

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

January 2017



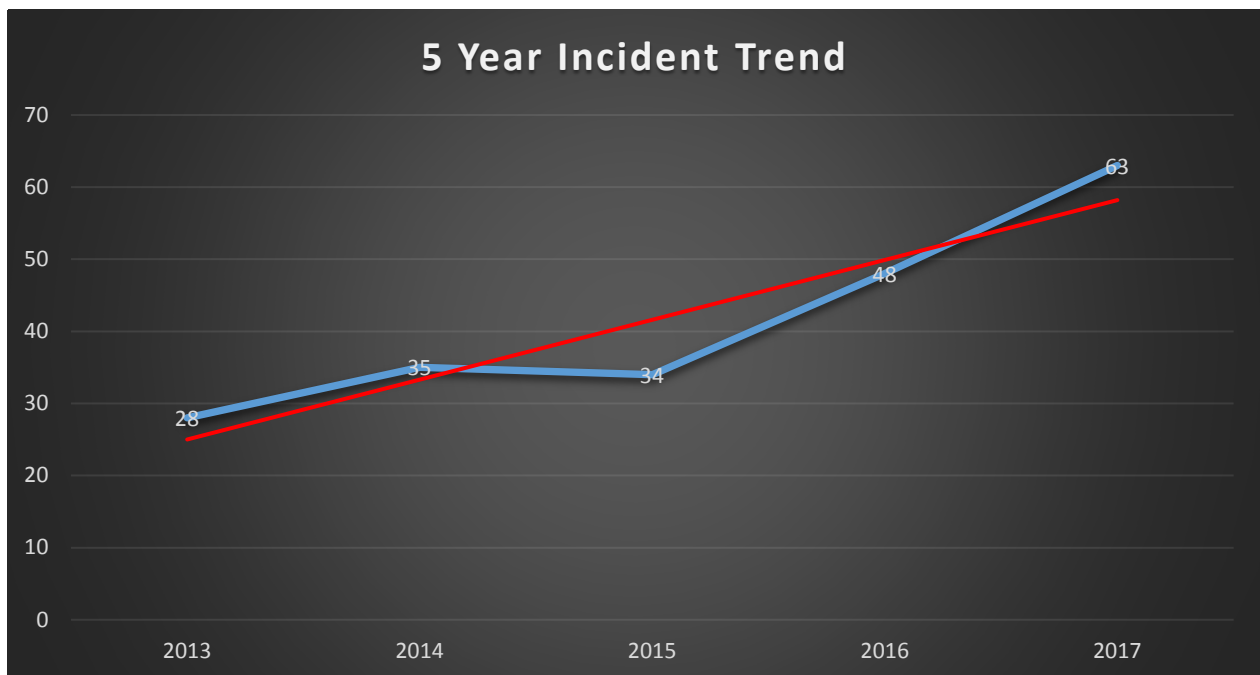
Message from the Fire Chief

As we enter into a new year, I look forward working alongside our new Board of Trustees, staff, and our firefighters serving our community.

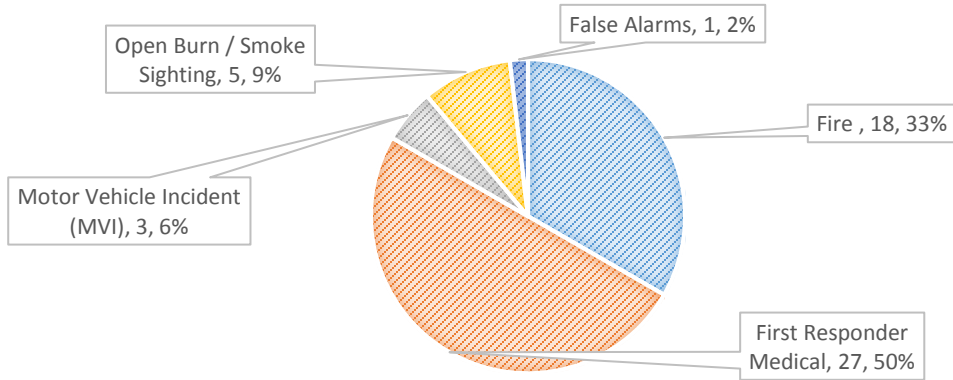
I would like to welcome the new board of trustees and look forward to working with you on a number of projects in the coming year.

Response Report

January 2017 was a very busy month with a total of 63 incident responses. The increase of calls from previous years can be attributed to the extreme weather we faced. Chimney Fires, to Motor Vehicle Incidents (MVI) to hydro fires, SSIFR was kept very busy.



JANUARY RESPONSE CHART



Fire Calls in Detail















SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE RESCUE RESPONSE STATS # 17-00005- # 17-00463 January 2017 Total **63**

FULL PAGE (3998)		FIRST RESPONSE PAGE (3966)		DUTY PAGE (3967)		NOT PAGED OUT	
DAY (0700-1700)	NIGHT	DAY (0700-1700)	NIGHT	DAY (0700-1700)	NIGHT	DAY (0700-1700)	NIGHT
12	8	10	10	8	2	10	3

Aircraft	Aircraft - crash		Hydro	Fire	1	
Alarm Bells	CO		Medical	Lines Down	2	
	Commercial	5		Tree on Lines	3	
	Intrusion			A/B		
	Residential	2		C	1	
Assistance	BCAS	3	MVI	D	20	
	Flooding			E	3	
	General Public	2		MVI	3	
	Misc. Complaint			Open Burn	Campfire	
	Public Works				General	5
Smoke smell/sighting	RCMP	1	Rescue	Animal		
				Elevator		
Brush/Grass/Beach	Bark Mulch			Rope/High/Confined		
	Fire			Search		
	Beach			Water/Ice/Drowning		
False Alarm	CO		Rubbish	Rubbish/Dumpster		
	Commercial	1		Structure Fire	Commercial	
	Residential				Comm. Smoke/smell in structure	
					Residential	1
Fire-Misc.	Misc. Fire	3	Chimney		5	
			Mobile home/trailer			
HAZMAT	Chlorine		Vehicle Fire/Boat	Res. smoke/smell in struc		
	Chemical/unknown spill/leak			Vehicle	2	
	Petroleum Spill/Fire					
	Propane					
				MEDICAL - 1ST ON SCENE	11/24	46%

For a more accurate monthly report we have adjusted all the incident types to be reported exactly how they are received from our Fire Dispatch. This adds some more categories, but will also help build better data and reporting of incidents. Along with this we have added a new updated icon key for plotting incident locations.



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	Commercial			Tree on Lines	
	Intrusion		Medical	A/B	
	Residential			C	
Assistance 	BCAS			D	
	Flooding			E	
	Public		MVI	MVI	
	Misc. Complaint				
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Operations Update

Trustee and Facilities and Physical Plant committee member Per Svendsen and Chief George visited the manufacturing plant in Luverne Minnesota to conduct the final inspection of the new Tender. This unit will replace the 21-year-old Freightliner stationed at Fire Hall #1. This new unit carries double the water capacity of our current apparatus.



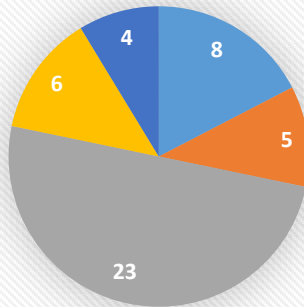
Incident Spotlight

January was a busy storm season with multiple snow falls and wind events causing numerous weather related incidents.



Membership

Membership YTD



■ Career Staff ■ POC Officers ■ POC Firefighters ■ FIT ■ Recruits 2017

Our Membership has grown to 45. Our new recruits began their basic training starting January. We have three front line Paid On Call Recruits, and three Paid On Call Recruit Field Incident Technicians (FIT's).

We have applied to the Federal Summer Student Program once again with a request for two summer positions. One position being a casual employee, and another to conduct Pre-Incident Planning for our department. Both applications have been received but not yet approved.



Captain Kurt Irwin hung up his turn out coat after serving our community for 27 years. Capt Irwin's knowledge and leadership will be missed by all of us but we wish him all the best in his next chapter. Thank You for your service Captain Kurt Irwin.



Inspection and Public Education Division

We conducted six (6) Commercial Fire Inspections in January with ten (10) re inspections required. We also inspected two (2) driveway's and six (6) re inspections for driveways. We also reviewed and updated two (2) Pre-Fire Plans.

We hosted our annual Christmas Tree chipping again this year at Fire Hall 3. We collected \$285.85 for our local food bank. We received 35 trees that were shredded versus burning.

Respectfully Submitted



Arjuna George

Fire Chief