



**To:** SSIFPD Chair Lee & Fire Trustees  
**From:** Chief Tom Bremner  
**Date:** July 20<sup>th</sup> / 2015  
**Sub:** SSIFR Monthly Report (June / 2015)

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SSIFR responded to **70** "Calls for Assistance" during the previous month.

Medical First Response	26
Miscellaneous	20
Alarm Sounding	7
Chimney Fires	1
Public Assist	1
Brush Fire	3
Hydro	3
Motor Vehicle Incidents	3
Structure Fires	2
Rescue	1
Vehicle Fire	3

**Operational Activities - Chief Bremner & D/C George:** During the month the Chief and Deputy Chief attended the annual BC Fire Chief's (FCABC) Conference in Penticton. D/C George is the co- chair of the event for the FCABC Association. There were 263 Chief Officers in attendance. The five day conference contained daily training & information sessions starting at 7:15am until 5pm each day, with networking events in the evenings.

Both SSIFR Chief's were engaged in the sessions as well as reviewed many of the latest service tools, equipment including new or demo apparatus. This event is one of the top events in the country for learning, refreshing and connecting with Chief Officers. Instructors for the event came from as far away as Great Britain and across North America. Chief Bremner was appointed as the FCABC Zone One Deputy Director for Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

**Station & Apparatus repairs:** We continually repair & monitor each station for on-going structural / operational issues.

**Occupational Health & Safety Committee Report:** Meeting minutes are posted on the Ganges OH&S bulletin board.

**Training Division Report - A/C Jamie Holmes:** Recruit Firefighters have completed the required job performance requirements (JPRs) for assisting on the fire ground and have been issued pagers. They continued adding skills working with the regular Platoons in various scenarios and received their Emergency Scene Traffic Control certification.

Our regular members worked together on auto X, wildland, and structure fire scenarios this month, wrapping the month up with our annual Platoon Challenge. Congratulations to C Platoon members Capt. Gaudet, FF N. Pursell, FF McDougall, FF C. Pohl, FF Gowans, FF Westlake, FIT Holzapfel and Recruit Proudfoot.

On the special operation front the Rope Rescue team, Pump team and the Auto X team both held practices to work on skills maintenance and efficiencies. Two members were sent to Langley for the BCFTOA training conference. Topics included Fire Behavior, Auto X, CISM, Leadership Training, Incident Safety Officer and many other updates on techniques and technology.

**Current SSIFR total membership status is: 44**

- Interior Firefighters (Career & POC) **33**
- FIT's (Field Incident Technicians) **5**
- Recruits **6**
- No retirement since last meeting
- No promotions since last meeting

**Fire Inspection Report - Captain Dale Lundy:**

Commercial Inspections	<b>11</b>
Fire Safety Plan Review	<b>2</b>
Driveway Inspections	<b>5</b>
Emergency Responses	<b>30</b>
Fire Investigations	<b>3</b>
Special Permit Inspections	<b>1</b>
Burning Permits	<b>1417 (for 2015)</b>

Captain Lundy continues to process and handle the inspection activities for SSIFR as well as prepared an extensive Inspection Summary report for the Chief, proctored an Investigation Exam for Lt. Peter Andress, and completed a 1 month online course for continuing education. There were several issues requiring code research, (addressing, driveways, and renovations in a commercial structure, HVAC in the district's schools, emergency lighting and fire alarms), assisted in training on 2 nights working with the recruits as well as participated in 3 career training sessions. Work is beginning again with the low cost housing project on Rainbow Road which we will continue to work closely with.

**Public Education Report – Lt Mitchell Sherrin:** Taught fire extinguisher training to Artspring ushers (10) and two sessions to employees at Island Savings Credit Union (21 total) and conducted a fire investigation on the fire at Wright Road, conducted a full day hands-on clean up of broom and gorse at various locations in partnership with SSI Conservancy volunteers and SSI Wood Chipping with funding from MOT and donations as a FireSmart demonstration project. We taught fire suppression techniques to Maracaibo neighborhood volunteers (35), participated in two FireSmart education sessions at Swartz Bay ferry terminal in partnership with Pender Island Fire Rescue (approximately 100+ contacts per day), managed the Canada Day family fun festivities at the Royal Canadian Legion (lots of attendees) and assisted two parents on individual appointments to safely install their car seats. We taught a FireSmart session with the SSI Emergency Programme at the Community Gospel Church (35 attendees), visited the Little Red Schoolhouse preschool and chatted with eight children and three adults about fire safety, attended a SSI Composting meeting to help promote FireSmart initiatives and encourage alternatives to open burning. We assisted the SSIFFA to host a community fireworks display for Canada Day in conjunction with the SSI Chamber of Commerce (100s of attendees) and continue to issue fire permits and host informal fire-truck and fire-hall tours.

Rotary Smoke Alarm program; we continue to remind residents it is the law that all single family dwellings require working smoke alarms. Please contact SSIFR if you have questions or require assistance at 250.537.2531.

Burning permit season effective April 15th each year until October 15th each year. Permits are valid until December 31<sup>st</sup> of that same year before renewal is required for all classes of burning except Class 3. Permits can be obtained (for free) at the Ganges Fire Station during regular office hours. Please visit [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com) to review bans or conditions.