

Career Fact Sheet

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Natural Resource Officer

DESCRIPTION

This is the full-time working level of the Resource Officer series. Persons hired at this level generally have previous experience as a seasonal Assistant Resource Officer and a Park Patrol Officer, as well as fire suppression experience. Those appointed at this level must also pass an examination, undergo psychological assessment and certify to carry a sidearm within six months of hire. Natural Resource Officers are frequently transferred throughout their career to broaden their experience and meet operational needs.

Advancement to more senior levels, such as District Supervisor or Chief Natural Resource Officer, may occur after several years of experience and through competition processes.

Typical duties of a Natural Resource Officer include:

- Administers and enforces all resource-based acts and regulations relating to fish, wildlife, forestry, parks, water, crown lands and wildfires. This includes patrols, investigations, legal procedures, and court attendance. Resource activity evaluation, monitoring and licencing are also a major activity.
- Inspects, monitors and regulates commercial resource-based activities, such as logging, commercial fishing, lodges & outfitters, mineral exploration and other activities on crown lands.
- Operates Provincial Parks by delivery of all activities related to maintenance, service delivery, public safety and infrastructure development. Manages and supervises all staff, including hiring.
- Manages and controls maintenance, operating and capital budgets.
- Responsible for prevention, detection and suppression of wildfires, including hiring & supervision of staff, fireline command, aircraft management and financial control.
- Manages programs to protect persons, property, livestock and crops from wild animals, such as Polar bears, Black bears, wolves, coyotes, deer, elk and waterfowl.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Graduation from a resource management program with resource law content from an approved post secondary institution, several years related work experience and the successful completion of the Resource Officer 3 written examination, or an equivalent combination of education, training and experience satisfactory to the department.
- Must be eligible for appointment as Special Constable, hold a valid Class 4 driver's licence, and hold First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Canadian Firearms Safety certificates.

-Must be physically capable of performing the duties assigned – completion of Police Officer Physical Ability Test (POPAT).

-Must successfully complete and qualify on Departmental Sidearm, Tactical Shotgun and Defensive Tactics training.