

Gale McMahon bio

Gale is currently working for the City of Calgary as Emergency Management and Business Continuity Planner for the Planning, Development and Assessment Department.

She comes from a local government background and transitioned specifically to emergency management in 1999. Gale has over 16 years of emergency management experience working as the Emergency Program Manager for the Fraser Valley Regional District, Emergency Planning Officer, Vancouver Police Department, and contract work as Acting Manager, Emergency Programs for the City of Richmond.

Gale has been involved in many emergency activations at either the field level or site support level in the capacity of Public Information Officer, Liaison Officer or EOC Director. She has experience with ESS and community volunteer management, staff training, development of emergency management programs, policy/procedures, drills, tabletop and functional exercises. Gale trained senior police personnel leading up to the 2010 Olympics and worked as a Planning Section Chief in the Vancouver Police Department's Operations Centre during the Olympics.

She has trained at the Canadian Emergency Preparedness College in Ontario, Justice Institute of BC and the Northern Alberta Institute of Technology where she has obtained certificates in Public Sector Emergency Management and Industrial Emergency Management. She also has obtained her Associate Business Continuity Professional designation through DRI. Gale will complete her Emergency Management Diploma in April 2016.