

Scott Long, MSM, CD

Scott Long was born and raised in St. John's, Nfld. He enrolled in the Canadian Forces in March of 1988 and was commissioned as an officer in the Royal Canadian Armour Corps as an officer in the Lord Strathcona's Horse (Royal Canadians). He achieved the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel and he participated in operations both at home and overseas. In terms of Domestic Operations within Canada here are a few key highlights:

- The Winnipeg Red River Floods in 1997;
- The planning, coordination and provision of security during the 2001, G8 Summit in Kananaskis, Alberta;
- Established the Canadian Forces Arctic Training Centre in Resolute Bay in support of Canadian sovereignty in 2013; and
- Military Assistance to Albertans during the 2013, South Alberta Floods.



Scott also deployed on operational tours overseas on four occasions:

- Twice to the Former Republic of Yugoslavia, and
- Twice to Afghanistan.

He is a graduate of the Canadian Forces International Command and Staff College, Toronto, Ontario. He has commanded at all of his respective rank levels and participated in high level planning, coordination and operations within NATO and the United Nations.

After 28 years in the military, Scott retired from the Regular Forces on 20 June 2014. After a weekend of much enjoyed retirement golf he joined the Government of Alberta (GOA) in his current position as the Executive Director Provincial Operations, Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA).

In this role he has led the AEMA Operations team in coordinating the GOA response during the 2014 flood season, 2015 wildfire season and most notably the Fort McMurray Interface Wildfire response in May and June of 2016.

Chuck MacDonald

Chuck MacDonald is from Saskatoon and holds a B.Sc. (Geology) from the University of Saskatchewan. He was first employed in the mining field with the Saskatchewan Mining and Development Corporation and worked on gold exploration projects in northern Saskatchewan. In 1987, he joined the RCMP and served in Alberta, Northwest Territories, Nunavut, and Saskatchewan. In 2012, he retired from the RCMP and took a position as the Compliance Assurance Manager for Alberta Environment in Fort McMurray. In 2013, Chuck took over as the Regional Compliance Manager for the Lower Athabasca Region for Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development. Chuck



joined the Alberta Energy Regulator as the manager of enforcement and surveillance for oil sands mines in January 2014 and leads a team of 10 staff. Chuck and his team's primary role is to oversee and ensure that oil sands mine operators are compliant with Alberta's rules and regulations. They accomplish this through incident response, emergency management, inspections, and education.

Maria Skog

Maria Skog joined the Alberta Energy and Utilities Board a predecessor to the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER) in 2001. In January 2017, she was named the Director of Mining in the AER's Environment and Operational Performance branch out of Edmonton, Alberta.

Maria is responsible for a team that handles mine inspections, incident response, and emergency management of oil sands mines, coal mines and dam safety. Maria's role has led her to also work as an alternate Consequence Management Officer for the AER. The position has allowed Maria to share her expertise at the Provincial Operations Centre (POC) during emergencies like the 2013 southern Alberta floods and the Fort McMurray wildfires in the spring of 2016. Previously in her career at the Regulator, Maria has worked in multiple areas including the utilities section and stakeholder engagement.

Maria is a people leader and graduated from Northern Alberta Institute of Technology with a Business Management Diploma focusing on Human Resources. She has also completed leadership programs through the University Of Alberta Faculty Of Extension and with the AER. Maria; her career with the AER allows her to balance her passion for her work with her family life.



Colin Woods

Colin Woods established the foundation of his career working on drilling rigs in Alberta. He later achieved certification as a Certified Engineering Technologist, with a focus in mechanical engineering. For the past thirteen years Colin has worked for the Alberta Energy Regulator (AER). He has been the manager of Enforcement and Surveillance, In Situ Sector, leading the Bonnyville Field Centre for the last seven years. Incident response is a primary business function of an AER field centre. Colin's incident response experience is as vast as it is diverse. Highlights of his experience include representing the AER at the regional emergency operations centre in response to the Horse River wildfire that burned through Fort McMurray in May 2016, the Nexen pipeline spill (Alberta's largest pipeline release) in July 2015, and the Primrose flow-to-surface incident in June 2013. An effective incident response includes more than assuring public safety and environmental protection. It also requires effectively managing operational impacts, economic impacts, stakeholder engagement, regulatory affairs, media, and special interest groups.

