

POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION (TITLE):	Tobacco Enforcement Officer	DIVISION:	Health Promotion
REPORTS TO:	Manager, Injury Prevention, Substance Misuse and Tobacco	UNION AFFILIATION:	C.U.P.E Local 1759
REVIEWED: Direct Supervisor	Manager, Injury Prevention, Substance Misuse and Tobacco	DATE: (R) if revised	November 2018
APPROVED:	Director, Health Promotion	DATE:	November 2018
MOH/CEO, Director			
AUDITED:	Human Resources	DATE:	November 2018

POSITION SUMMARY:

Reporting to the Manager – Injury Prevention, Substance Misuse and Tobacco, the Tobacco Enforcement Officer (TEO) will be responsible for the promotion, monitoring and enforcement of the Smoke-Free Ontario (SFO) Act, 2017 and its regulations throughout the District of Thunder Bay in accordance with Ontario Public Health Standards and health unit policy.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:

- 1. Implements and enforces statutes in relation to the Smoke-Free Ontario Act and Regulations;
- Provides information and education on the Act and performs regular inspections, surveillance and compliance checks on all tobacco and vapour product retailers to ensure compliance with the Act;
- 3. Provides support and guidance to youth test shoppers;
- 4. Performs inspections and investigations of premises affected by the Smoke-Free Legislation, ensuring compliance with the Act;
- 5. Responds to related complaints and requests from the public, community partners and municipalities;
- 6. Liaises with the City of Thunder Bay Bylaw Enforcement Department, as well as with other Municipalities;
- 7. Serves as a consultant on matters related to the SFO Act and Regulations, smoking/vaping policy and enforcement issues;
- 8. Schedules enforcement activities based on the prescribed requirements in the SFO Act and Regulations, and ensures priority issues are dealt with;

- Maintains accurate daily activity records and field notes to reflect inspection, investigation and enforcement activities that are consistent with the needs of the prosecutor for legal purposes;
- 10. Assists in preparation of cases for legal proceedings;
- 11. Appears in court on behalf of the Health Unit;
- 12. Participates in a comprehensive approach to tobacco control that includes supporting prevention, protection and cessation programming;
- 13. Participates in program planning, evaluation, documentation and reporting;
- 14. All other duties as required.

QUALIFICATIONS / REQUIREMENTS:

- College Diploma in Law Enforcement (Two Year Program) or equivalent combination of education and experience.
- Ability to become designated as a Provincial Offences Officer.
- Must posses a working knowledge of legislation and standards related to federal and provincial smoking/vaping control, related municipal by-laws and the Provincial Offences Act.
- Demonstrated ability to conduct investigations, surveillance and compliance checks.
- Ability to plan, organize, and prioritize workload.
- Proficiency with current computer applications including experience on computer systems related to data entry and reports.
- Strong written and verbal communication skills.
- Experience conducting education/training sessions.
- Experience in courtroom procedures and knowledge of judicial process an asset.
- Ability to work independently and function effectively within a team with colleagues and community partners.
- Access to vehicle and possession of a valid class "G" Ontario Driver's Licence.
- Willingness to work irregular hours.
- Willingness to travel out of town on overnight trips.

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY:

- Follows all policies and procedures to ensure personal safety and safety of others.
- Reports any equipment or safety problems to supervisor.