

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

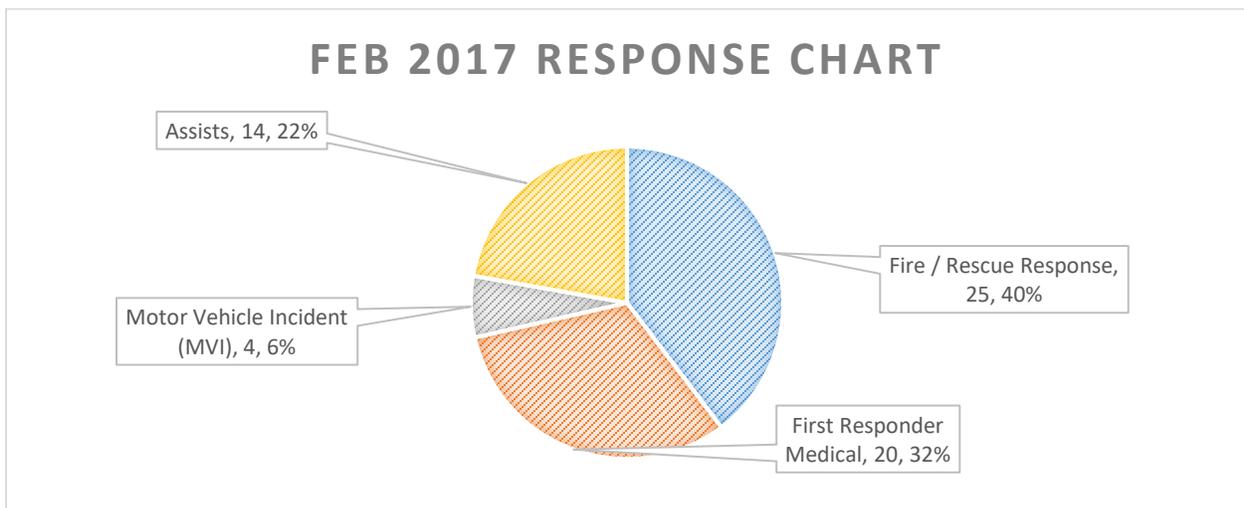
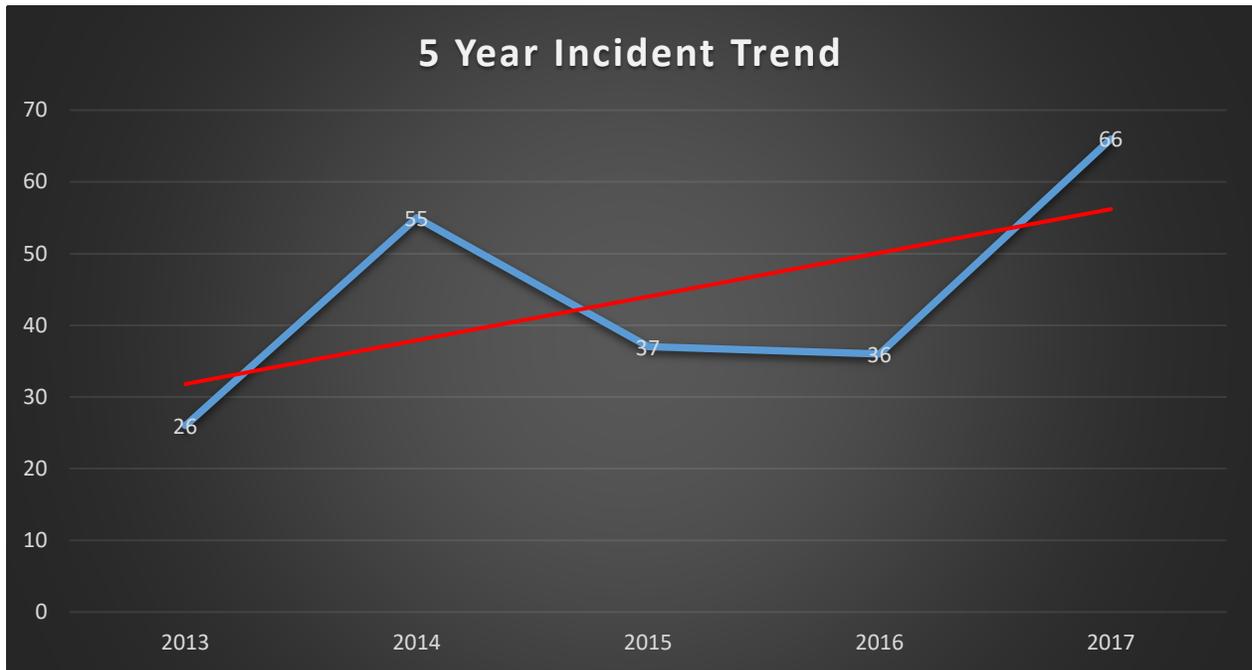
Fire Chief's Report

February 2017

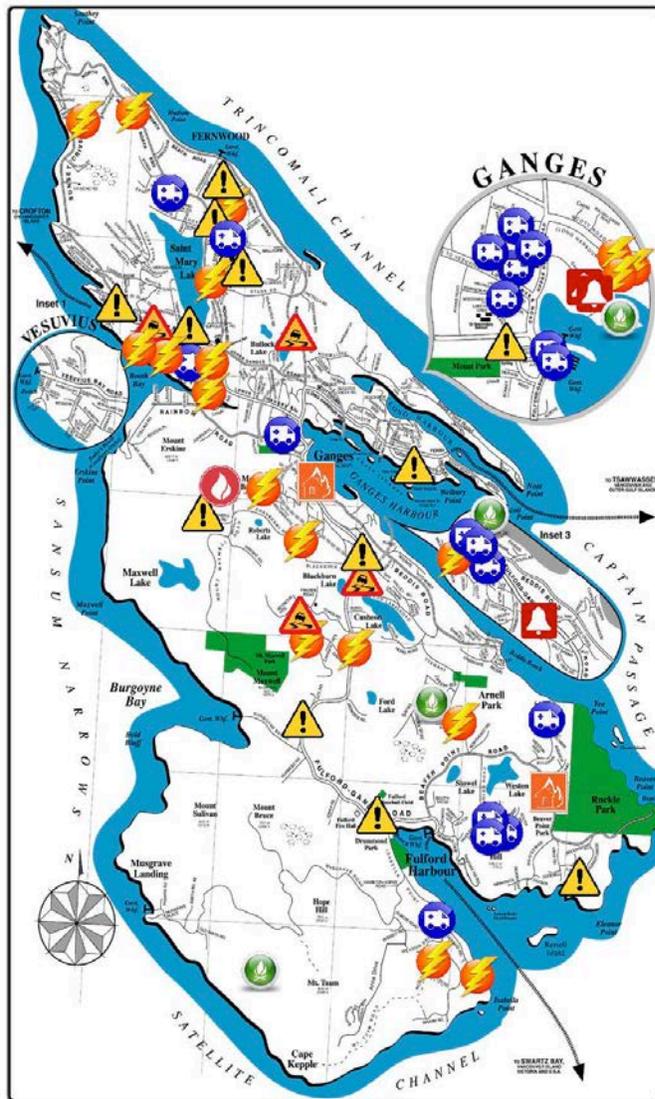


Response Report

SSIFR responded to sixty-six (66) Incidents in the month of February.



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.



Incident Legend

Aircraft	Aircraft - crash		Hydro	Fire	5
Alarm Bells	CO			Lines Down	5
	Commercial	1		Tree on Lines	9
	Intrusion				
Assistance	Residential	2		A/B	1
	BCAS	7		C	
	Flooding			D	18
	Public	4		E	1
				MVI	MVI
Smoke smell/sighting	Misc. Complaint	2		Open Burn	
	Public Works	1		Campfire	
	RCMP			General	3
Brush/Grass/Beach	Bark Mulch			Rescue	
	Fire			Animal	
False Alarm	CO			Elevator	
	Commercial			Rope/High/Confined	
	Residential			Search	
Fire-Misc.	Misc. Fire	1		Water/Ice/Drowning	
				Rubbish/Dumpster	
HAZMAT	Chlorine			Structure	
	Chemical/unknown spill/leak			Commercial	
	Petroleum Spill/Fire			Comm. smoke/smell in structure	
	Propane			Residential	
				Chimney	2
				Mobile home/trailer	
				Res. smoke/smell in structure	
				Vehicle	
				Vehicle Fire/Boat	
				Medical - 1 st ON SCENE	7 Incidents.

Full Page AM (9) – PM (8)

FR Page AM (7) – PM (8)

Duty Officer Page AM (7) – PM (14)

Not Paged Out AM (2) – PM (11)

Operations Update

Our new Tender 305 is now in service and fully operational. Over the past month the apparatus has been tested, outfitted and all personnel have begun training on its operation.

Chief George met with the organizers for our communities 150th celebrations for Canada Day and beyond. As usual the department will assist in the Show and Shine Car show, and the Public Fireworks display. The organizers have a fantastic plan for this year's islands festivities.

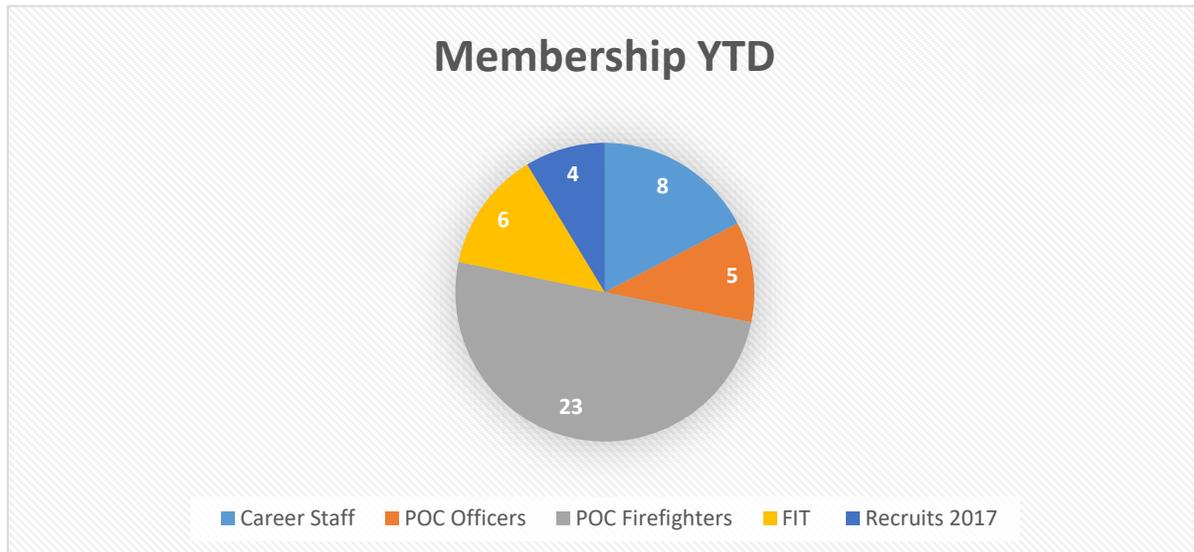


Worksafe has identified a few areas that our Joint Health and Safety Committee have been working on for Hall #1. One of those safety concerns is the Hall #1 Hose Tower. At the February safety meeting it was decided to close the tower until further notice (Above 1st floor). The Worksafe concerns are around fall protection, and ergonomics of climbing up and down. We are testing a safer and more efficient plan www.saltspringfire.com

by utilizing the Hall #2 insulated storage container for drying fire hose. This plan should be more ergonomic for our members, more economic for heating, and more efficient as majority of our wet hose is created from training at hall #2.

This month we are launching an online format for fire permits. The online format is an effort to better serve our community by applying for fire permits online. More information will be released on the new system as the roll out occurs. Visit www.saltspringfire.com for updates and access to the online permit process.

Membership



Our Membership has maintained at 45 personnel.



Training

Over two weekends of intense training we taught our new members (6) the First Responder Level III program. We also had a few regular members (9) who required their recertification training and exams. A First Responder Level III license is valid for three years, upon which a relicensure exam is required.

In partnership with Lady Minto Hospital SSIFR First Responders took in a full day of training with thirty (30) other emergency professionals. The full day hands on training simulation focused on Traumatic Resuscitation. This workshop was a great opportunity to continue our great relationship and strengthen our agencies teamwork.



Inspection and Public Education Division

SSIFR Inspected thirty-one (31) Commercial occupancies this past month along with three (3) Pre Incident Plans and one (1) Fire Safety Plan. We also worked closely with the CRD Building Department on a major commercial renovation that has just begun. There were a number of hours spent on year-end inspection records within our specialty software FDM.

Our Public Education team welcomed in fourteen Girl Guides to the hall for an evening of education for them to earn their Fire badges. The highlight for the girl guides was the opportunity to try a real fire extinguisher using our propane fire training prop.

We taught emergency first aid skills to fourteen (14) students as part of the Applied Skills program at GISS. We have now completed the CPR / AED program at GISS for 2016/17. A total of one hundred ten (110) Grade nine students were taught this school year. By next year, almost every student at GISS will have been taught the lifesaving skill of CPR and AED.

Our certified car seat technicians installed three (3) car seats for new or expecting parents. SSIFR offers free assistance in installing your child's car seat to ensure a proper fit.

Our Public Educators were invited to teach infant CPR / AED to new Family Place parents.

Chief George presented Fulford School student William McDermott on behalf of the Fire Prevention Officers Association (FPOABC) Fire Prevention Week prize. William received an iPad mini thanks to the FPOABC and sponsors. This is the second time Fulford School has been presented this award from Zone 1 (2009 and 2016), which is all of Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands. Congratulations William.



(Left: Chief George, William M, Principal Marie Mullen)

Respectfully Submitted

Arjuna George

Fire Chief