

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

June 2019



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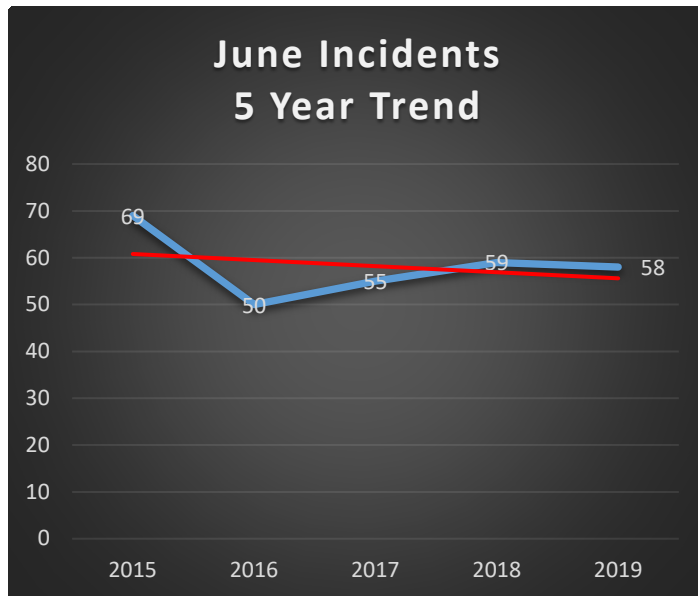
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

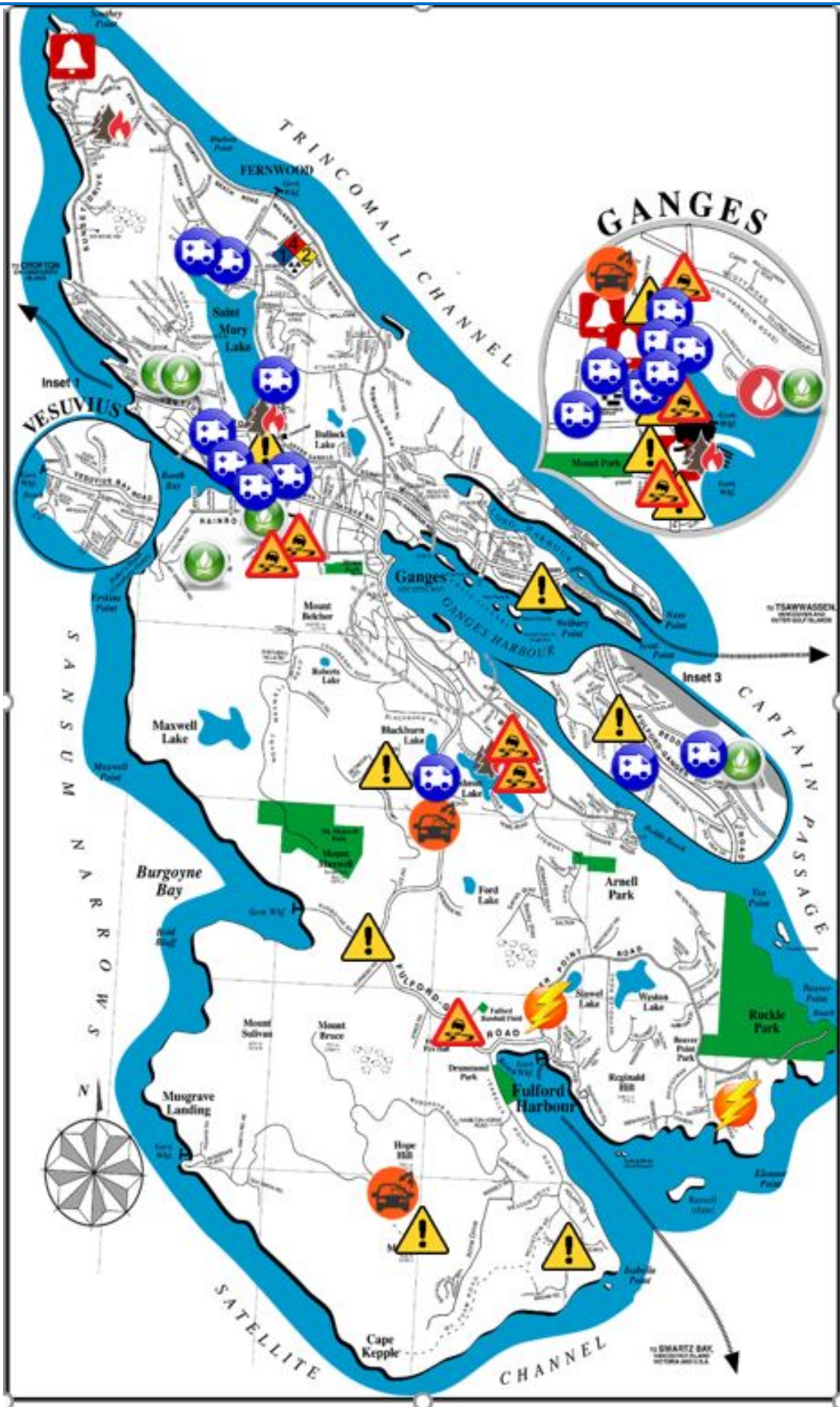
Response Report

Salt Spring Island Firefighters responded to **58** calls the month of June.



INCIDENT LEGEND		Jun 2019	Total Calls: 58		
Aircraft	Aircraft-Crash				
Alarm Bells	CO				
	Commercial	3			
	Intrusion				
	Residential	1			
Assistance	BCAS	1			
	Flooding				
	General Public	5			
	Misc Complaint	4			
	Public Works				
	RCMP	1			
Beach	Beach Fire	1			
Boat	Distress/Fire	1			
Brush/Grass	Bark Mulch	1			
	Fire	1			
	Smoke Smell/Sighting	2			
False Alarm	CO				
	Commercial				
	Residential				
Fire-Misc	Misc Fire				
HazMat	Chlorine				
	Petroleum Spill/Fire				
	Propane	1			
	Chemical/unknown spill/leak				
	Hydro				
	Fire		2		
	Lines Down				
	Tree on Lines				
Medical	Medical A/B				
	Medical C				
	Medical D		15		
	Medical E		2		
MVI	MVI		8		
Open Burn	Campfire		1		
	General		5		
Rescue	Animal				
	Elevator				
	Repo/High/Confined				
	Search				
	Water/ice/Drowning				
Rubbish	Rubbish/Dumpster Fire				
Structure Fire	SFCemm - Smoke/Smell				
	SFCemm (Structure Fire)				
	SFRes - Chimney				
	SFRes - Mob Home/Trailer				
	SFRes - Smoke/Smell				
	SFRes - (Structure Fire)				
Vehicle Fire	Vehicle Fire		3		
			Total Calls for the month: 58		
			Medical - 1st on Scene %:		
YTD:	FIRE	157	This month:	FIRE	22
	RESCUE	59		RESCUE	16
	MEDICAL	132		MEDICAL	16
	ASSISTANCE	1		ASSISTANCE	0
		349			58





Operations

We experienced a very dry June with below normal precipitation. Over the month we fluctuated between HIGH and MODERATE fire dangers. Our crews are prepared for this summers wildfire season as well as any deployments requested from the Province.

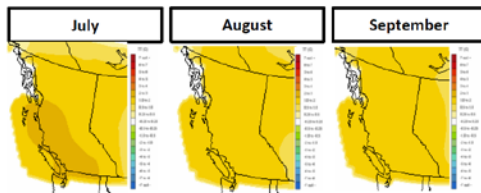
For more information on Fire Danger Ratings and High Risk activities please visit:

<https://saltspringfire.com/high-risk-activities-new/>

Wildfire and Summer Forecast

Summer: July - September

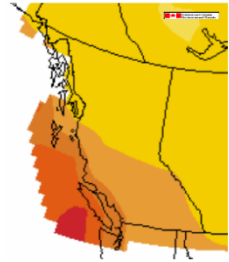
- Continue to see large area of the province predicted to have above normal temperatures, with very high probabilities existing for coastal areas and the northwest (Maps 4)
- July forecasts are showing the largest temperature anomaly through coastal regions (Map 4)
- Precipitation is challenging to predict as seasonal forecasts of precipitation are historically not as reliable as temperature forecasts. However the forecast dry areas along the coast line up with many other factors we are seeing



Map 4: Monthly forecast temperature anomaly

Outlook: October - December

- Of note, the seasonal temperature forecast for Oct/Nov/Dec continues to show above normal values through the province, focusing on the southern half and in particular Vancouver Island (Map 7).



Data provided by the BC Wildfire Service - Predictive Services Unit (2019)



Vehicle Fire June

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Membership

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster

■ Career ■ POC Officers ■ POC Firefighters ■ POC FIT's ■ Recruit FF ■ Recruit FIT

Training

 **Hours 1150**

Our dedicated members trained on several disciplines over the month of June including:

- First Responder Training
- Ocean Water Drafting (Ganges test trials)
- Water Rescue Boat Operations
- Firefighting Foam
- Fire Hose Handling
- Pumps and Pumping
- Auto Extrication

We offered one of two Basic Fire Suppression and Safety Training in preparation for the 2019 Wildfire season.

In working with WorksafeBC and Vancouver Island University we hosted a new pilot program for Volunteer Fire Departments in Firefighter mental health and resiliency.

We hosted our 16th Annual Platoon Challenge where our three platoons compete head to head in skill testing stations. The event kicks off summer with team building and skill testing. The event was another great success with Platoon B from Fire Hall 2 as the 2019 Champions. Congrats to all the members for an outstanding job displaying the many skills and abilities our service provides.



Inspection and Fire and Life Safety Education

Fire Inspections

32 Fire/Life Safety Inspections



5 Site Consultations



Fire & Life Safety Education

160 Community Outreach



Our Fire and Life Safety Educators met with 160 members of the community on several key interests.

- We provided three FireSmart presentations to neighborhood pods at Beddis Road, Fort Street and Maracaibo.
- We made a safety presentation at a parent meeting at the SSI Co-operative
- We hosted a Cut Broom in Bloom chipping event at Fulford Fire Hall
- Our car seat technicians assisted with four car seats installations for young families.



Respectfully Submitted



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