

# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

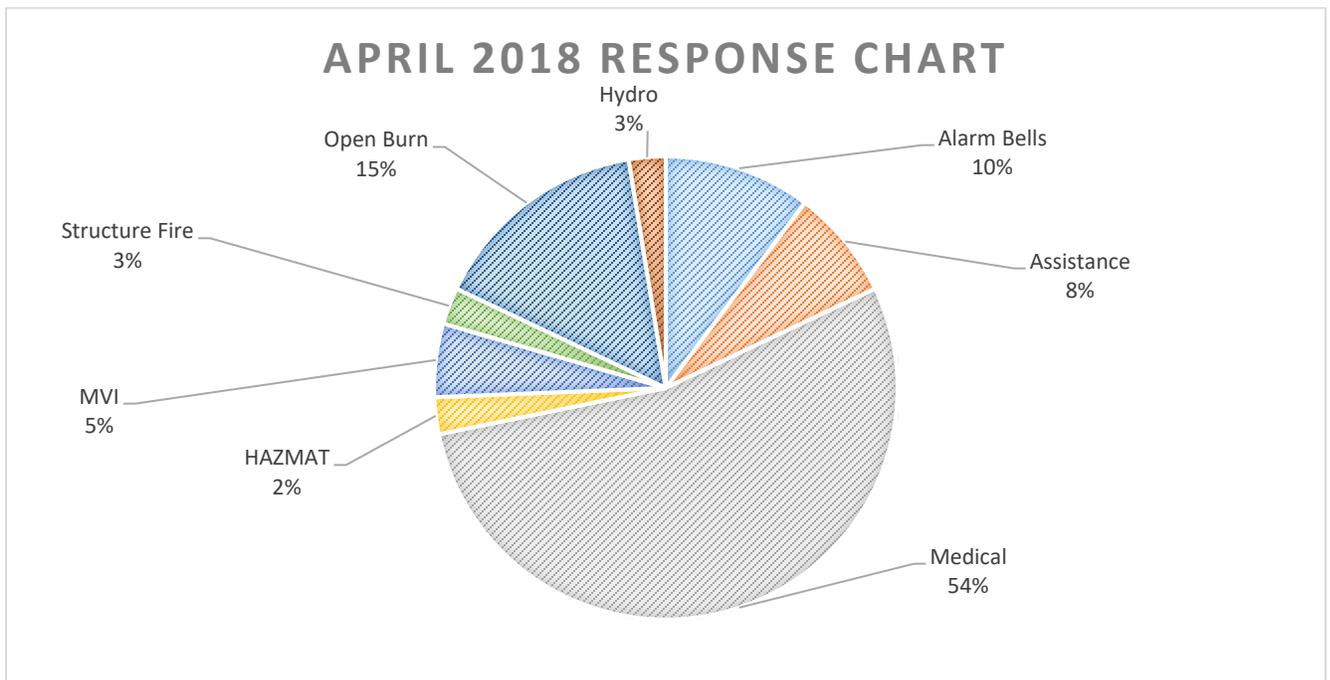
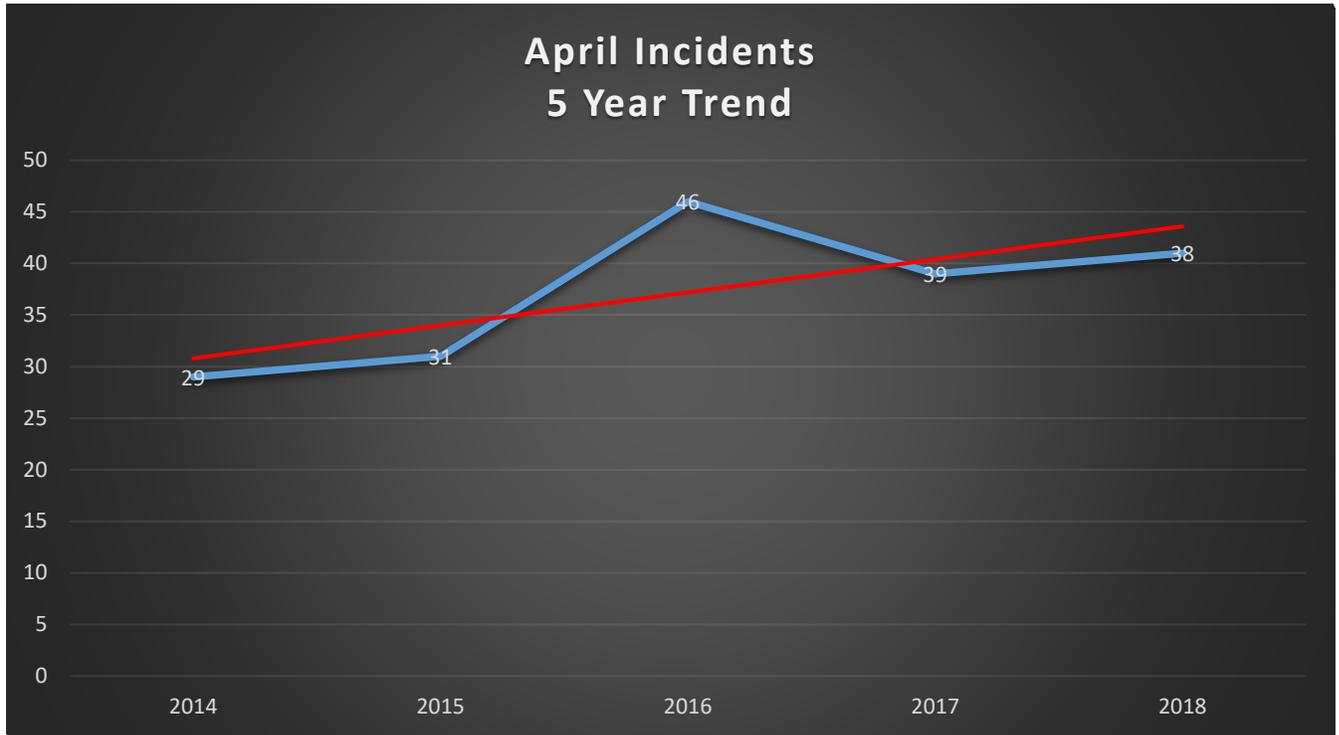
## Fire Chief's Report

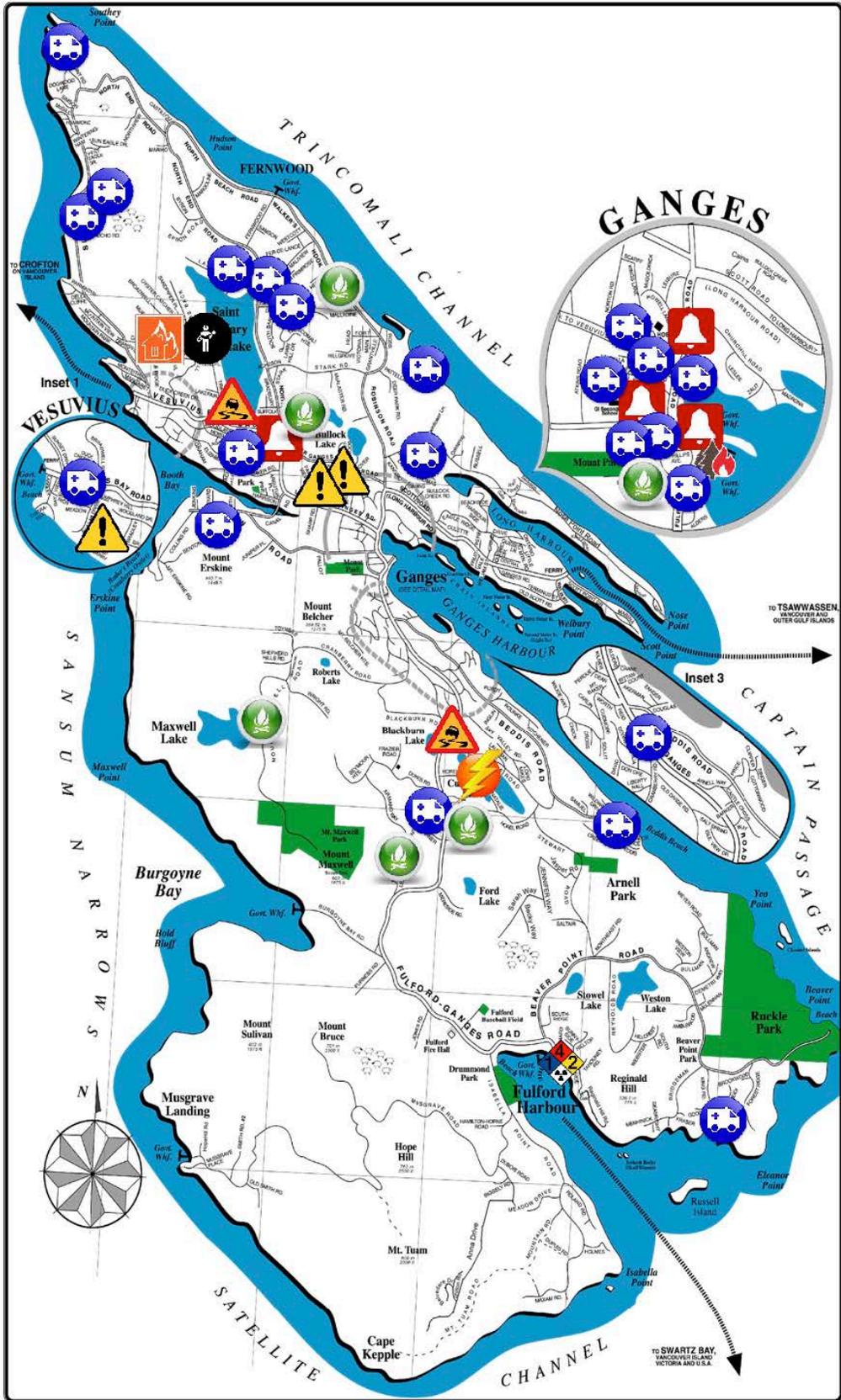
### April 2018



#### Response Report

SSIFR responded to **41** Incidents for the month of April.





# INCIDENT LEGEND

Apr 2018

Total Calls: 41

|   |                             |   |  |                          |    |
|---|-----------------------------|---|--|--------------------------|----|
|  Aircraft    | Aircraft-Crash              |   |  Hydro          | Fire                     | 1  |
|  Alarm Bells | CO                          |   |  | Lines Down               |    |
|   | Commercial                  | 3 |  | Tree on Lines            |    |
|   | Intrusion                   |   |  Medical        | Medical A/B              |    |
|  Assistance  | Residential                 | 1 |  | Medical C                | 1  |
|   | BCAS                        |   |  | Medical D                | 18 |
|   | Flooding                    |   |  | Medical E                | 2  |
|   | General Public              | 1 |  MVI            | MVI                      | 2  |
|   | Misc Complaint              |   |  Open Burn      | Campfire                 | 1  |
|   | Public Works                |   |  | General                  | 5  |
|  Beach       | RCMP                        | 2 |  Rescue         | Animal                   |    |
|   | Beach Fire                  | 1 |  | Elevator                 |    |
|   |                             |   |  | Rope/High/Confined       | 1  |
|  Boat        | Distress/Fire               |   |  | Search                   |    |
|   |                             |   |  | Water/Ice/Drowning       |    |
|   |                             |   |  Rubbish        | Rubbish/Dumpster Fire    |    |
|  Brush/Grass | Bark Mulch                  |   |  Structure Fire | SFComm - Smoke/Smell     |    |
|   | Fire                        |   |  | SFComm (Structure Fire)  |    |
|   | Smoke Smell/Sighting        |   |  | SFRes - Chimney          | 1  |
|  False Alarm | CO                          |   |  | SFRes - Mob Home/Trailer |    |
|   | Commercial                  |   |  | SFRes - Smoke/Smell      |    |
|   | Residential                 |   |  | SFRes - (Structure Fire) |    |
|  Fire-Misc  | Misc Fire                   |   |  Vehicle Fire | Vehicle Fire             |    |
|   |                             |   |  |                          |    |
|  HazMat    | Chlorine                    |   | Total Calls for the month:   |                          | 41 |
|   | Petroleum Spill/Fire        |   |  |                          |    |
|   | Propane                     |   |  |                          |    |
|   | Chemical/inknown spill/leak | 1 |  |                          |    |

Medical - 1st on Scene %:

| YTD:: |                   |     |
|-------|-------------------|-----|
|       | <b>FIRE</b>       | 69  |
|       | <b>RESCUE</b>     | 11  |
|       | <b>MEDICAL</b>    | 77  |
|       | <b>ASSISTANCE</b> | 14  |
|       |                   | 171 |

| This month:: |                   |    |
|--------------|-------------------|----|
|              | <b>FIRE</b>       | 14 |
|              | <b>RESCUE</b>     | 3  |
|              | <b>MEDICAL</b>    | 21 |
|              | <b>ASSISTANCE</b> | 3  |
|              |                   | 41 |

## Operations Update

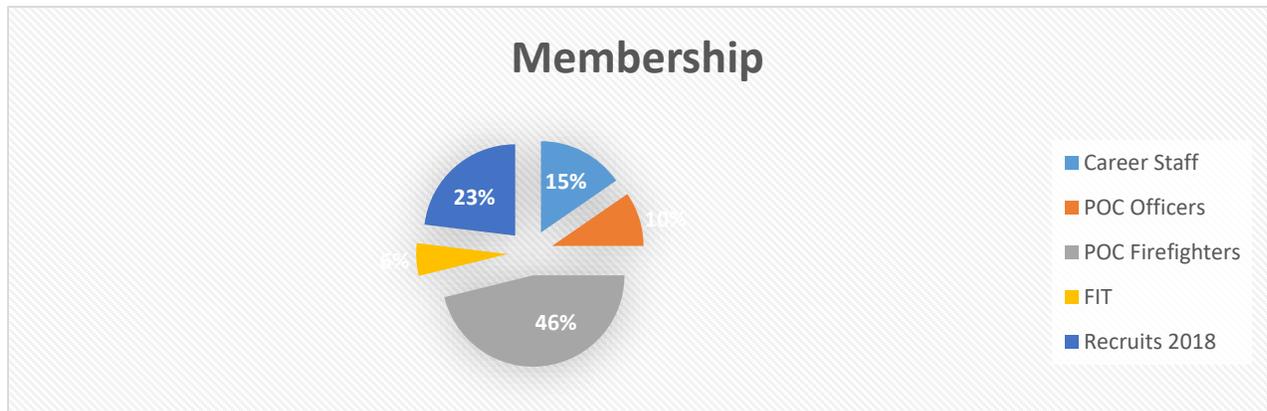


Thanks to Happy Dogs Legacy Campaign, SSIFR has outfitted our frontline apparatus with pet oxygen masks. These special oxygen masks now allow us to provide pets that have been exposed to smoke, the best possible chance of recovery.



April 11<sup>th</sup> the Province of BC announced proposed amendments to the Workers Compensation Act. The suggested change to legislation will add PTSD and other mental disorders to the list of conditions that are recognized as being presumptive conditions associated with Firefighting and other emergency professions. This is the first step towards providing more support to workers who are first on scene at challenging, and sometimes dangerous and traumatic situations.

## Membership



## Training

First Responders had the great opportunity to have guest instructor, Salt Spring Island midwife Erin Lidstrom teaching our members emergency child birth. SSIFR responded to one emergency childbirth in April where the healthy baby was delivered on scene. We would like to thank Erin for sharing her expertise and presenting this important topic to our responders.

We had ten (10) of our members recertify for their First Responder licensing. First Responders under Emergency Medical Assistant (EMA) must recertify every three (3) years.

Staff attended a three-day workshop on new software being introduced into the department. The new Microsoft SharePoint system will replace our current file management system.

Our 2018 recruits have all successfully completed their first official exam towards their NFPA 1001 standard.

Crews trained on several disciplines over the month, topics included: of Marina Firefighting, First Responder, and fireground operations.

## Inspection and Public Education Division

The Inspection Division completed: four (4) annual Commercial Building fire and life safety inspections. We also had one request to conduct a residential inspection.

Two (2) driveway inspections were carried out and one (1) bylaw referral. There was one (1) request for a Fire Safety Plan review, and we had four (4) fire site consultations.

Our Fire and Life Safety educators assisted the P.A.R.T.Y. Program at Lady Minto Hospital. The two-day session taught high school students how to Prevent Alcohol Related Trauma for Youth (PARTY). Over two-hundred (200) students attended the hands-on session with our partners from VIHA, RCMP, and BCAS.



Our Educators also taught basic first aid for children to twelve (12) new parents at Family Place and twenty-one SSI Co-Op pre school children on basic fire and life safety.

We have several FireSmart events planned for this coming May and June with the Salt Spring Island Conservancy, SSI Garden Club, and a neighbourhood POD group. If you are interested in hosting an event to share valuable FireSmart and other fire and life safety information please contact the Ganges Fire Hall (250-537-2531 – [info@saltspringfire.com](mailto:info@saltspringfire.com))

May 6<sup>th</sup> and May 12<sup>th</sup> SSI Fire Rescue along with partners Salt Spring Island Chipping and The Salt Spring Island Conservancy will be hosting two drop off events for invasive plants. Scotch Broom and Gorse are extremely flammable and very invasive. Cutting Broom in bloom is the best way to eradicate the plants and reduce our islands wildfire fuel load.



Respectfully Submitted

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