

To: SSIFPD Chair & Fire Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: April 20th / 2015
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (March / 2015)



SSIFR responded to **45 "Calls for Assistance"** during the previous month.

Medical First Response	27
Alarm Sounding	4
Miscellaneous	4
Motor Vehicle Incidents	3
Chimney Fire	3
Public Assist	3
Police Assist	1

Operational Activities: Chief Bremner & D/C George;

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

Ventilation System installs: have been completed and are operational at all three stations.

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

Training Division Report: A/C Jamie Holmes;

The recruits continued their basic training, learning how to use their Self Contained Breathing Apparatus. It is equally important for us to teach them about the mental hardships of the job, so we introduced them to our Critical Incident Stress Management program in early March. Our CISM in-house program teaches recruit firefighter to recognize when we need to help each other, or get help ourselves because of the stresses we see during our emergency activities. The recruits also completed Incident Command 100 online through the Justice Institute of BC.

Our regular members took part in table tops scenarios to work on real life strategies and tactics, big water scenarios to see how quickly we can get large volumes of water to the seat of a fire, and emergency medical training in conjunction with BCAS and PARC staff at the Rainbow Road Pool. We wrapped up the month with a full department scenario putting in to practice the skills that were reviewed throughout the month.

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 and familiarized with the boat and required equipment. Two members trained in Victoria with the CRD Hazmat team reviewing the protocols for a chlorine spill and reviewing gas detection equipment.

Fire Inspection Report: Captain Dale Lundy:



Commercial Inspections	25
Re-Inspections	0
Driveway Inspections	0
Water Supply Reviews	0
Subdivision Application Reviews	1
Fire Safety Plan Reviews	1
Burning Permits	164(for 2015)

Captain Lundy, aside from the above noted inspection activities, spent time with our Fire Data Management technicians working out operational issues within our inspection reporting program as well as provided instructional leadership for several training components. Captain Lundy continues to participate in an online Officers training course via the JIBC.

Public Education Monthly Report – Lt Mitchell Sherrin:

Lt. Sherrin continues to provide Public Educational sessions with the assistances of our Paid on- Call members. During the month Lt Sherrin conducted multiple such educational sessions as well as continues to provide community media releases and social media updates relating to; safety, prevention and emergency situations for the awareness and benefit of the public.

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 31st 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 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 @ 1.877.952.7277 for assistance. To report Chainsaw usage relating to early shift or forestry shutdown please contact BC Forestry @ 250.731.3054