

To: SSIFPD Chair Lee & Fire Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: June 15th / 2015
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (May/ 2015)



SSIFR responded to **49 "Calls for Assistance"** during the previous month.

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| Medical First Response | 20 |
| Miscellaneous | 14 |
| Alarm Sounding | 7 |
| Public Assist | 2 |
| Brush Fire | 1 |
| Police Assist | 1 |
| Hydro | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle Incidents | 1 |
| Rescue | 1 |
| Vehicle Fire | 1 |

Operational Activities - Chief Bremner & D/C George:

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

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

Recommendations of the WGR: Management is processing and moving forward.

Training Division Report - A/C Jamie Holmes:

Recruit firefighters spent the month advancing their fire ground knowledge through hose handling, appliances and streams, foam and testing of both hose and hydrants.

Our regular members reviewed medical procedures for a mass-casualty incident, drafting with portable pumps, command set-up and rapid attack drills which challenge firefighters to get water on the fire as soon as possible upon arrival.

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. A weekend Hazardous Material Awareness course was attended by nine members and one member attended the CRD Hazmat team training at UVic. We had members from both the Prevention branch and Training branch attend their annual workshops and we look forward to them passing along the information they gained from their training sessions.

Current SSIFR membership status is: 44

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| Paid On Call Firefighters: | 19 |
| Paid On Call Officers: | 6- 3 Captains / 3 Lieutenants |
| Paid On Call F.I.T.'s (Field Incident Technicians) | 5 |
| Career Chiefs: | 3- 1- Chief / 2- Operational Chief's (Deputy & Assistant Chief) |
| Career Officers: | 3- 1- Captain / 2- Lieutenants. |
| Career Firefighters: | 2 |
| Recruits (In training) | 6 |



Fire Inspection Report - Captain Dale Lundy:

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| Commercial Inspections | 8 |
| Re-Inspections | 3 |
| Driveway Inspections | 1 |
| Emergency Responses | 9 |
| Burning Permits | 1342 (for 2015) |

Captain Lundy attended the Fire Prevention Officer's Conference in Kamloops. This conference primarily dealt with inspection based learning, covering several aspects of the inspection process. Captain Lundy also attended an Occupational Health & Safety Training in Nanaimo. Captain Lundy trained recruits and worked with our special needs person (Chris Joynson) twice. Started preliminary work for the "Training in Paradise" event; as well as provided information & technical support in regards to securing a water source in the south end for firefighting purposes. This will be a dry hydrant located in the Skywater Estates, a 27 lot subdivision. Captain Lundy continues to take correspondence courses covering Fire Officer 3 material.

Public Education Monthly Report – Lt Mitchell Sherrin:

Lt. Sherrin continues to provide Public Educational sessions with the assistances of our Paid on- Call members. We visited the Little Red Schoolhouse preschool and chatted with eight children and three adults about fire safety. SSIFR hosted 48 students and three adults from Fernwood Elementary school and taught them about fire and life safety. We hosted 25 students and 10 parents from the SSI Co-operative Preschool and taught them about fire and life safety. We assisted six parents on individual appointments to safely install their car seats. We have been working with members of the "Cut Broom in Bloom", and SSI Composting programmes and various partner organizations to promote FireSmart principles with those programmes. We have been meeting with various community groups toward planning public FireSmart sessions for June (Pender Island Fire Rescue, SSI Conservancy, SSI Emergency Programme, CRD Parcs and Maracaibo Estates). We have been working on a number of revisions for the open-burning bylaw. In May, Lt. Sherrin also attended the annual B.C. Fire Prevention Officers Association Conference, a FireSmart Canada Education Programme, and a Pro-Board certified Fire Investigation course. We continue to issue fire permits and host informal fire-truck and fire-hall tours.

General items:

The Rotary Smoke Alarm program is still active. 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 permits are required effective April 15th each year until October 15th each year. They are good until December 31st 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 our website www.saltspringfire.com to review current fire bans and or conditions.

To report poachers and polluters (which include poor venting smoke complaints), please call the Ministry of Environment (RAPP) line at 1.877.952.7277. To report Chainsaw usage relating to early shift or forestry shutdown please contact BC Forestry at 1. 250.731.3054.