



August 9, 2019

Dear Fire Service Stakeholders,

**Re: Office of the Fire Commissioner - Fire Services Advisor position (Central and Southeast Interior Region)**

As you are likely aware, after 40 years in the fire service, Rick Owens has retired from his Fire Services Advisor position with the OFC. Rick's last day of work was July 31, and we wish him all the best of luck in his retirement. Rick has contributed much for the fire services in BC, both through his Municipal service as well as Provincially through the OFC.

Rick worked out of the Kamloops OFC / EMBC Office, and held the FSA position in two OFC Regions: Interior and Central / Southeast Interior. I am emailing to advise that the OFC will soon begin a recruitment process to fill this position. At this time, this position is preferred, but not limited, to working from the Kamloops OFC office.

The role of the Fire Services Advisor is crucial to the operations of the Fire Commissioner's Office. This position is our regional representative to local authorities, fire departments and other emergency agencies, and citizens within those regions. The FSA's focus on maintaining and fostering working relationships with these agencies; to consult, advise, and assist in a variety of capacities, including matters relating to the BC Fire Code, the Fire Services Act provincial legislation; fire inspections, investigations, and facilitating corrective Orders; Fire Department operations and firefighter training levels (Playbook); Regional Fire Chief's, Fire Prevention Officers, and Training Officer's meetings; and, special circumstances needing advice or support in the region.

There is an opportunity to get involved in this role on a temporary basis, while the recruitment process takes place to find the successful candidate in a permanent role. Those interested in learning more about this position, and the requirements included, are encouraged to contact me or Assistant Deputy Fire Commissioner Gord Sharpe ([Gord.Sharpe@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Gord.Sharpe@gov.bc.ca)) for more information.

Sincerely,

**Jay Brownlee**

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