

# CREW LEADER - MUNICIPAL

## JOB DESCRIPTION

Position would oversee the operations and scheduling of the forestry field crew(s) and equipment, ensuring that crews are operating safely, efficiently, and effectively. The foreperson must deal with resident issues or public concerns on an individual basis, frequently working with little direct supervision.

## TYPICAL BACKGROUND

Most individuals becoming forepersons and supervisors have been working in the industry for a number of years. At least 3 years of field experience in arboricultural activities will most likely be required.

## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

At minimum, a high school diploma is required, and a two or four-year degree is often sought. Computer experience is highly desirable. Knowledge of all phases of tree care is beneficial. ISA Arborist Certification may be required.



## EDUCATION/TRAINING NEEDS

- Safe work practices
- Knowledge of personnel rules and management
- Good communication skills
- Knowledge of safe and proper climbing and aerial lift operation procedures
- Chain saw use & safety procedures
- Tree identification
- Insect and disease recognition
- Knots and rope operations for rigging
- Work site safety and hazard recognition
- Ability to read and understand a MSDS sheet
- Back injury prevention
- Proper equipment use and maintenance
- Pruning principals and techniques
- Need and appropriate use of PPE
- Safe vehicle operation
- EHAP, CPR, and first aid procedures
- Emergency procedures

## EDUCATION TRAINING MATERIALS

- NAA: *Foreman Training Program*
- NAA: *Home Study Program*
- ISA *Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas*
- ISA: *Arborists' Certification Study Guide*
- ISA ArborMaster Video Series and Workbook: *Chain Saw Use and Safety*
- NAA Video: *Back Injury Prevention*
- ISA ArborMaster Video Series and Book: *The Art and Science of Practical Rigging*
- ANSI Z133.1 Safety Standards
- ANSI A300 Pruning
- ANSI A300 Cabling and Bracing
- NAA Video set: *Rigging for Removal*
- NAA Tailgate Safety Program
- Electrical Hazards Awareness Program
- Best Management Practice: Pruning
- Best Management Practice: Tree Support Systems
- ISA: *Plant Health Care for Woody Ornamentals*

## CERTIFICATIONS/LICENSES

ISA Certified Arborist; Commercial Drivers License (CDL) will likely be required; State Pesticide Applicator License is often required.

## TYPICAL FUTURE CAREER PATHS

Municipal tree forepersons/supervisors usually progress to positions of further management responsibilities such as superintendent, city arborist, or village forester. Some workers may switch to similar positions in other aspects of tree care such as commercial or utility operations.