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Wildland Urban Interface Fire Coordinator Expression of Interest

Located in Sioux Lookout, Ontario

Position Type: Term Full Time - May - September
(40 hours per week anticipated)

Position Overview:

The Wildland Urban Interface Fire Coordinator oversees crew operations within the IFNA member communities and coordinates the planning and delivery of training and equipment to Community based IFNA Fire Rescue crews. They ensure that all safety standards under the Ontario Health and Safety Act, IFNA IES policies and procedure, and other relevant agencies are followed.

While the role is focused in the wildland fire area, the interface model requires responses and deployments to emergencies including structural fires, medical first responder, and drone operations. They contribute to the broader mandate of IFNA to support First Nations and increase capacity within a cultural mindset.

Note that by applying for this position, you are expressing your interest in working with our organization. Funding has not yet been received to support this program.

Responsibilities:

1. Operational and Leadership Oversight
 - Supervise daily crew activities, liaising with crew bosses and communicating needs to the IES Director.
 - Provide leadership, training, and performance assessment for assigned personnel including Safety, Wildfire, Integrated Structural Fire Fighting, First Responder, Search & Rescue, and Drone training.
2. Documentation and Reporting
 - Review and approve items related to training, HR, Finance, and Fire reports.
 - Fulfill broader funding obligations, including proposals and reports.
3. Community Liaison and Government Representation
 - Collaborate with local Ministry of Natural Resources, Forestry, Fire Management, and other emergency departments.
 - Support community emergency responses, emphasizing independence in training and funding.
4. Safety and Risk Management
 - Identify and communicate safety risks in emergency situations.
5. Develop and Execute Fire Plans
 - Formulate field plans, assess relevant factors in a rapidly changing environment, and maintain firefighting equipment.



- Ability to assimilate new forest fire suppression strategy, tactics, and techniques in a variety of fire control circumstances

Note: Flexibility is key at IFNA. You may occasionally cover tasks outside your role, ensuring comprehensive support for our organization's mission.

Position Requirements:

- SP 200 required, preferred level at Fire Incident Commander Level 5 (Initial Attack Incident Commander Course SP 300 or equivalent)
- 3 years experience in wildland firefighting techniques including familiarity with prevention and attack strategies, delivery of training, and use of equipment – including GIS and GPS.
- Class G or greater driver's license, and the ability to provide a driver's abstract.
- Criminal reference and vulnerable sector check is required but results determine suitability for hire.
- COVID Vaccinations of at least 2 are required
- Knowledge of and ability to understand and meet objectives with available resources.
- Working knowledge of computer applications and word processing, databases, internet, electronic mail software and decision support systems.
- Understanding responsibilities as outlined in the Occupational Health and Safety Act
- Knowledge of indigenous Fire and Emergency Services, as well as a good understanding of provincial services and Indigenous Services Canada is an asset.
- Understanding of Indigenous history, traditions, and beliefs with the ability to implement cultural values and practices within the delivery of services; Ability to speak Ojibwe or Oji-cree is an asset.
- Expected hours of work are from 9:30 to 18:00 with a half hour lunch but may vary due to emergency responses and there can be overtime required.

Closing date: March 15th, 2024

Start Date: April 2nd, 2024

Salary Scale: \$33.65 - \$45.67 per hour. Will be based on a combination of qualifications and experience.

To apply for the role of Wildland Urban Interface Fire Co-Ordinator, please email your resume and cover letter to: **recruitment@ifna.ca**

*Please note that only candidates under consideration will be contacted.
We value diversity and encourage individuals from Indigenous backgrounds to self-declare, as preference may be given to candidates with such backgrounds in line with our commitment to inclusivity and community representation.*