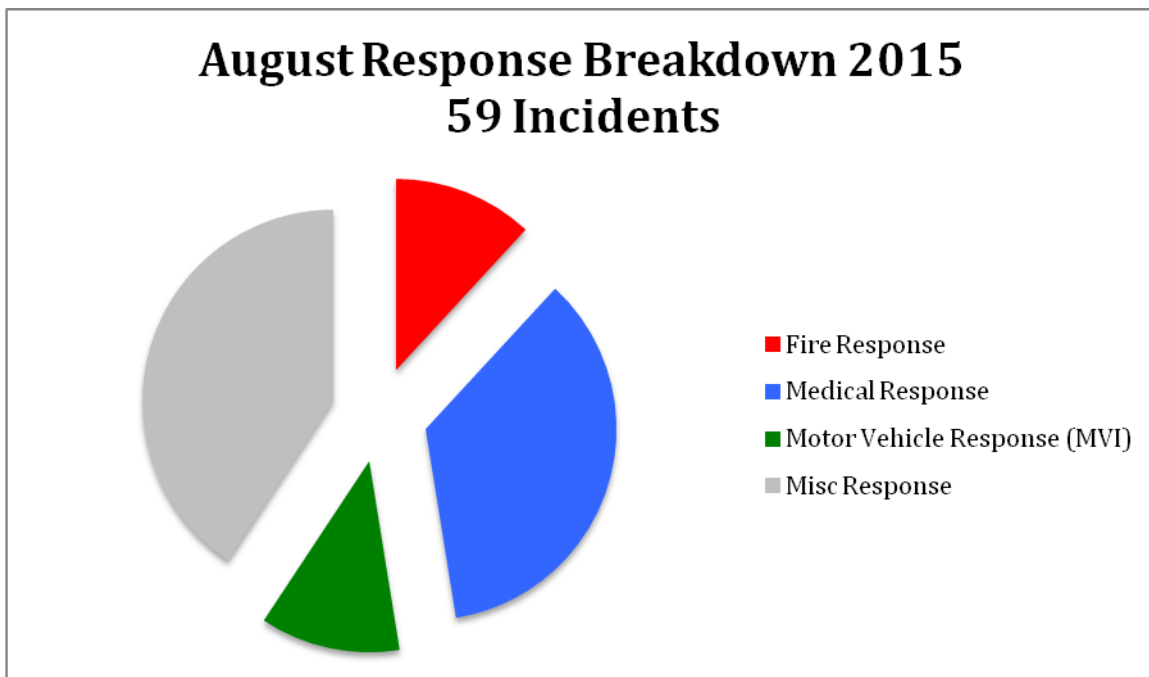


To: SSIFPD Chair Lee & Fire Trustees  
From: Chief Tom Bremner  
Date: September 21<sup>th</sup> / 2015  
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (August / 2015)



SSIFR responded to 59 "Calls for Assistance" during the previous month.

Medical First Response	21
Miscellaneous	21
Public Assist	3
Alarm Sounding	2
Brush Fire	1
Hydro	2
Chimney Fire	1
Structure Fire	1
Motor Vehicle Incidents	7



**Fire Response include** (Commercial alarm bells, vehicle, chimney, hydro, brush/wild-land and structure fires)

**Miscellaneous Responses include** (smoke sightings, burning complaints, police assist and public assist calls)

The past few months being under severe water restrictions has challenged SSIFR operations and training, however water conservations has been a top priority for SSIFR through one of Salt Spring Island's driest summers on record.

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

Walker / Firewise Report Recommendations Update: based on a total of 25 management team recommendations, 18 have been completed and 7 are currently being worked on.

**Training Division Report - A/C Jamie Holmes:**

Recruit Firefighters finished up module 3 training with Rope and Rescue drills with an exam at the end of the month. They are now half way through their NFPA 1001 certification.

Regular members had a few enjoyable drills during the last month of summer that worked on team building, and core firefighting skills.

On the special operation front the Rope Rescue Team, Pump Team and the Auto X Team all held practices to work on skills maintenance and efficiencies, and a weekend Driver Training course was held for new drivers in the department.

**SSIFR Membership Status: Total = 43**

**Career Members:** Chief, Deputy Chief, Assistant Chief, Captain, three Lieutenants and one Firefighter

**Paid On Call Members:** 24 Firefighters

**Field Incident Technicians (FITS)** 5

**Paid On Call Recruits:** 6

POC Member on personal leave of absence 1

**On Sept 19<sup>th</sup> SSIFR launched its 2016 Paid On Call Firefighter recruit drive. Applications are available at Ganges Fire Hall #1 or online at [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com)**

**Fire Inspection Report - Captain Dale Lundy:**

Commercial Inspections	32
Re-Inspections	4
Driveway Inspections	1
Emergency Responses	8
Sub Division Approvals	4
Burning Permits	1423 (for 2015)

Captain Lundy worked with Chris Joynson, assisted POC members to finalize practical evaluations for the Company Officer course, worked with the Fulford Hall on fire code compliance items, assisted the Land Bank Society (Rainbow Road Low Income project) in regards to water for firefighting and completed a OH&S inspection of Fire Hall #3

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

With the assistance of POC members & staff, the Fire Prevention Division 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 is 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.