

**To:** SSIFPD Chair Lee & Fire Trustees  
**From:** Chief Tom Bremner  
**Date:** August 17<sup>th</sup> / 2015  
**Sub:** SSIFR Monthly Report (July / 2015)

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SSIFR responded to **63 “Calls for Assistance”** during the previous month.

Medical First Response	13
Miscellaneous	28
Alarm Sounding	4
Public Assist	6
Brush Fire	1
Hazardous Materials	1
Hydro	3
Motor Vehicle Incidents	5
Rescue	1
Vehicle Fire	1

**Operational Activities - Chief Bremner & D/C George:**

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual SSIFR “Training in Paradise” educational event took place July 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> with ten different training courses. One course began July 6<sup>th</sup> and another began on July 9<sup>th</sup> and the rest on July 10<sup>th</sup> for an overall total of ten training courses being offered. A total of 96 Firefighters (23 SSIFR members) from across BC attended from 26 communities. Courses were held at the Ganges Fire Station, GISS and SSIFR Fulford Training Ground. Visiting firefighters and families attending the event enjoyed our island, shopping at local businesses, attending the market and eating out at many venues. In partnership with many other local agencies and businesses the event once again was a huge success. This annual event continues to permit our local firefighters to remain on Island with their families to obtain training which along with other cost saving measures save taxpayers’ dollars in comparison to going off island for such training requirements. A huge “Thank you” to everyone involved, we look forward to the 13<sup>th</sup> annual “Training in Paradise”

As noted in our monthly & yearly incident reports F/R (Medical) calls are the highest category of calls we respond to. On average F/R calls are experiencing five members attending. During the day time 7am to 5pm it is primarily career staff who handle them with a few POC’s assisting. From 5pm to 7am primarily POC members handle them with the Duty Officer. An average timeframe for each F/R call is 1 hour.

During July the “Duty shifts” were filled in the following manner; Career – 23 shifts, Chief – 6 shifts, D/C – 2 shifts.

**Station & Apparatus:** We continually monitor & repair each station for ongoing structural / operational readiness.

**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 are continuing their learning right through the summer adding Auto Extrication and Ground Ladders to their skill set. With half the year completed, the recruits are realizing the commitment it takes to learn all proficiencies it takes to stay safe on the emergency grounds.

Our regular members worked together on a auto extrication scenario, rappelling off the training building, wrapping the month up with a major scenario combining Auto X with Rope Rescue during an over the bank Motor Vehicle Incident.

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.

**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>20</b>
Fire Safety Plan Review	<b>2</b>
Driveway Inspections	<b>1</b>
Dry Hydrant Review	<b>1</b>
Emergency Responses	<b>10</b>
Fire Investigations	<b>0</b>
Special Permit Inspections	<b>1</b>
Burning Permits	<b>1419 (for 2015)</b>

Captain Lundy's month in conjunction with his normal monthly duties started with the training week end, attended a two day training course at the Justice Institute in New Westminster, worked with Chris Joynson, instructed two Tuesday nights drills and assisted with two Fire Safety Plans with local businesses.

**Public Education Report – Lt Mitchell Sherrin:**

Lt Sherrin with the assistance of POC members & staff continues to conduct public education, prevention activities and respond to inquiries.

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.