

## What is the Range of Pay?


Starting wage for industry newcomers is approximately \$150-180/day. An individual with previous experience may start at \$220-260/day. Most employers cover all accommodation costs while the employee is working, and a daily living allowance, called Hotshot, of \$40.00/day is given to each employee to be used for food. When interviewing with companies it is best to inquire if this benefit is offered.



## Accommodation and Travel While on Shift

Crews either stay in hotels/motels that are close to the worksite, or if the program is taking place in a remote area where hotels/motels are unavailable, camps may be used. Camps vary depending on the managing company, and location. All meals in camp are included; therefore the daily living allowance of \$40.00/ day is not passed out. Camps typically include washroom facilities, recreation rooms (include exercise equipment, televisions, etc.) laundry, towels & bedding, and open kitchens.

Most of the time companies will provide transportation of workers from point of rest (hotel/motel or camp) to the worksite; however depending on your roles and responsibilities you may be required to drive yourself from point of rest to the worksite.



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## Careers in Seismic



## Buried Facilities Locator (BFL)

## **Position Name: Buried Facilities Locator (BFL)**

### **Description of Position**

- Uses information and maps from oil companies, as well as field evidence to determine the location of buried pipelines, cables, and other utilities;
- Uses specialized equipment to find, track, and mark pipelines and buried utilities of all kinds;
- Responsible for finding and documenting all pipelines and other utilities in the area the seismic program is taking place;
- Responsible for the training and safety of the locator's helper;
- A valid driver's license is an asset and may be required by some companies in order to obtain employment. Potential candidates should also be aware that a driver's abstract may be required;
- It should also be noted that some companies will require drug and alcohol testing prior to employment.



### **Training Requirements**

In order to achieve BFL certification, individuals are required to complete the three day Buried Facility Locator – Basic course offered through Enform. Upon successful completion of this course, individuals are then required to successfully pass the two day BFL – Seismic course.

A minimum of 60 days field experience

working with an experienced Locator in the seismic industry, and successful completion of the BFL Basic course are required prior to taking this course.



### **Career Path and Advancement from the Position of Surveyor**

Upon successful completion of required training a person can go into various industries as a Buried Facilities Locator – such as Seismic, Telephone/Communications, Pipeline, Gas, H2O, Sewer, Plants, Electrical etc.



### **Is On-The-Job Training Provided?**

Initial training for those new to the industry may include, but is not limited to:

- Company orientations (review of company policies, procedures, expectations etc.);
- Basic Safety Awareness (introduction to petroleum industry hazards, tasks, safe work procedures, emergency response planning, communication, tools, driving, etc.);
- WHMIS (Workplace Hazardous Materials Information System);
- H2S Aware (awareness training for hydrogen sulphide gases);
- Transportation of Dangerous Goods (TDG);
- First Aid/CPR;

- General Oilfield Driver Improvement (GODI) (awareness training for operating vehicles 5500kg GVW and over);
- Off Highway Vehicle Training (ATV's, UTV's, snowmobiles).

Additional Seasonal Training may be included such as:

- Wildlife Awareness (awareness training for dealing with wildlife);
- Cold Weather Awareness (awareness training for dealing with cold illnesses, clothing, blizzard conditions, appropriate footwear, industry hazards).

Generally most companies will provide their employees with up-to-date training in order to keep their skills current and up to the industry standard, however the responsibility may lie with the employee or potential employee to obtain some training courses on their own time.



### **Hours Worked/Standard Shift Rotation**

- 12- 14 hours per day, seven days a week (includes travel time to and from the worksite, as well as lunches and breaks;
- Shift rotation varies from 21 days on/4 days off, 24 days on/4 days off, or 28 days on/7 days off.