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Work environment of firefighters.

Firefighters may work to support Canadian army, royal Canadian navy, or royal Canadian air force operations. Firefighters provide 24-hour fire protection by working in teams that rotate responsibilities and shifts and are supported by day staff that include the fire chief, deputy fire chief and inspectors. Firefighters may deploy from their home base in support of military operations in Canada or abroad for up to six months. Appropriate training, environmental clothing and equipment are provided.

If you choose a career in regular force, upon completion of all required training, you will be assigned to your first base. While there is so flexibility with regards to posting (relocations), accommodation can't always be made, and therefore, you can likely expect to move at some point in your career. However, if you decide to join the primary reserve force, you will do so through a specific reserve unit. Outside of training, your chosen reserve unit will be your workplace on part time Basis, and you will not be obligated to relocate to a different base. As part of the primary reserve force, you will typically work one night per week and some weekends at a minimum with possibilities of full time employment.

Working side by side

RCMP and fire rescue have completed a large-scale joint training exercise aimed at Improving coordination during critical incidents. The full day event held at Douglas College Vancouver B.C, Canada on Sunday, October 19th, 2025, brought together first responders for immersive, scenario-based drills designed enhanced real time collaboration in high-risk situations.

The rescue task force training program, rolled out in 2024, focuses on realistic emergency scenarios that require seamless cooperation between police and fire personnel. To date, approximately 200 RCMP officers and 100 firefighters have participated in training supported by more than 100 volunteers who assist with logistics to simulate complex incidents.

A flame of procedure

Firefighters have policies and procedures that they are required to abide by, and many people who are not involved as firefighters do not understand the

extent of limitations or liberties the firefighters and fire authorities are subjected to on the scene of fire. Once you have firm understanding of what policies and procedures allow firefighters to do, you will gently increase the chances of surviving disasters such as wildfires, vehicle fires, and structure fires.

RCMP in early days

The origin story of today's RCMP followed shortly after and shares deep ties to Canada's confederation in 1867 and the dominion people.

The federal policing body at the time was the dominion police, whose main role was to guard the parliament buildings. As such a small organization, it didn't have the size and structure to police the north-west territories.

Crimes and punishment

Homicide- 25 yrs parole ineligibility

Kidnapping-up to life imprisonment

Parole violation- Depends

Public intoxication- NO CHARGE Stalking- up to 10 years

Vandalism-up to 10+ years and fine

Robbery-0 violence 4-7 or with violence: up to life sentence

Arson-up to 14 years

Assault/Battery-up to 10 yrs

Bribery-up to 14 yrs

Theft-over \$5000: up to 10 yrs. Under \$5000: up to 2yrs

Child abandonment-up to 10yrs

Counterfeiting- up to 14yrs

Cyberbullying-up to 11yrs

Drug trafficking and possession- Schedule I (**Ex.**

Methamphetamine) Maximum penalty is life imprisonment.

Schedule III (Ex. Psilocybin) Max of 10 years imprisonment.

Schedule IV (Ex. Steroids) Max of 3 years imprisonment.

DUI-12month suspension of license, possible jail time

Fraud- over \$5000: up to 14yrs. Under \$5000 up to 2yrs

Harassment-probation to up to 10 years

REMEMBER

Charges may vary depending on what you've done and the evidence and witnesses provided. Please be safe and know that this may not be the exact charges.

BORN JANUARY 11, 1815- Glasgow, Scotland

DIED JUNE 6th, 1891- Ottawa, Ontario

Macdonald emigrated from Scotland to Kingston, which is now Ontario. In 1820. He was called to the bar in 1836. After British parliament combined upper and lower Canadas Canadian west (now in Ontario) and Canadas east (now in Quebec) in the act of union of 1840, MacDonald was elected to the assembly of Canada as a conservative for Kingston in 1844. He established the north-west mounted police. Now the RCMP. In 1873 to assert Canadian sovereignty. Curb American alcohol traders, and manage relations with indigenous people, following the Cypress Hills massacre. The north-west mounted police were established in 1873 by John MacDonald who was our first prime minister. The north-west police were Canada's first national police force. John served as the prime minister from 1867 to 1873 and from 1878 until his death of a stroke in 1891.

An Interview with local RCMP officer, Corporal, Keith Kosior

(P) First, when and why did you join?

(K) I joined training on May 8, 2003. I graduated from depot on October 14, 2003. The reason I joined is because I've always wanted to be an officer. In grade 1 and 9, we filled out a paper of what we wanted to be when we grew up, and it was repeatedly an RCMP officer and wanting to be able to help people.

(P) Second, what is the funnest part?

(K) The fun things are going out, meeting new people, and investigating and solving crime.

(P) Third, what is your routine and what do you eat?

(K) I start by getting gear ready, checking the patrol car and then going to patrol. I pack leftovers for lunch often or find fast food restaurants to eat at.

(P) Fourth, how many calls do you get a day, month, and year?

(K) Calls vary from place to place, time to time but often in policing, you have times of calm, and times of chaos.

(P) fifth, how did you find friends in the RCMP?

(K) When in the RCMP, you work closely with other officers at detachments and have shared experiences and bonds with others.

(P) sixth, how many chases have you been in?

(K) I have been in a lot over my career. With change in rules, vehicle pursuits are not as frequent and there are a lot of things you can't pursuit today that you could before.

(P) Seventh, when was your first arrest?

(K) My first arrest was in the city of Melville, Saskatchewan.

(P) Eight, why do you think it is good to be in the RCMP?

(K) The world always needs officers, and we need good officers to make the world safe

(P) Ninth, Are your cases interesting?

(K) A lot of them are interesting, although they might be similar, each case is different.

(P) Tenth, would you recommend going into the RCMP?

(K) There are many factors in our recent history that have made policing challenging. There are also many factors, positive and negative, that are unique to the RCMP. I would recommend anyone who are interested in a job in the RCMP, take the time to learn as much as you can about what RCMP members do.

(P) Eleventh, what kind of cases do you do?

(K) As a front-line police officer, you can be expected to respond to all types of calls from property crime to persons crime to traffic crime or collisions. Everything and anything.

(P) Twelfth, have you tased anyone before?

(K) Yes, I have used the taser in my career multiple times.

(P) Thirteenth, what happens when you get hurt on the job?

(K) If you get hurt at work, you are checked by a medical professional, and if the injury prevents you from doing usual police work, you can be put on light duties (which is office work only) or off duty injured until able to come back.

(P) Fourteenth, how many different cars have you driven?

(K) I've driven trucks, cars, SUV's, fully marked and unmarked cars (ghost cars).

(P) Fifteenth, what rank are you?

(K) I am corporal, which is middle ranked in all.

(P) Sixteenth, have you ever ridden a horse?

(K) Sadly, no, I have not. 😞

(P) Seventeenth, how long did you go to school?

(K) After high school, I went to the university of regina for four years and obtained a degree and then went to RCMP depot for six months. Even after that, officers are constantly taking other courses.

(P) What was your major?

(K) My major was psychology. You don't have to go to university to be in the RCMP, but additional school is beneficial.

THANKS TO OFFICERS LIKE KEITH, OUR WORLD IS A BETTER PLACE!