

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

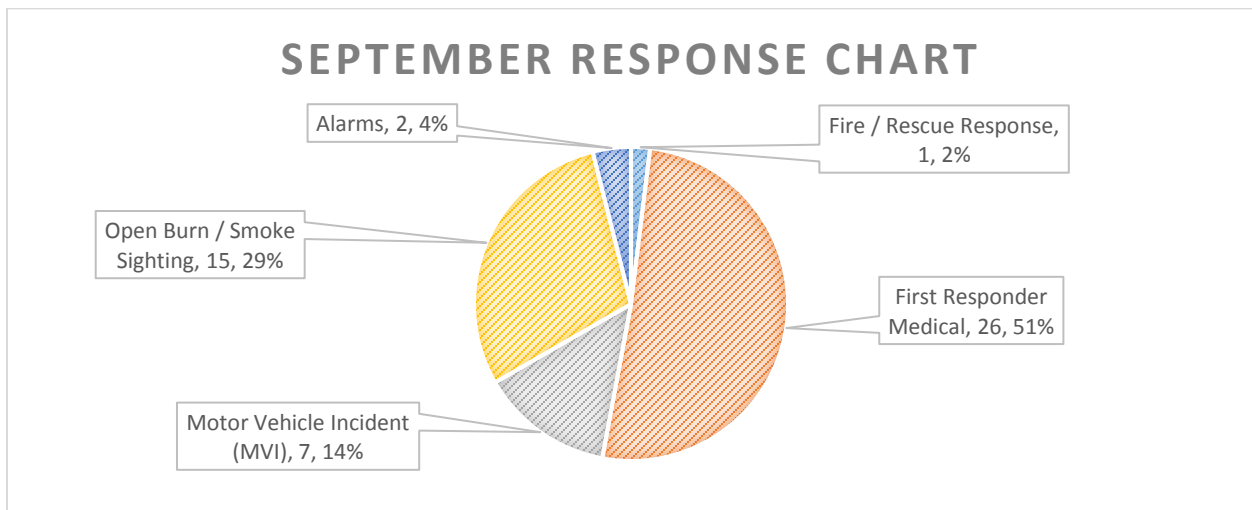
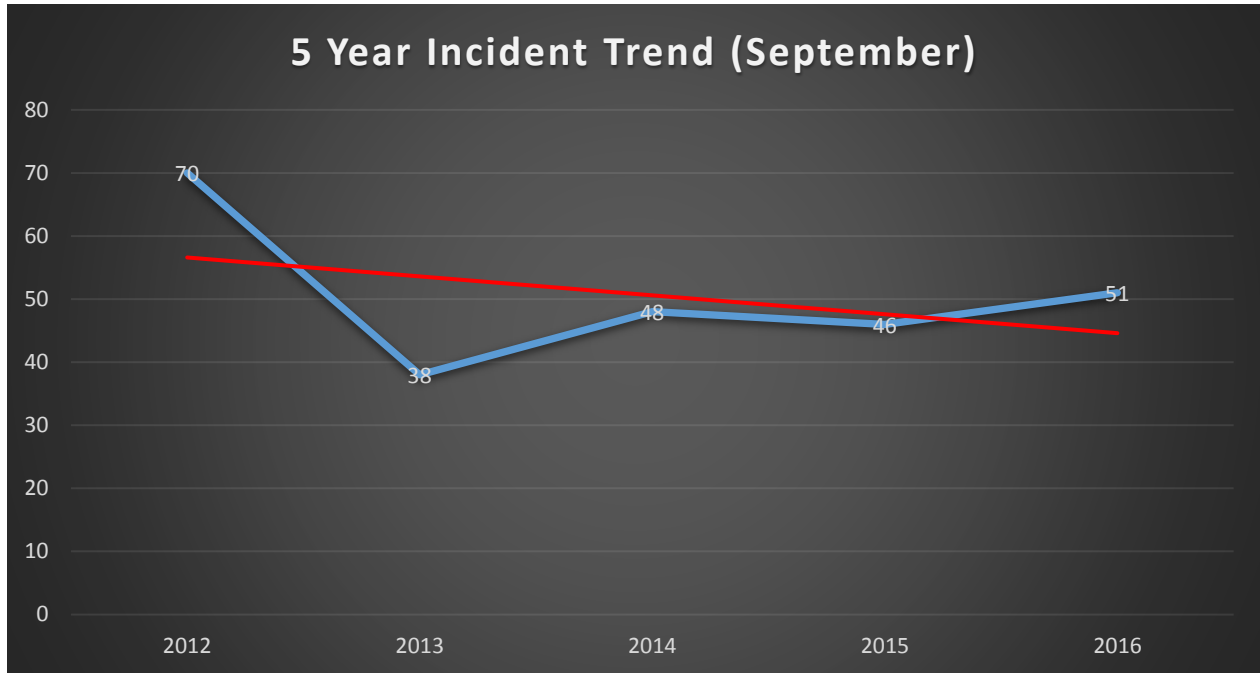
Fire Chief's Report

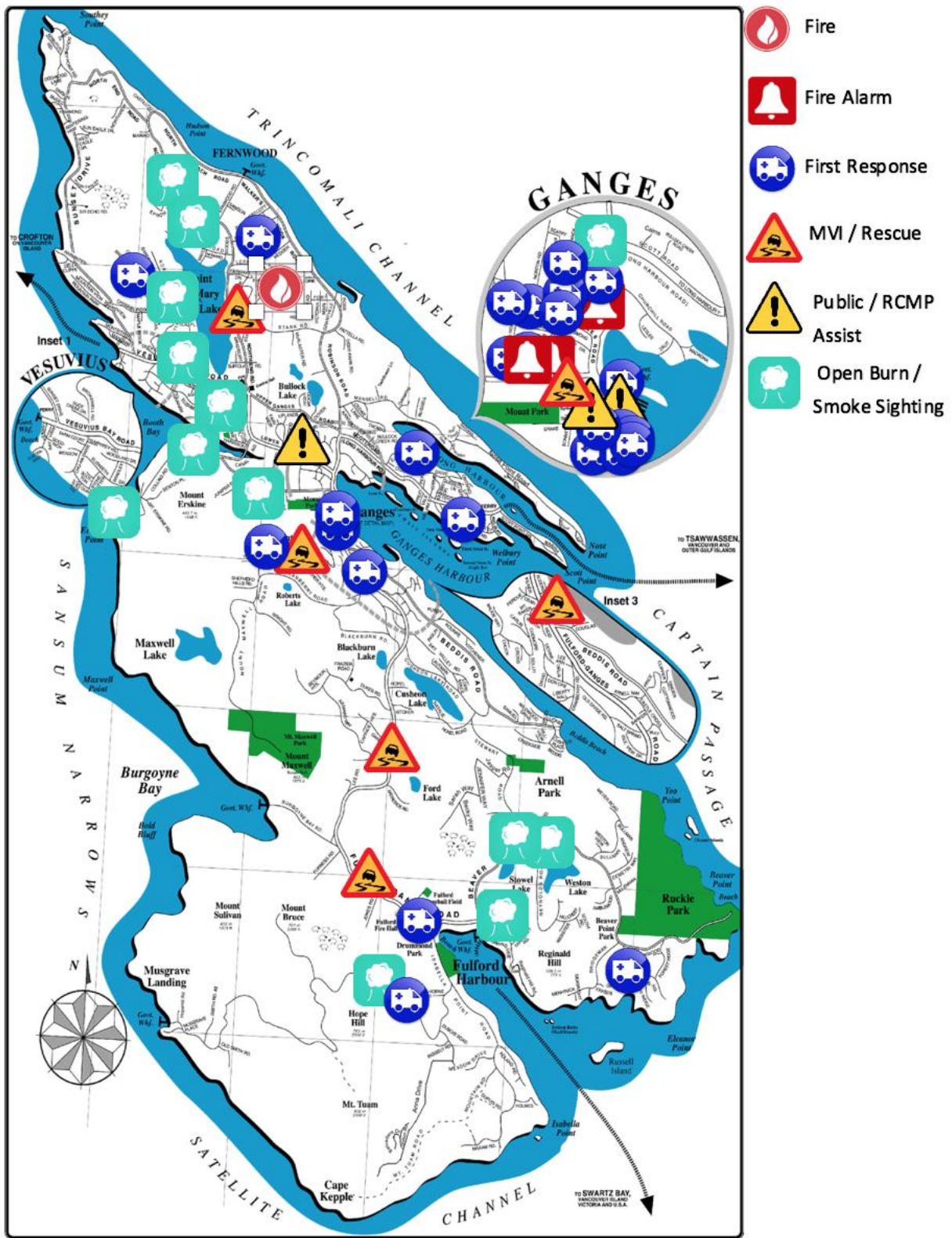
September 2016



Response Report

The five-year trend for incidents in the month of September has been fairly consistent. 2012 recorded seventy (70), but the subsequent years only show a variance of a few calls. In September 2016 Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue members attended fifty-one (51) incidents.





Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue – Sept. 1-30 2016 Response Stats – TOTAL 51 RESPONSES

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FIRE CALLS:

| BURN ENQUIRY | RESIDENTIAL FALSE ALARM | BURNING | | MACHINE PILE /chainsaw COMPLAINT | | CHIMNEY | VEHICLE/TRAFFIC CONTROL | SMOKE/ CO ALARM | HYDRO | COMMERCIAL ALARM BELLS | |
|--------------|-------------------------|---------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------|-----------------|-------|------------------------|-------------|
| | | LEGAL | ILLEGAL | LEGAL | ILLEGAL | | | | | WITH CAUSE | FALSE ALARM |
| - | - | 1 | 11 | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 2 |

| RESCUE | TRASH/ DUMPSTER | OUTSIDE OF AREA | MISC flooding | SMOKE SMELL IN STRUCTURE <i>Appliance fire</i> | SMOKE SIGHTING FALSE ALARM | STRUCTURE FIRE | BRUSH/GRASS | MVI (no injuries) | HAZMAT (exterior dumping) |
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FIRST RESPONDER CALLS: (SSIFR 1st on scene 11/29 - 38%)

| MEDICAL | TRAUMA | | RESPIRATORY | STOOD DOWN | CARDIAC | | ASSIST BCAS/RCMP | MVI WITH INJURIES |
|---------|--------|-------|-------------|------------|----------|--------|------------------|-------------------|
| | MAJOR | MINOR | | | WITH CPR | NO CPR | | |
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Operations Update

The new personal protective equipment extraction machine has been purchased and we are awaiting delivery of the unit.

The new Tender that is on order has now been pushed to a January 2017 Delivery. Once the apparatus is on the production floor, more frequent updates will be provided.

September 30th Trustee Forest, Lieutenant Sherrin and Acting Chief George met to begin the drafting of a Fire Inspection Policy. The proposed policy will cover inspection frequency, process and will meet the New Fire Safety Act requirements.

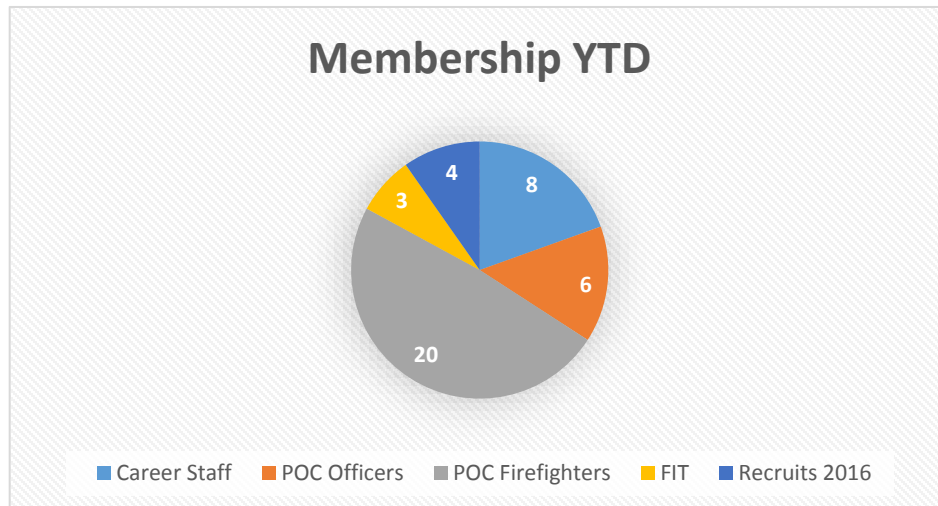
At a recent Fire Chief Leadership meeting in Langford Bob Cooper from the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) provided some updates to the new Fire Safety Act. The new Fire Safety Act which is replacing the Fire Services Act has been given Royal Assent and is expecting to roll out late spring 2017. The OFC is establishing a new train the trainer program detailing the new Act. The OFC also has formed working groups who are establishing the new standards for Inspectors and Investigators. The first reading can be viewed here at <https://www.leg.bc.ca/parliamentary-business/legislation-debates-proceedings/40th-parliament/5th-session/bills/first-reading/gov04-1>



As Acting Fire Chief, I would like to thank the board of Trustees for declaring the OFC Playbook Full Service Training Standard for our Department and our community.

The burning restrictions were lifted September 26th for the Fire Protection District. All forms of burning are now permitted but require a fire permit. (Now required year-round). For more information, please visit http://www.saltspringfire.com/burning_regs.php

Membership



Our Membership remains at 41. We have one member who's six month leave of absence expires in October.

At our Annual Fall Fair Recruitment booth, we saw great interest in community members joining the Fire Department. Numerous applications were picked up over the two days. The application deadline is October 31st, with the Class of 2017 starting in January. Applications can be downloaded at <http://www.saltspringfire.com/recruit.php>

Training Division

September 10th Employees and District Trustees (10) partook in a full day workshop on Salt Spring Island led by the BC Fed Health and Safety Centre on Bullying and Harassment. Plans are underway to share the information in January 2017 with all employees, volunteers and board members.

In September Acting Chief George spent a day at the University of Victoria attending a workshop on the regulations pertaining to the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FIPPA). Acting Chief George also began studies at B.C.I.T. "Principles of Management". (Sept – Dec 2016)

Four (4) Paid On Call junior members attended the IAFF Hazardous Materials course in Sooke BC. This course was offered at a fraction of the cost to what the JIBC HAZMAT course costs. This course is a requirement for NFPA 1001 FFII certification.

Our 2016 recruits (4) are progressing nicely and have now completed Module 7 of their NFPA 1001 FFII modules.



During September additional training was offered in Auto Extrication, Rope Rescue, and Fire Pump operations. Our SSIFR Officers also met in September discussing operational issues and training.

All our membership has now been fully trained in the new Fire Manager software for scheduling. This program provides access to all members 24/7 on scheduled events, shifts, and incident tracking.

Inspection and Public Education Division

In September there was fourteen (14) commercial inspections completed, along with two (2) driveway inspections. Our Prevention Captain also reviewed one new building plan for construction and two site inspections for water supply for fire suppression.

Our Public Education team also staffed the Fall Fair booth not only promoting our recruit drive, but also Fire Smart, and other fire prevention messages.

In preparation for Fire Prevention Week, our public educators developed new lesson plans, and activities focused around Smoke Alarms. This year's theme is **"Don't Wait Check the Date!"**

Smoke alarms should be replaced every ten years. To find out how old your smoke alarm is, check the manufacture date on the back. Some alarms will also post a replacement date on the back or side. If you receive multiple false activations, contact the fire hall to learn tips on types of alarms and alarm placement. Ultimately, dust and dirt accumulate on smoke-alarm sensors; which causes them to fail. A dusty environment will shorten the life of a smoke alarm. Periodic vacuuming will extend the life of a smoke alarm and help to reduce false activations.



Upcoming Events

- Fire Prevention Week Oct
- Paid On Call Recruitment Application Deadline Oct 31st
- Halloween Public Fireworks Display

Respectfully Submitted

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