The City of Calgary Career Opportunity

Hazardous Materials Officer

External Opportunity
Reference # 204933
Closing Date: 12-JAN-2015

Basic Job Information
Posting Title: Hazardous Materials Officer
Business Unit/Section: Calgary Fire Department/Hazardous Materials
Location: 4124 - 11 Street S.E.
Union/Position: IAFF Local 255/Permanent #100705
Compensation: $54.60 per hour
Hours of Work: This position works a non-standard 40 hour work week. Occasional rotating 24/7 on-call support is required.

Business Unit Information
The Calgary Fire Department (CFD), one of Canada's top emergency response departments, serves the community through excellence in prevention, education, protection and safety. As international fire services leaders, our members display teamwork, pride, professionalism and respect to enhance the health, safety and vitality of our community.

Responsibilities
Reporting to the Hazardous Materials Coordinator, this position will help in the delivery of operational and training objectives for the Hazardous Materials section, including: research and development; conducting hazardous materials training for all areas of the department; inspections; and enforcement of various acts, by-laws and regulations applicable to hazardous materials within Calgary and Alberta. Primary duties include:

- Support on-shift crews at emergency events when requested.
- Help plan, implement, and evaluate in-service hazardous materials training programs for the development and presentation of courses on hazardous materials to Fire Department members, agencies or industries with a mutual concern addressing the production, storing, handling and transportation of materials classified as dangerous or hazardous.
- Provide instruction to Fire personnel in regards to subjects relative to hazardous materials.
- Keep records; prepare reports and correspondence pertaining to the Hazardous Materials section.
- Investigate complaints relating to hazardous materials and recommend appropriate remedial action.
- Initiate appropriate legal action as necessitated by non-compliance with the applicable regulations.
- Aid in the preparation and presentation of hazardous materials seminars and courses.
- Contribute to and participate in a comprehensive public relations and information program designed to explain to the public the dangers of hazardous materials and the correct procedures to follow in the event of an emergency situation.

Qualifications
The successful applicant must possess a minimum of three years of emergency response experience. A valid Class 3 Driver's License (or provincial equivalent) with no more than six demerits, no current suspensions or charges pending, and a Q endorsement is required. Applicants must be able to obtain a City of Calgary operator's permit. Working knowledge of hazardous materials response in Canada is required. Preference will be given to applicants with a Hazardous Material Technician level as prescribed by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)-472 Standard for Competence of Responders to Hazardous Materials/Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) Incidents. Training in Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and Explosives (CBRNE) and/or in the Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG) is considered an asset. Experience in the use of atmospheric monitoring equipment and/or an educational background in Chemistry will also be considered an asset. Applicants who possess current Standard First Aid and a Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) level "C" certification are preferred.

Notes
Successful applicants must provide proof of qualifications. Only education obtained from an accredited institution will be recognized as meeting the minimum qualifications. Applicants may be contacted throughout the duration of this competition. An enhanced security clearance and pre-employment polygraph will be conducted. Successful completion of a Physical Readiness Evaluation, pre-employment medical/fitness exam including a maximum oxygen uptake (VO2) test and baseline training are required.

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