequent contact with Ministry staff and colleagues, other government departments, clients, and external stakeholder's province-wide.

**Salary: \$2,450.61 - \$3,152.78 bi-weekly (\$63,961 - \$82,288 annually). Closing Date: March 29, 2016.  
Job ID #1034907**

**Qualifications:** A diploma or degree in Natural Sciences or a related field plus 6 years of related experience in wildfire operations and prevention is required. A valid Class 5 driver's license and eligibility for registration with the College of Alberta Professional Forest Technologists or College of Alberta Professional Foresters is also required. Supervisory experience will be considered an asset. Please note that candidates with lesser qualifications may be considered at a lower classification and salary.

Please note this competition may be used to fill current and future vacancies at equal or lesser classifications across the Government of Alberta.

Competencies are behaviours that are essential to reach our goals in serving Albertans. We encourage you to have an in depth understanding of the competencies that are required for this opportunity and to be prepared to demonstrate them during the recruitment process. The link below will assist you with understanding competencies:

<http://www.chr.alberta.ca/Practitioners/?file=learning/apscompetencies/titlepage&cf=9>

Online applications are preferred. If you are unable to apply online, please submit your cover letter and resume, quoting the Job ID, to: Kristen Alward, Agriculture and Forestry, Human Resources, J. G. O' Donoghue Building, Third Floor, Room 304, 7000 - 113 Street, Edmonton, Alberta, T6H 5T6 or Fax: (780) 427 3398. Applicants who apply online will be able to track the status of this competition

Note: As only one file can be uploaded, please ensure your cover letter, resume and any other related documents are submitted in one file.

It is recommended that applicants who have obtained educational credentials from outside of Canada and have not had them previously assessed, obtain an evaluation of their credentials from the International Qualifications Assessment Service (IQAS) - <http://eae.alberta.ca/labour-and-immigration/overview-of-immigration/international-qualifications-assessment-service.aspx> It is recommended that applicants include the assessment certificate from IQAS or any other educational assessment service as part of their application

Please see the position description for a detailed list of the job responsibilities:  
<https://www.jobs.alberta.ca/pprofile/pp1034907.htm>

We thank all applicants for their interest. All applications will be reviewed to determine which candidates' qualifications most closely match the advertised requirements. Only individuals selected for interviews will be contacted.

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