

AFTOA QUARTERLY UPDATE

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Welcome to the AFTOA quarterly newsletter

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On behalf of myself and the rest of the AFTOA executive we want to thank you for taking the time to be active and engaged in the training of our provinces firefighters. As an association we understand everyone is passionate about serving their community and department and we are hoping to increase our ability to network with other instructors to share ideas, methods to deliver training, and help build on the great work that is already being done in many departments. We are successful by working together and sharing not only our successes but also times where we have learned from either a close call on an incident or through experience. The intent of our association is to increase our communication and conversations as an industry and start to network with other instructors to share ideas, methods to deliver training, and help build on the great work that is already being done in many

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Communications Officer

The AFTOA sees the importance of communicating with its membership and the industry to help maintain consistent and relevant information moving to the members. The posting for a communications officer that will work on managing the Facebook site, the official website, as well as work on the monthly newsletter to distribute to member's will help manage the priority task of communications. The posting is attached with a brief job description and submission of interest should be forwarded to:

abfiretrainingofficers@gmail.com.

REGION NEWS – The regional zone representatives will provide a regular update on what is occurring from zone meetings to courses inside of their area.

NORTH ZONE - Use this style to create headlines for each article.

CENTRAL ZONE –

We are seeking a central zone representative currently. Please submit your name to the AFTOA general e-mail if you are interested.

SOUTH ZONE

We are seeking a south zone representative currently. Please submit your name to the AFTOA general e-mail
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departments. We are successful by working together and sharing not only our successes but also times where we learn from failures so we avoid any injury or fatality within our industry. These lessons only serve to better enhance our departments getting safer and more proficient.

AFTOA Regional Zones

When the AFTOA originally formed we had discussed the need for zones to help provide on the ground communications to members, make meetings of members more accessible and represent the province geographical areas accurately. We looked at several options and have developed a North, Central and Southern zone. Currently our zone map is set based on respective training areas we were made aware of, with consideration to the AFCA zones, and also AHS zones as medical response is a service provided by many departments. We currently are looking for feedback and recommendations on any changes to the boundaries set so we have the most accurate representation within these zones. Please provide feedback and input to the AFTOA through email at the general email address.

We are looking for zone representatives in the Central and South zones as well as alternate zone representatives in the North, Central and South zones. If you are interested in running for a zone representative position please submit your name to the AFTOA by June 15th and we will post the names on the website. An election will be held at a zone meeting within 60 days of the names being considered for

Training minutes

In this section we will provide a training drill or topic for consideration. This may have links to resources, other contact information or by a simple quick 10 minute drill. Anyone can submit a training topic to the AFTOA for submission in the monthly newsletter. We also can

accept submissions for the training minutes and this could include a near miss incident, lesson learned from incidents or some technical information.



TRAINING UPDATES

“BeGrainSafe” GRAIN BIN RESCUE

TRAIN THE TRAINER

CANADIAN AGRICULTURE SAFETY ASSOCIATION

The Alberta Fire Training Officers Association, in conjunction with the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association has selected 12 municipal fire service instructors to take the Be Grain Safe train the trainer program. Lakeland College Emergency Training Centre is hosting the Canadian Agricultural Safety Association's (CASA) Be Grain Safe Train the Trainer course on Grain Entrapment Awareness & Rescue with their trailer simulator. This train the trainer course will prepare a fire service instructor to deliver the Be Grain Safe training program to firefighters within their department and region. Candidates selected will attend a 2 day training program and be selected by submitting the attached application. We selected the 12 candidates based on application being complete with all pre-requisites being met, and geographic location.

EVENTS DETAILS

This section below is a area we can list upcoming training information, events where the AFTOA will be involved, and any meetings of the membership.

AFTOA UP COMING EVENTS

GRAIN BIN RESCUE TRAIN THE TRAINER

LAKELAND COLLEGE VERMILLION

MAY 17, 18 2018

Hosted by CASA in conjunction with the AFCA, Lakeland College and the AFTOA.

Application deadline April 6th 2018

AFCA INSTRUCTOR PRE CONFERENCE

NORTHLANDS EXPO CENTER ROOM 301

MAY 26TH 1500HRS.

The AFTOA will be participating in a Round Table Discussion on Fire Service Training in Alberta.

AFTOA GENERAL MEETING

SUTTON PLACE HOTEL WINTER LAKE ROOM

10235 101 STREET, EDMONTON

MAY 26TH 2018 1900 HRS.

THIS WILL BE THE FIRST GENERAL MEETING OF THE AFTOA AND IS OPEN TO CURRENTLY REGISTERED MEMBERS AND ANY POTENTIAL INTERESTED FUTURE MEMBERS.

CANADIAN VOLUNTEER FIRE SERVICE CONFERENCE

SLAVE LAKE

SEPTEMBER 27-30 2018

There will be Hands On Training at this event and the AFTOA will have a booth at the trade show.

SOUTHERN ALBERTA FIRE TRAINING CONFERENCE 2018

LETHBRIDGE

OCTOBER 2018

AFTOA will have a booth at this event.

if you are interested.

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Mission Statement

To support Alberta's municipal, provincial, and federal fire service training officers and instructors by communicating consistent educational information across the province to achieve the required standards for fire and rescue service delivery, and enhance the safety of firefighters and the communities served.



MORE WAYS TO CUSTOMIZE THIS TEMPLATE

FOOTERS

To change the text at the very bottom of each page of your newsletter, click Headers and Footers on the View menu. Use the Header and Footer toolbar to open the footer, and replace the sample text with your own text.

INSERT SYMBOL

It is a good idea to place a small symbol at the end of each article to let the reader know that the article is finished and will not continue onto another page. Position your cursor at the end of the article, click Symbol on the Insert menu, choose the symbol you want, and then click Insert.

Department Profile

We are looking for a submission to our newsletter from any department that is doing something innovative within the training field. We would like a breakdown of the following details for these submissions for our newsletter.

- Department name (municipality that operates)
- Name and rank of person submitting
- Department type (career, composite, Paid on call)
- Number of personnel
- Any specialized services etc.
- What you do to either deliver courses or skill and drill training that's keeping you current or making your department progressive.

This is a great way for us to see what other departments are doing, how they are structured and keeping current with the industry. Feel free to add in other details. Add in pictures or a video link if to enhance your department's profile. Submissions can be sent to the AFOTA general e-mail address.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q: What is a regular department membership?

A: A regular membership is held by a fire department operated by a municipality. Regular membership means a department has 1 vote, and pays 1 fee regardless of the number of training officers registered. For a person to be registered as a regular member they need to be approved by a chief officer within their department.

Q: What is the difference between a regular and associate member?

A: A regular member has 1 vote per department for elections and resolutions, and is eligible to run for an elected position. Associate members will receive the same communication as a regular member, can attend and speak at meetings, but have no voting rights and cannot run for an elected position.

Q: Is the AFTOA going to affiliate with any training organizations or schools?

A: No plans or discussion are occurring to affiliate with any school or organizations. The AFTOA wants to remain neutral with any school and for profit entity to be unbiased when representing municipal training officers. With that in mind we will work as required with any institution under the advisement of the OFC and AFCA if it improves training offered to municipal fire departments.

Q: Is the AFTOA going to regulate training or training officers?

A: NO. The association has not been formed to become a regulatory body for training or police training officers. The association would be better served to act as a voice supporting training officers if this occurred or existed.