

To: Chairperson Schubart and Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: May 26th / 2014
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (April / 2014)



- The SSIFR membership responded to **29 calls for assistance.**

Response types were:

First Responder	17
Miscellaneous	5
Alarms	3
Motor Vehicle Incidents	2
Hazmat	1
Brush / Grass Fire	1

Training Division Report: Captain Jamie Holmes

- Recruit firefighters continue to add practical skills to their theory sessions. They were educated relating to water streams, tools / appliances and what to expect, as well as the operational & physical details of how to stay safe.
- Regular members took part in firefighter drills working on operational procedures.
- We also continue to revisit our Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation, which lowers homeowner's fire insurance within the coverage zones. Members conducted classroom sessions, practiced the drop tank which included drafting set-up to keep their skills in place for future retests and emergency situations.
- Special operations, the Rope Rescue and the Auto X team held training sessions this month reviewing core skills in both disciplines.

➤ **Fire Inspection / Prevention Division Report: Captain Dale Lundy & Lieutenant Mitchell Sherrin**

Commercial Inspections	9
Re-inspections	2
Fire Safety Plan Reviews	1
Subdivision Reviews	2
Driveway Reviews	2
Burning Permits	942 (for 2014)
Paperwork / Administration	Endless



- Time was spent conducting the final moving of the Inspection / Prevention office from Hall 3 to Hall 1.
- The Inspection / Prevention Division spent time working with GISS in respect to Grad 2014, as well as Safe Grad 2014.
- Captain Lundy completed his NFPA 1002 training, which encompassed six days of classroom and training time prior to the course.
- Lt Sherrin assisted with an inspection and installation of an, infant car seat with a young parent, also facilitated donation of a car seat to SSI Babies (a local at-risk parent support group) from Seafirst Insurance; updated the SSIFR website information concerning SSIFR burning regulations based on community input. Constructed an article on the Fire Smart initiative for a SSI Emergency Programme presentation and newsletter as well has hosted a visit from the First Vesuvius LDS Cub Scout Pack with 10 scouts and two leaders. Continues to work on a staff report to promote revisions to the SSIFPD burn regulations, processing fire permits as well as hosting informal fire truck and fire hall tours.
- Lt. Sherrin also attended a CRD Hazmat Technician training session, a three-day instructional programme for Emergency Vehicle Operations and a half-day regional Fire Prevention Officer meeting in Langford.
- 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.
- Burning permits are required effective April 15th each year until October 15th each year. They are good until April 15th of the following 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. All classifications of burning are currently open. Please use caution when activating any fire type when permitted.
- To report poachers and polluters (which include poor venting smoke complaints), please call the Ministry of Environment RAPP line @ 1-877-952.7277 for assistance.