

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

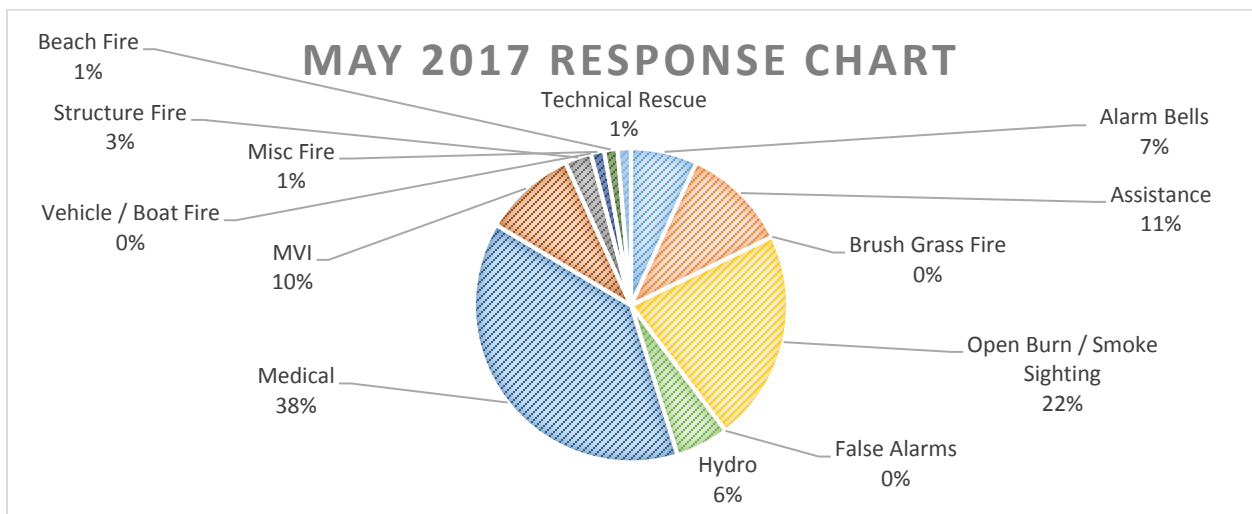
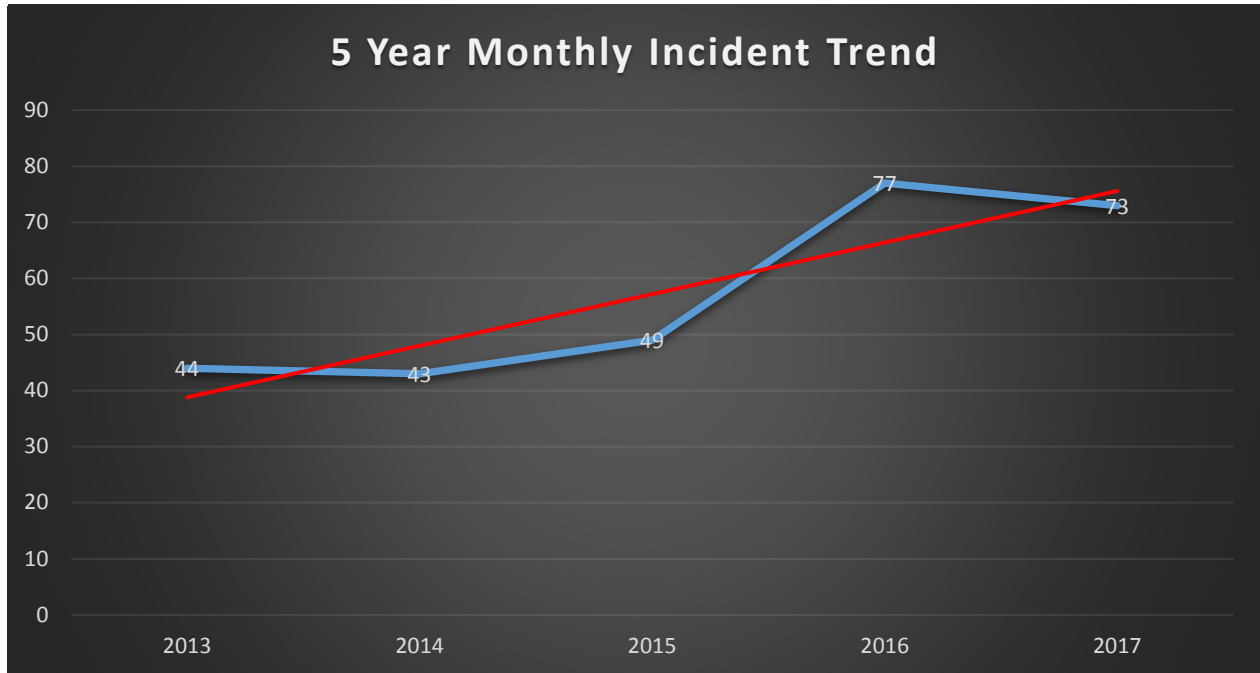
Fire Chief's Report

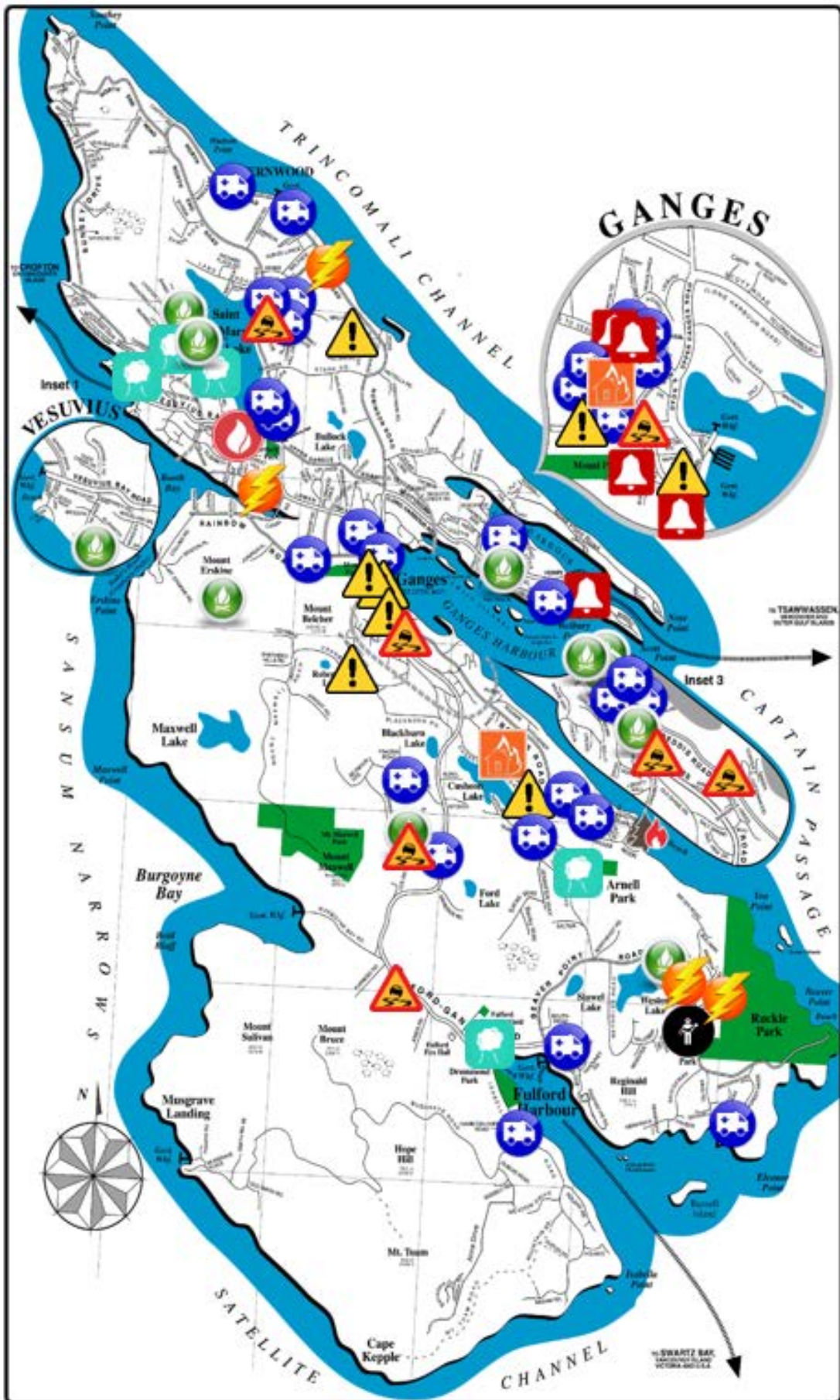
May 2017


















Response Report

SSIFR responded to 73 Incidents in the month of May. As of the end of May 2016 SSIFR has responded to 285 incidents.





Incident Legend

Aircraft	Aircraft - crash		Hydro	Fire	2	
Alarm Bells 	CO			Lines Down	1	
	Commercial	4		Tree on Lines	1	
Assistance 	Intrusion		Medical 	A/B		
	Residential	1		C		
	BCAS	1		D	26	
	Flooding		E	2		
	Public	5	MVI 	MVI	7	
Smoke smell/sighting 	Misc. Complaint		Open Burn 	Campfire	1	
	Public Works			General	10	
	RCMP	2	Rescue 	Animal		
Brush/Grass/Beach 	Bark Mulch			Elevator		
	Fire			Rope/High/Confined Search	1	
False Alarm 	Beach	1	Rubbish 	Water/Ice/Drowning		
	CO			Rubbish/Dumpster		
	Commercial			Structure Fire 	Commercial	
Residential		Comm. Smoke/smell in structure				
Residential		Residential				
Fire-Misc. 	Misc. Fire	1	Vehicle Fire/Boat 	Chimney	2	
				Mobile home/trailer		
HAZMAT 	Chlorine			Res. smoke/smell in structure		
	Chemical/unknown spill/leak			Medical – 1st ON SCENE	11	39%
	Petroleum Spill/Fire					
	Propane					

Operations Update

Asbestos remediation was completed at Fire Hall #1 on May 5th. Drywall removal, repairs and patching were completed to our satisfaction and to Worksafe BC's requirements.

On May 8th, SSIFR CAO Peat, and Chief George along with the newly elected board of Trustees conducted a Trustee Orientation and Fire Hall #1 familiarization.

On May 23rd, The Joint Health and Safety committee met to begin work on an internal Hazard and Risk analysis. The three-hour session provided the committee with a framework for the new program and helped identify a couple of high risk tasks that require review for safety measures.

Incident Highlights

May was a busy month for SSIFR with 73 Incidents. First Responders attended to twenty-eight (28) medical calls with one emergency requiring the administering of Naloxone. SSIFR First Responders were first on scene 39% of the time.

May 8th SSIFR responded to an over the bank technical rescue call on Amblewood Road. The fall was from approximately seventy-five (75') feet. A rope system was used to extract the patient up to the BC Ambulance paramedics.

Membership

On May 13th we hosted our annual Firefighters Awards banquet. The evening was a great tribute by honour our members, their families and to celebrate our successes in 2016.



We had the pleasure to present the following awards to our membership:

NFPA 1001 FF2 Certification: Firefighter Abe Hohn, Cam Proudfoot, Dustin Bean, Addison V, and Red Oakes.

5 Years of Service: Chris Finn, Jason Gaffney, Abe Hohn, Shane Hubenig, Colin McDougall, Dan Olson, Chantelle Pohl, Tom Pursell, Christine Vopel, Howard Holzapfel, and Simon Wells

10 Years of Service: Lt Colby Sawchuk and FIT Steve Leichter

15 Years of Service: Chris Joynson

20 Years of Service: Chief Arjuna George

25 Years of Service: Captain Dale Lundy and Firefighter Geoff Gowans

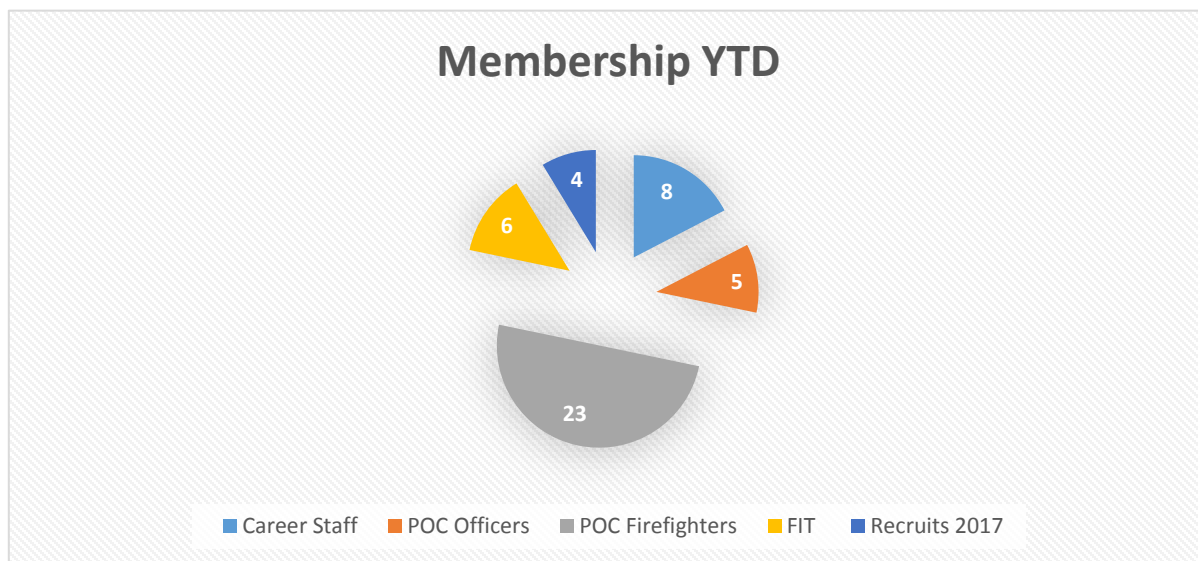
Most Dedicated to Training: Firefighter Alex Reid

Most Dedicated to Fire Prevention: Firefighter Chantelle Pohl

Most Dedication to Incidents: Firefighter Colin McDougall

Tony Head Fire Officer of the Year: Captain Doug Ponsford

Travis Guedes Rookie of the Year: Firefighter Patrick Byrne



Training

SSIFR partook in a BC Ferries emergency evacuation exercise on May 17th.

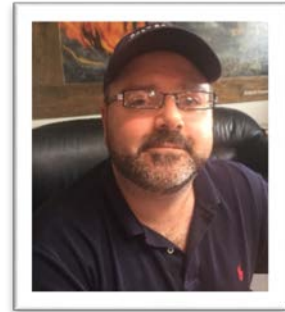
On May 27th Fire Chief George met with the islands Emergency Program POD leaders. The presentation was on the experience during Cyclone Debbie and how we can take lesson from it here locally.

SSIFR hosted a NFPA 1001 FF2 Module on Fire Prevention and Public Education as part of their certification. Over the two days of training, members developed presentation skills and pre-fire planning.

Inspection and Public Education Division

SSIFR crews conducted nineteen (19) Fire and Life Safety Inspections, two (2) site inspections (Lady Minto and Harbour House Hotel), one (1) Fire Safety plan review, and three (3) Pre-Incident Plans completed.

On May 18th Captain Lundy and Chief George conducted four interviews at the University of Victoria for this summer's Pre-Incident Planning position. We selected student Trevor Bourque as the successful applicant. We look forward to a vast improvement to our pre-incident plans, and will conduct inhouse training for staff on the process and development of pre-plan drawings.



On May 7th SSIFR joined in on the Ruckle Park day festivities by staffing a public education tent and equipment display.

Prevention staff worked closely with the Greenwoods staff this past month updating their Fire Safety Plan, and provided training for evacuation procedures.

SSIFR assisted with one car seat installation for a new parent.

As summer and fire restrictions are approaching final work is being completed on the special fire permits and High-Risk exemption permits. Currently we are in a Low to Moderate Fire Hazard (estimated to be one month behind for our average fire danger rating due to the wet spring). All Fire Permits are still available (No current restrictions). Online Fire permits can be obtained at www.saltspringfire.com



The screenshot shows the Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue website. At the top, it says "Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue" and "proudly serving our Island since 1960". Below this, there are three categories: "Campfires", "Incinerators", and "Backyard Burns", each with a "Permitted" icon. To the right, there are social media links for Facebook and Twitter. The main content area features a large red banner that says "ONLINE FIRE PERMITS" with a "CLICK HERE" button and a fire icon. To the right of the banner, it states "The Local Fire Hazard is Moderate." and shows a color-coded scale from Low (green) to High (red), with "MODERATE" highlighted in yellow. Below this, it says "CURRENT MACHINE PILE RESTRICTIONS" and "The Venting Index on Wednesday, June 14, 2017 NO machine pile can be started." with a "FAIR/POOR" button. On the left side, there is a sidebar with links for "2017 Emergency Calls to date: 211", "Event Calendar", "SSIFPD Trustees Section", "Online Burn Permits", "Training in Paradise", and "Fire & Life Safety".

The Salt Spring Island Emergency Program has recently launched an emergency notification system for the island. Below is information on this new initiative.

What is an Emergency Notification System?

In the event of an emergency, the emergency notification system will send messages to subscribed residents notifying them of potential threats to their safety and wellbeing.

An emergency notification system ensures trusted and accurate information is distributed quickly.

This information can help you and your family know what to do, where to go, and what to expect in an emergency situation.

When will the system be used?

This system will be used to notify you of a significant or time sensitive emergency event in your local area such as critical emergency notifications and evacuation instructions.



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EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

How will I receive notifications?

Each subscriber can choose which devices they would like to receive notification on and may include:

- Home phone
- Cell phone
- Work phone
- Email
- SMS Text Message

When a notification is issued, multiple attempts will be made on each device until you confirm receipt of the message.

What if I don't sign up?

You will only receive notifications if you sign up for this service. However, information will still be available through media coverage and your neighbourhood POD program.

The POD Program will continue to be a vital part of any response to an emergency in your area.

Will my contact information be shared?

No. The information provided is confidential and will only be used by your local government for emergency notification purposes. Your information will not be given or sold to any vendor or organization.

Need help registering?

Contact CRD Protective Services
250.360.3649 or
protectiveservices@crd.bc.ca

SIGN UP NOW

www.crd.bc.ca/ens

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Arjuna George'.

Arjuna George

Fire Chief