

EVAN DEARMAN



Then a friend who had been working for the last five years as an electrician told him about CAREERS: The Next Generation. His friend had been through a CAREERS program himself,

"It worked out great for him and he had nothing but good things to say about the program. So that was my new plan."

Evan connected with a CAREERS Field Director who helped find him

Evan Dearman has found a calling in his work. Evan is now training to be a carpenter and looks forward to his professional future, although his career pathway wasn't always so clear.

When the wildfires struck Fort McMurray in 2016, many Canadians felt compelled to find their own way to help. Evan, who was living on the east coast, says that before the fires he didn't have any clear plans,

"but after the fire a lot of my friends did come out for the rebuild and that's when the bug was kind of planted in my ear that this could be something for me."

The Fort McMurray wildfires were one of the most costly and destructive disasters in Canadian history.

"I wasn't here for the fire. But my sister and my brother-in-law were out here, and their three kids, and they lost everything to the fire. They moved back about 8 months after the fire and they're still rebuilding."

Upon his arrival in Fort McMurray, Evan struggled with launching his career. After finding a few odd jobs and employment with a few carpenters he found the experiences to be,

"kind of discouraging and [he] almost turned away from it."



placement with One Rule Construction.

"Now I could see myself doing this long term. Definitely. It's been phenomenal. It's changed my life in so many ways. A new place, a new start and I finally have the opportunity to grow within the community."

Evan came to Fort McMurray wanting to help rebuild what was lost in the devastating Fort McMurray fires and was then able to find opportunity to build a future of his own.