

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

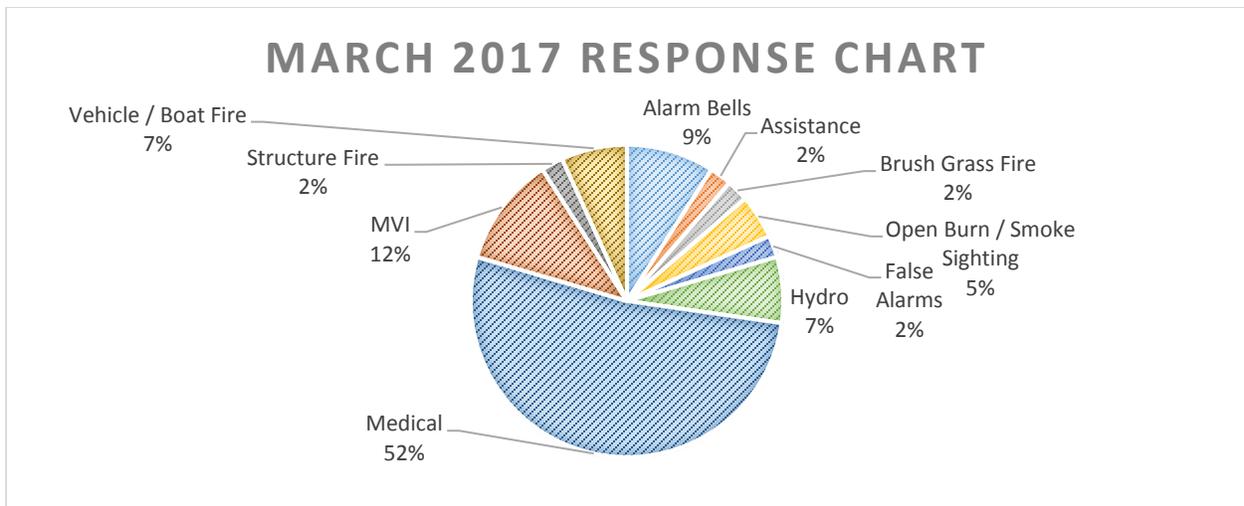
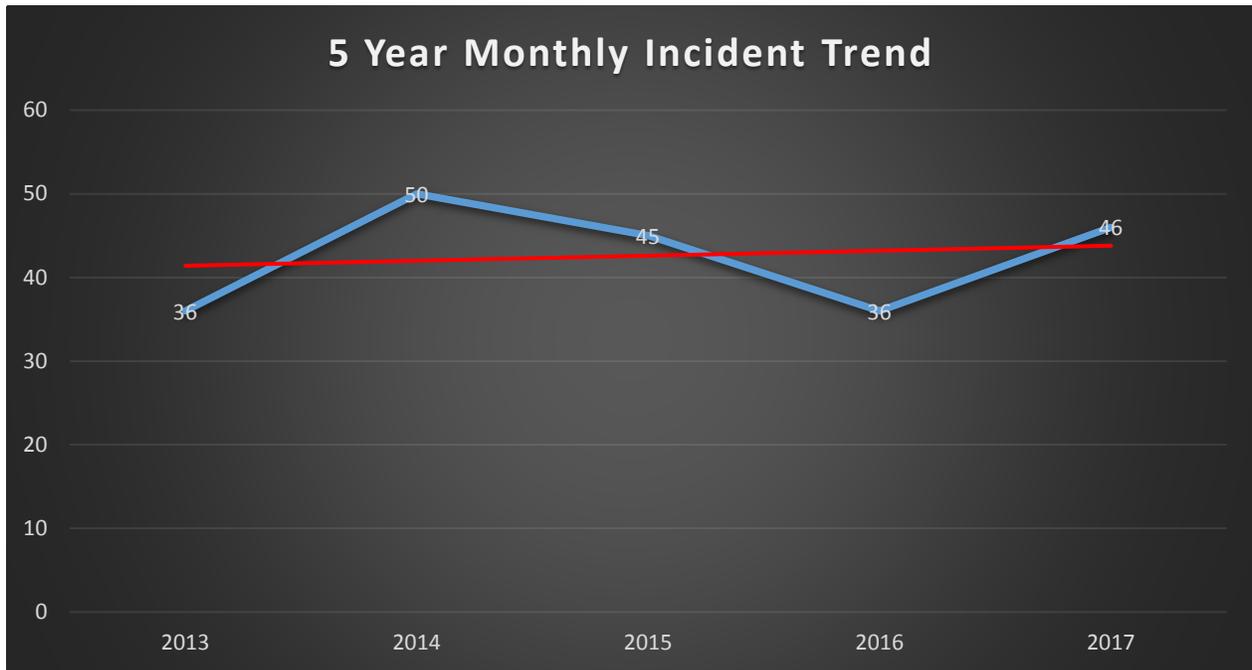
Fire Chief's Report

March 2017



Response Report

SSIFR responded to 46 Incidents in the month of March, with a total of 174 responses year to date.



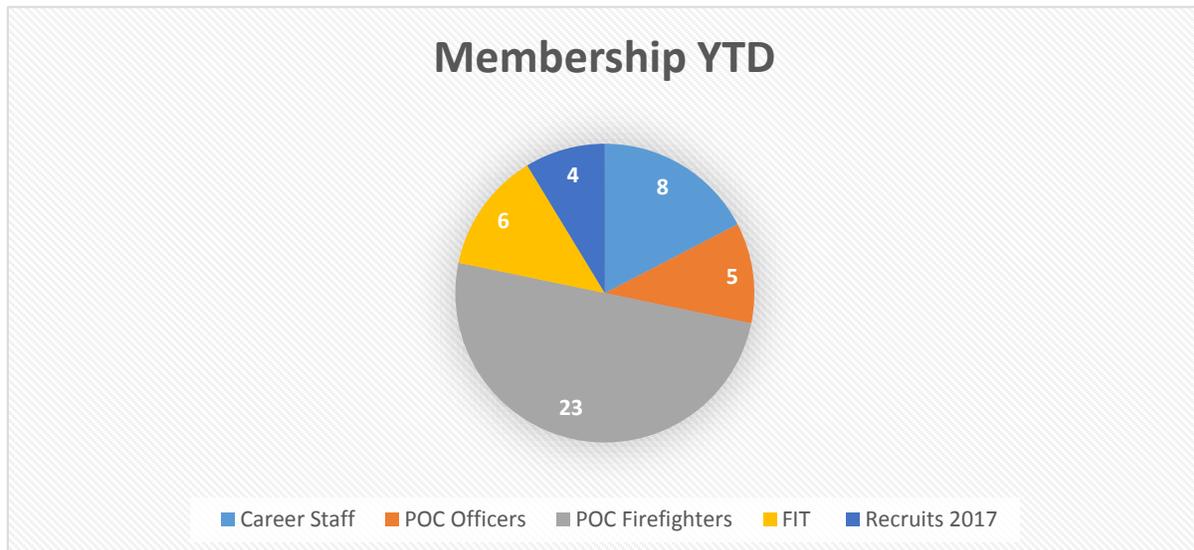
Incident Highlights

March 2nd, our SSIFR water rescue boat was requested for a water search at Weston and Stowell lakes. The search led by RCMP and Ground Search and Rescue ended with a positive outcome.

Vehicle Fire on Broadwell. No Injuries reported, but extensive damage to the vehicle and roadway occurred. Due to favorable weather conditions, no fire spread to surrounding forest or grasslands. In March alone SSIFR responded to three vehicle fires.



Membership



Our Membership has maintained at 45 personnel. We have one POC member on a medical LOA.

In March the province announced three new cancers recognized as an occupational workplace illness. The three new cancers are prostate, breast, and multiple myeloma. These are in addition to the current ten (10) presumptive cancers recognized in British Columbia for firefighters. This now brings the count to thirteen (13).

Training



Salt Spring Island in partnership with Pender Island Fire Rescue hosted another very successful Gulf Islands Fire Cadet Camp. Instructors from SSSIFR assisted in delivery in an array of fire and medical training to twenty (20) High school students, in which five (5) of those were Salt Spring Island students. The Cadet camp over the years has been an avenue for recruitment into our organization.



Inspection and Public Education Division

During the month of March twenty-eight (28) Fire and Life Safety Inspections were completed. Only one re-inspection was required for code compliance. Five (5) Pre-Fire Plans were developed and updated for commercial buildings along with one (1) subdivision review.

Our Public Education team met with several groups this month including Little Red Schoolhouse, Family Place, Home & Garden Show, Girl Guides and one family for an infant car seat installation.

Coming up on April 29th Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue in partnership with all our islands emergency services will host the 2nd Annual Emergency Fair at the Farmers Institute. The collaborative fair brings together all the emergency services into one spot with educational demonstrations, and interactive booths. Please stop by and see what services all our wonderful agencies provide.

Respectfully Submitted

Arjuna George

Fire Chief

2nd Annual Salt Spring Island EMERGENCY FAIR
April 29 10 - 2pm
Farmer's Institute
"Engaging Community in Disaster Resilience"

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Featuring Island Agencies, Sponsors & Community Groups

- POD Program
- Emergency Social Services
- FireSmart
- Boat Safety
- Shake Out BC
- Grab 'n Go Bags
- Stretcher Wheel demo
- Survival Tips for adults
- Rope Rescue demonstrations
- Emergency kits and supplies
- AED/CPR and disaster first aid
- Power outage preparedness
- and electrical safety
- livestock species
- Pet emergency care
- Water catchment
- Oil spill response
- and more...

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