

**To:** SSIFPD Chair Lee & Fire Trustees  
**From:** Chief Tom Bremner  
**Date:** May 11<sup>th</sup> / 2015  
**Sub:** SSIFR Monthly Report (April / 2015)

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SSIFR responded to **32 "Calls for Assistance"** during the previous month.

Medical First Response	17
Miscellaneous	5
Alarm Sounding	4
Public Assist	3
Motor Vehicle Incidents	1
Haz- Mat	1
Vehicle Fire	1

**Operational Activities: Chief Bremner & D/C George;**

**Station repairs:** We continually repair and monitor each station for on-going structural / operational issues.

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

**Recommendations of the WGR:** Management is processing and moving forward with SSIFPD Trustees.

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

With the recruit class successfully passing all their safety written and practical exams, they finally get the chance to use the fire hoses. Recruit firefighters spent the month learning hose loads and rolls as well as water supply, both static and pressurized systems.

Our regular members reviewed SCBA and search methods, revisited loss control methods to limit water and smoke damage in buildings and learned how to conduct a company inspection on a commercial property.

On the special operation front the Rope Rescue Team and the Auto X Team both held practices to work on skills maintenance and efficiencies. Our Water Rescue Team also met this past month hosting Honeymoon Bay Fire Department. It is an ongoing partnership where Honeymoon Bay assists us with our budding water rescue program, and in return we provide them some firefighting techniques and training methods to improve their department.

## Fire Inspection Report: Captain Dale Lundy:

Commercial Inspections	18
Re-Inspections	1
Driveway Inspections	1
Subdivision Application Reviews	1
Burning Permits	823 (for 2015)



Another busy month within the prevention division with Captain Lundy instructing four Tuesday nights with the topic covering Company/Platoon Inspections. Attended a 2 day course in Victoria covering; inspections of Commercial Kitchens. Another highlight was touring and inspecting the Lady Minto Hospital. This facility is now completely covered with a fire sprinkler system. Crews toured the facility identifying new technology and response protocols. Captain Lundy continues to take correspondence courses covering Fire Officer 3 material.

## Public Education Monthly Report – Lt Mitchell Sherrin:

Lt. Sherrin continues to provide Public Educational sessions with the assistances of our Paid on- Call members. Lt Sherrin had an amazing experience during the month of April when he travelled to Peru as part of an educational firefighter team (Firefighters without Borders) who instructed and educated firefighters in Peru on various service topics. To learn more about Lt Sherrin's experience please refer to the Driftwood of April 29<sup>th</sup> article relating to his travels and experiences. Prevention and educational events during the month were handled by staff and several POC members.

## General items:

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. Please contact SSIFR if you have questions or require assistance at 250.537.2531.

Burning permits are required effective April 15th each year until October 15th each year. They are good 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 go to our website [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com) to review current fire bans and or conditions.

To report poachers and polluters (which include poor venting smoke complaints), please call the Ministry of Environment (RAPP) line at 1.877.952.7277.

To report Chainsaw usage relating to early shift or forestry shutdown please contact BC Forestry at 1. 250.731.3054