

# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

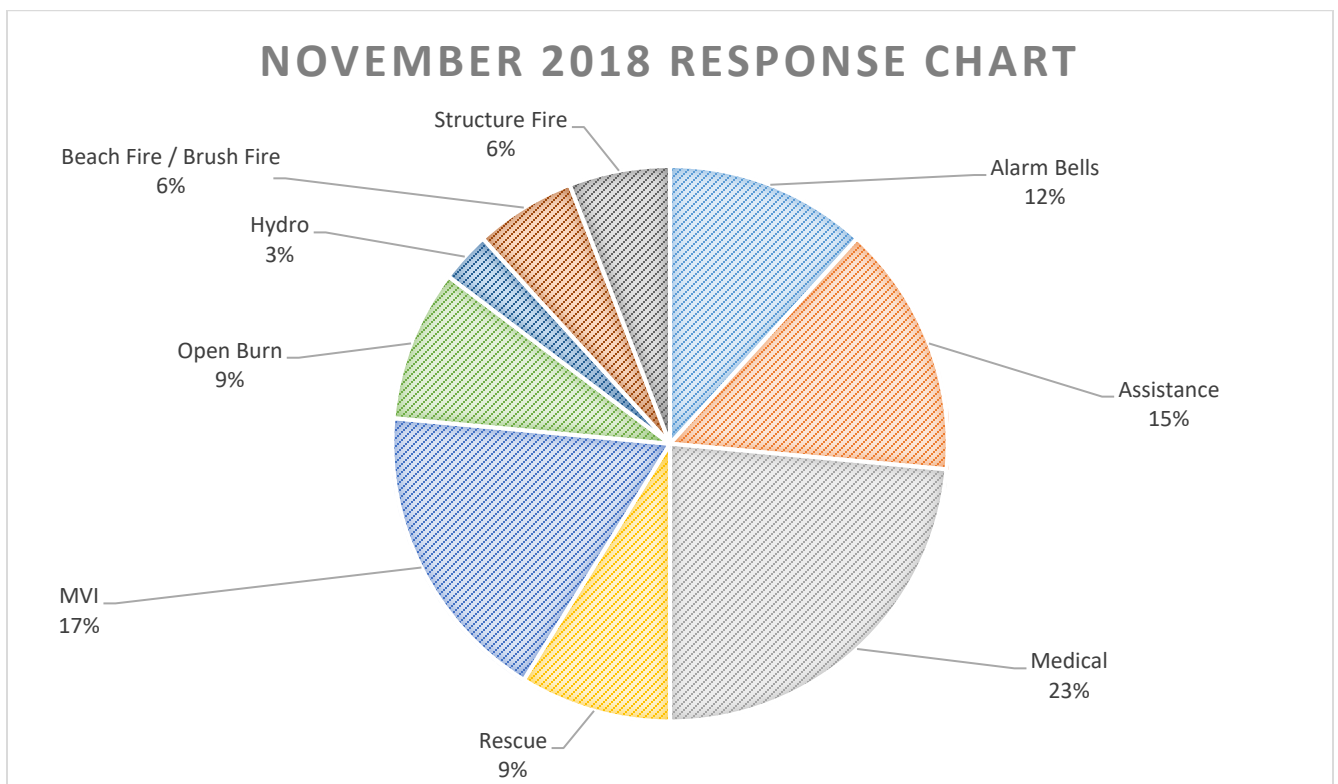
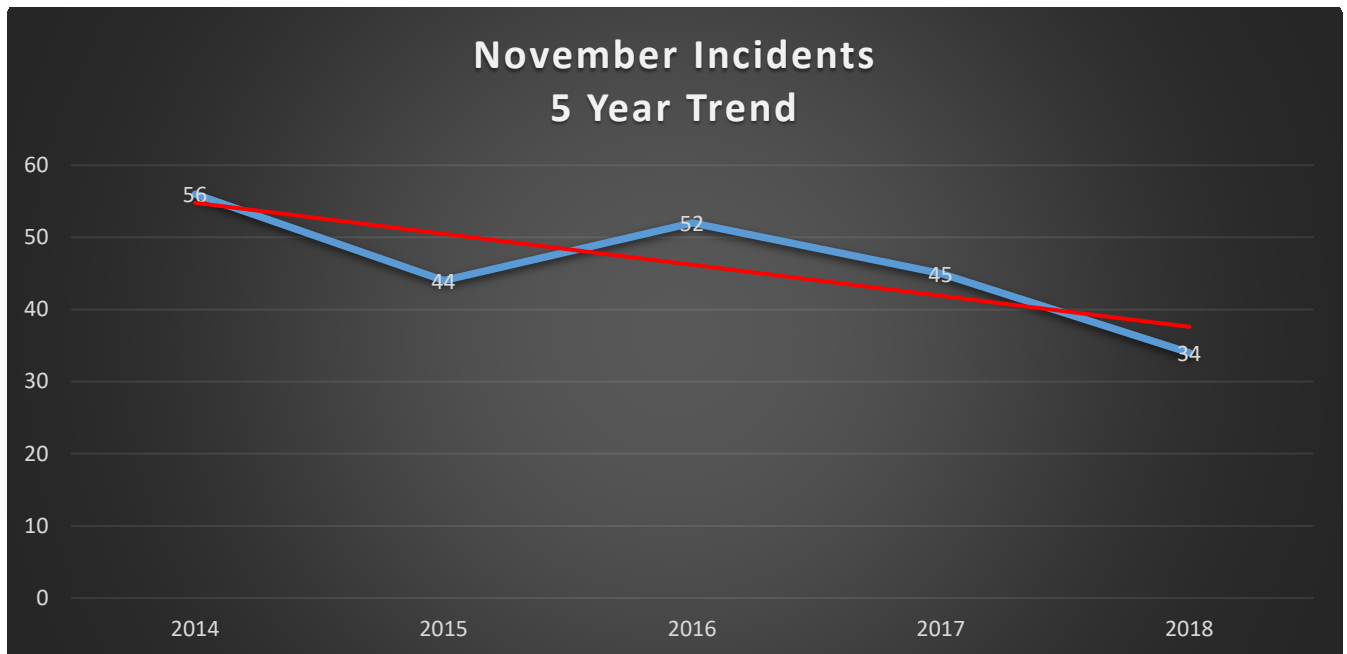
## Fire Chief's Report

### November 2018













#### Response Report

SSIFR responded to **34** Incidents for the month of November with a total year to date (Nov 30<sup>th</sup>) of 633 Incidents for 2018.



**INCIDENT LEGEND** **NOV 2018** **Total Calls: 34**

<b>Aircraft</b>	<b>Aircraft-Crash</b>		<b>Hydro</b>	<b>Fire</b>	
 <b>Alarm Bells</b>	<b>CO</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Lines Down</b>	
	<b>Commercial</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Tree on Lines</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Intrusion</b>		 <b>Medical</b>	<b>Medical A/B</b>	
	<b>Residential</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>Medical C</b>	
 <b>Assistance</b>	<b>BCAS</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>Medical D</b>	<b>8</b>
	<b>Flooding</b>			<b>Medical E</b>	
	<b>General Public</b>	<b>3</b>	 <b>MVI</b>	<b>MVI</b>	<b>6</b>
	<b>Misc Complaint</b>		 <b>Open Burn</b>	<b>Campfire</b>	<b>1</b>
	<b>Public Works</b>	<b>1</b>		<b>General</b>	<b>2</b>
	<b>RCMP</b>		 <b>Rescue</b>	<b>Animal</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>Beach</b>	<b>Beach Fire</b>	<b>2</b>		<b>Elevator</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>Boat</b>	<b>Distress/Fire</b>			<b>Rope/High/Confined</b>	<b>1</b>
 <b>Brush/Grass</b>	<b>Bark Mulch</b>			<b>Search</b>	
	<b>Fire</b>			<b>Water/Ice/Drowning</b>	
	<b>Smoke Smell/Sighting</b>		 <b>Rubbish</b>	<b>Rubbish/Dumpster Fire</b>	
 <b>False Alarm</b>	<b>CO</b>		 <b>Structure Fire</b>	<b>SFComm - Smoke/Smell</b>	
	<b>Commercial</b>			<b>SFComm (Structure Fire)</b>	
	<b>Residential</b>			<b>SFRes - Chimney</b>	<b>2</b>
 <b>Fire-Misc</b>	<b>Misc Fire</b>			<b>SFRes - Mob Home/Trailer</b>	
 <b>HazMat</b>	<b>Chlorine</b>			<b>SFRes - Smoke/Smell</b>	
	<b>Petroleum Spill/Fire</b>			<b>SFRes - (Structure Fire)</b>	
	<b>Propane</b>		 <b>Vehicle Fire</b>	<b>Vehicle Fire</b>	
	<b>Chemical/inknown spill/leak</b>		<b>Total Calls for the month:</b>		<b>34</b>

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

**YTD::**

<b>FIRE</b>	<b>259</b>
<b>RESCUE</b>	<b>57</b>
<b>MEDICAL</b>	<b>231</b>
<b>ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>86</b>
	<b>633</b>

**This month::**

<b>FIRE</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>RESCUE</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>MEDICAL</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>ASSISTANCE</b>	<b>4</b>
	<b>34</b>



## Operations Update

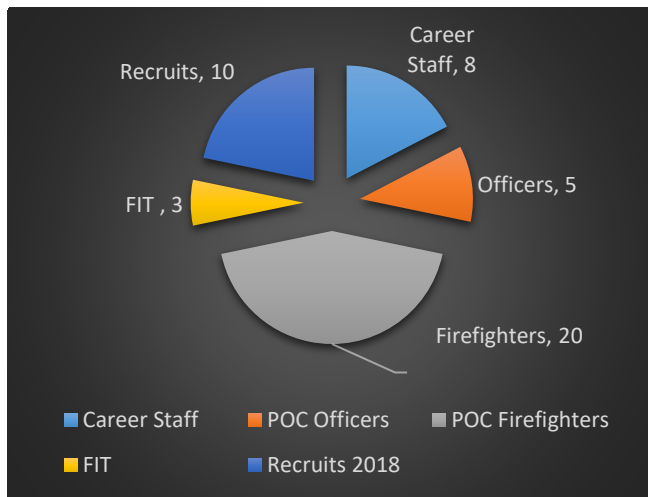
November 7<sup>th</sup> SSIFR met with other local agencies in preparation for the upcoming storm and winter season. The annual winter agency meeting is led by MainRoads Contracting in preparation for the winter storm season and emergency responses. Initial weather forecasts expect a low snow year but potential heavy rain and wind.

Nov 28<sup>th</sup> the Alert Ready Emergency Notification system was tested in BC. The Alert Ready is Canada's emergency alerting system. Alert Ready delivers critical and potentially life-saving alerts to Canadians through television, radio and LTE-connected and compatible wireless devices. Our regions CRD Emergency Program has a more local notification system in place called the Public Alert Notification System (PANS). For more information on PANS or to register follow this link:

<http://saltspringfire.com/emergency-preparedness/>



## Membership



**Recruit Firefighter Process update.** SSIFR received 14 Paid-On-Call (POC) Firefighter applications along with two Field Incident Technician (FIT) applications.

Fourteen (14) Firefighter candidates were invited to the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, the Firefighter physical test on Nov 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

Stage three was the panel interview process held November 20, 21 and 22. Twelve (12) POC Firefighters were interviewed along with two FIT applicants.

Final administration steps are in process.

Successful applicants will receive a position offer in December for a January 2019 start date.

November all staff performance reviews were completed by management with a year end staff meeting scheduled December 10<sup>th</sup>.

## Training

This past month Firefighters focused on Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) operations, firehose management, Incident Command and electrical safety. This time of the year SSIFR sees an influx of storm related incidents including hydro fires and downed power lines. Last year (2017) SSIFR responded to 67 Hydro related incidents.

The recruits of 2018 focused on preparing for their Live Fire Evaluations. Four consecutive drills were dedicated strictly to preparing for Live Fire I certification at Pender Island's new state of the art Live Fire Training Centre.

During the month we also offered advanced training on Technical Rope Rescue Pickoffs, Hazardous Materials, Pump Theory and an Auto Extrication scenario.

In November, our membership collectively dedicated over 626 hours of training focusing on basic skills as well as advanced skills maintenance.



### **Inspection and Fire and Life Safety Education**

November was another busy month for fire-prevention staff. We held several events and had numerous interactions with the community. These events included:

- One highlight was attending the Flu Clinic on Friday, November 23. Firefighters visited with 120 islanders to discuss fall prevention, FireSmart and other fire-safety tips while these citizens recovered after their inoculations.
- We attended Family Place (a resource centre for young families) to conduct a car-seat clinic for 28 parents and children. In addition to discussing best practices and car-seat safety, firefighters inspected and installed five car seats at this event. Firefighters also inspected and installed two other car-seats by appointment at the Ganges Fire Hall.
- We had a visit from 16 students and adults from a home-school program on November 28. SSIFR also hosted 11 guests from Phoenix Elementary for a hall tour and education session.
- SSIFR also held four CPR classes for Grade-9 students at GISS (with approximately 25 students in each class) on November 8, 14, 20 and 26.
- As a final note, two SSIFR staff attended a Public Education Symposium in Nanaimo on November 6 and heard presentations from National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) staff and regional colleagues regarding new developments in Fire and Life Safety Education.





SSIFR received an additional donation from the Lions Club of Salt Spring Island for \$1,500 on top of their previous donation of \$500 for the SSIFR Smoke Alarm Program. The support from the local Lions Club makes it possible for us to provide members of our community with an important means of making fire prevention a priority. To date we have been able to provide twenty-two smoke alarms to residents of Pioneer Village and six to families in need. The support from Lions Club will go a long way to keeping our community safe.

A total of seven commercial fire and life safety inspections were conducted, along with 15 Fire Department Connection's (FDC), one driveway inspection, one plan review and two Subdivision reviews.

Respectfully Submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Arjuna George".

Arjuna George

Fire Chief