

# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

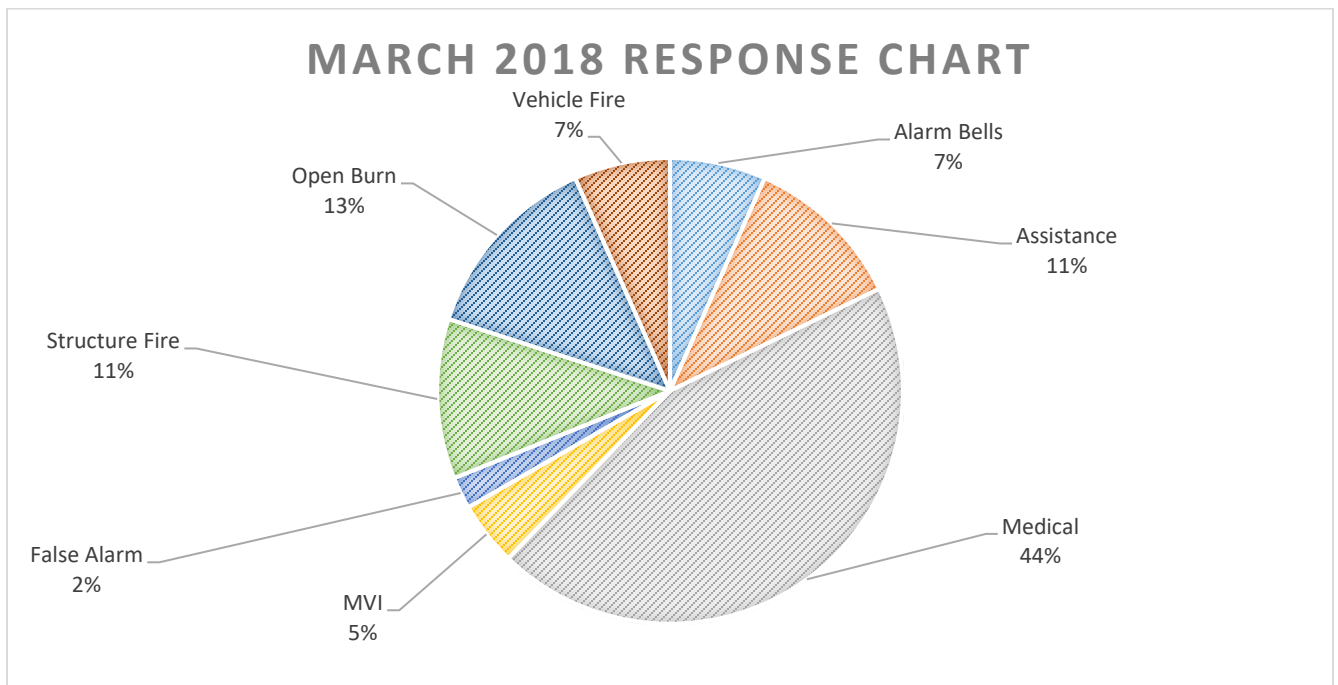
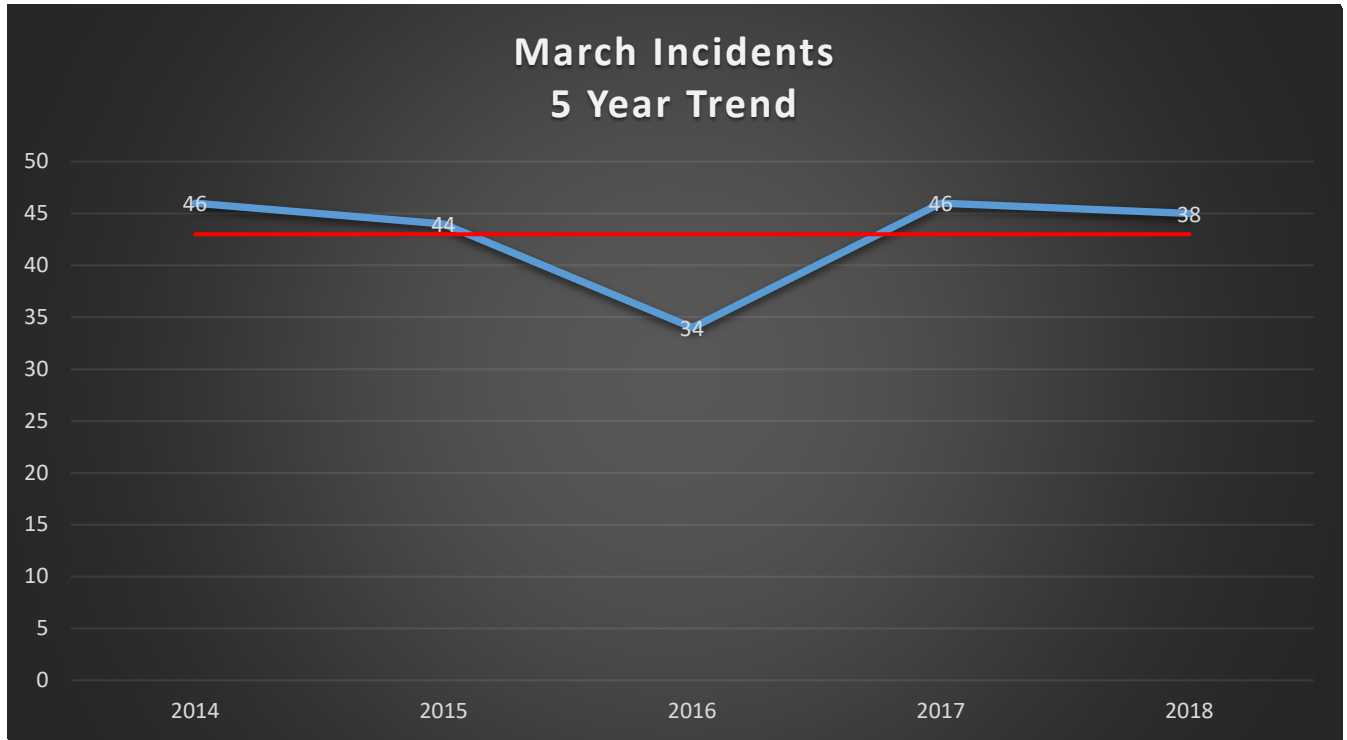
## Fire Chief's Report

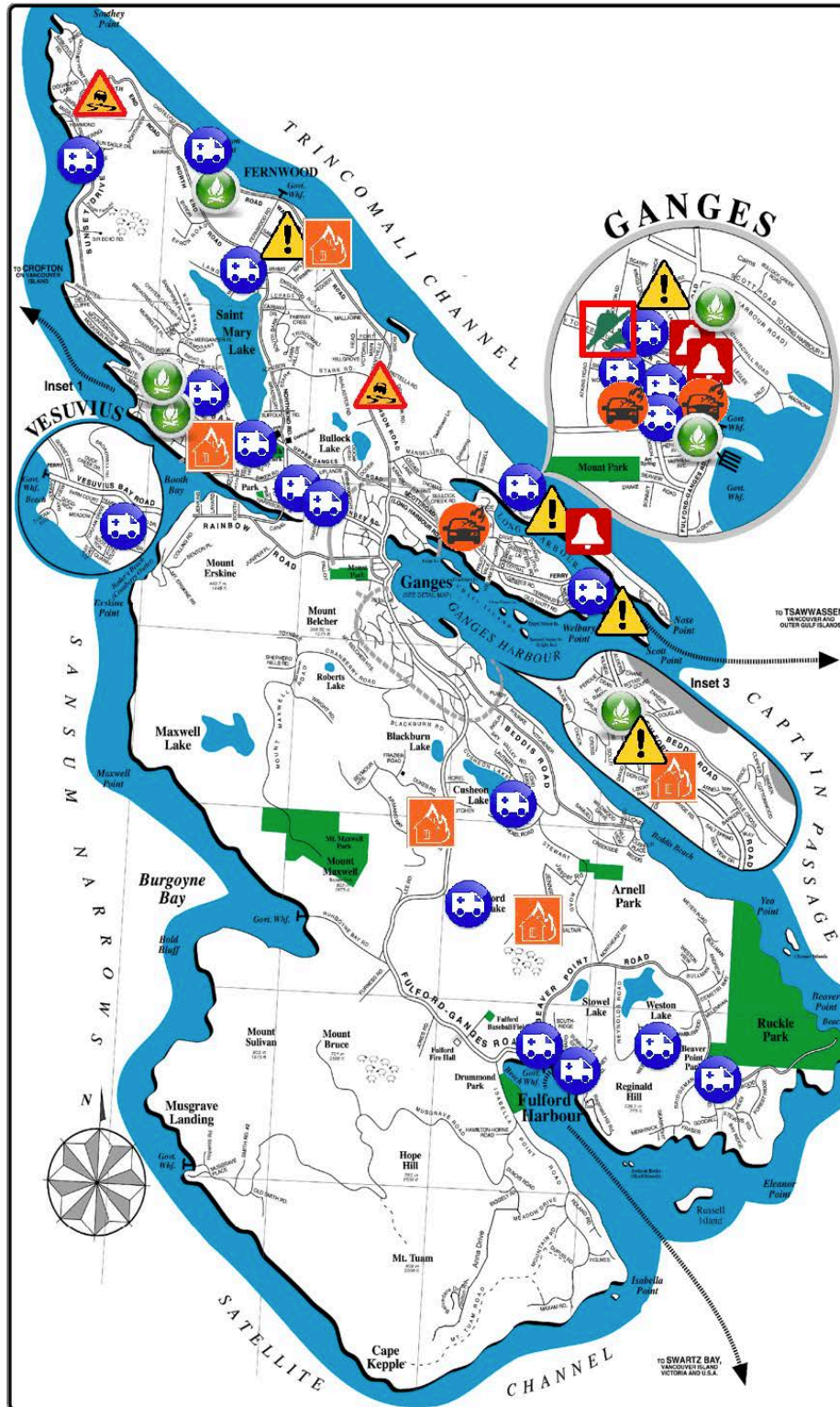
### March 2018


















#### Response Report

SSIFR responded to 45 Incidents for the month of March.





**INCIDENT LEGEND** **Mar 2018** **Total Calls: 45**

 <b>Aircraft</b>	<b>Aircraft-Crash</b>		 <b>Hydro</b>	<b>Fire</b>	
 <b>Alarm Bells</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>1</b>	 <b>Medical</b>	<b>Lines Down</b>	
	<b>Commercial</b>			<b>Tree on Lines</b>	
	<b>Intrusion</b>			<b>Medical A/B</b>	
 <b>Assistance</b>	<b>Residential</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>Medical C</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>BCAS</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Medical D</b>	<b>18</b>	
	<b>Flooding</b>		<b>Medical E</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>General Public</b>	<b>2</b>	 <b>MVI</b>	<b>MVI</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>Misc Complaint</b>		 <b>Open Burn</b>	<b>Campfire</b>	
	<b>Public Works</b>		<b>General</b>	<b>6</b>	
 <b>Beach</b>	<b>Beach Fire</b>		 <b>Rescue</b>	<b>Animal</b>	
 <b>Boat</b>	<b>Distress/Fire</b>			<b>Elevator</b>	
 <b>Brush/Grass</b>	<b>Bark Mulch</b>			<b>Rope/High/Confined</b>	
	<b>Fire</b>			<b>Search</b>	
	<b>Smoke Smell/Sighting</b>		<b>Water/Ice/Drowning</b>		
 <b>False Alarm</b>	<b>CO</b>		 <b>Rubbish</b>	<b>Rubbish/Dumpster Fire</b>	
	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>1</b>	 <b>Structure Fire</b>	<b>SFComm - Smoke/Smell</b>	
	<b>Residential</b>			<b>SFComm (Structure Fire)</b>	<b>2</b>
 <b>Fire-Misc</b>	<b>Misc Fire</b>			<b>SFRes - Chimney</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>HazMat</b>	<b>Chlorine</b>			<b>SFRes - Mob Home/Trailer</b>	
	<b>Petroleum Spill/Fire</b>			<b>SFRes - Smoke/Smell</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Propane</b>		<b>SFRes - (Structure Fire)</b>	<b>1</b>	
	<b>Chemical/inknown spill/leak</b>		 <b>Vehicle Fire</b>	<b>Vehicle Fire</b>	<b>3</b>
				<b>Total Calls for the month:</b>	<b>45</b>

**Medical - 1st on Scene %:**

YTD::		
	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>55</b>
	<b>RESCUE</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>MEDICAL</b>	<b>56</b>
	<b>ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>11</b>
		<b>130</b>

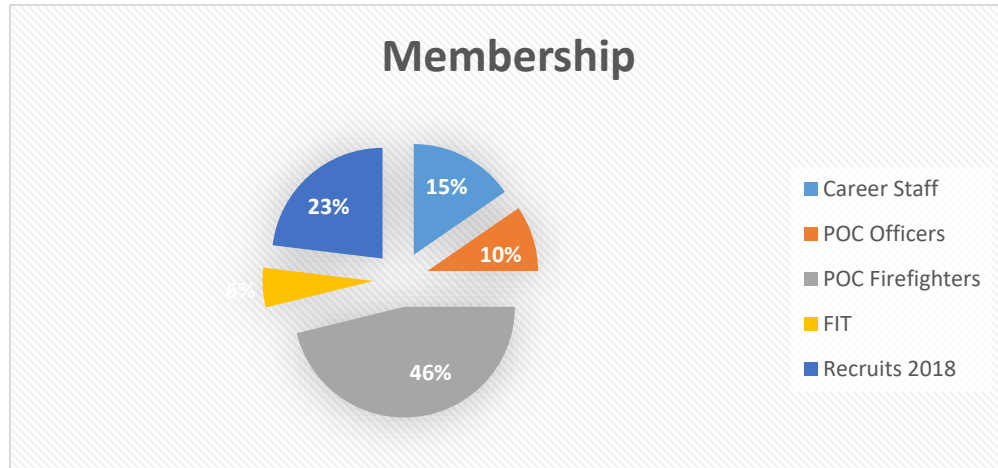
This month::		
	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>17</b>
	<b>RESCUE</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>MEDICAL</b>	<b>23</b>
	<b>ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>3</b>
		<b>45</b>

**Operations Update**

We are approaching Wildfire season and are preparing our members for another dry hot summer. North Salt Spring Water Works reported rainfall lower than usual for both February and March. Over the next few months, conditions are expected to become drier.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue received two letters of appreciation and two plaques from Emergency Management BC and the BC Wildfire Services for our departments efforts and response to the devastating wildfires of 2017.

## **Membership**



## **Training**

Our Members train every Tuesday night with other optional opportunities through the weeks. This month's regular Tuesday night drills included: First Responder skills, rescue boat training; firehose handling; Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA); and fire extinguishers.

Our recruit class of twelve also spent fifty (50) hours training to become First Responders. The course delivered in house by our members covers basic first aid up to Emergency Childbirth.

## **Inspection and Public Education Division**

Salt Spring Island Fire Inspectors conducted fourteen (14) Commercial Fire and Life Safety Inspections along with five (5) fire site consultations. We also inspected one subdivision site for a High-Risk Activity Inspection and reviewed one Commercial Fire Safety Plan.

We have been approved for two summer student Co-Op positions, one for administration and one for a Pre-Fire Planner. The new Pre-Planner University student will start in May with their main project focus on Pre-Fire plan development for commercial structures as well as a island Wildfire Pre-Plan. These critical documents are used by operational firefighters during emergencies.

Our Public Education Team attended this years 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Home and Garden show presenting information on FireSmart. The show brought in over 1350 attendees to the two-day event. Lt Mitchell Sherrin was one of the guest speakers delivering a session on garden plants that are FireSmart. We also visited one residential property this month providing a complementary FireSmart inspection. Anyone who wishes one of our FireSmart experts to visit their property please contact the Ganges Fire Station 250-537-2531 – [info@saltspringfire.com](mailto:info@saltspringfire.com) For more information on FireSmart please visit <https://www.firesmartcanada.ca/>

Respectfully Submitted

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