

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

December 2019



Vision

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

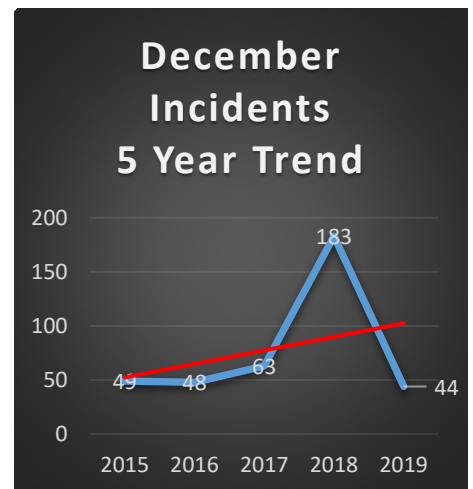
Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

Salt Spring Island Firefighters responded to **44** calls for the month of December. SSIFR finished off the year with 655 calls.

INCIDENT LEGEND		Dec 2019	Total Calls: 44
	Aircraft	Aircraft-Crash	
	Alarm Bells	CO	
		Commercial	
		Intrusion	
		Residential	1
	Assistance	BCAS	1
		Flooding	1
		General Public	4
		Misc Complaint	1
		Public Works	
		RCMP	
	Beach	Beach Fire	
	Boat	Distress/Fire	
	Brush/Grass	Bark Mulch	
		Fire	
		Smoke Smell/Sighting	1
	False Alarm	CO	
		Commercial	
		Residential	
	Fire-Misc	Misc Fire	
	HazMat	Chlorine	
		Petroleum Spill/Fire	
		Propane	2
		Chemical/inknown spill/leak	
		Hydro	
		Fire	2
		Lines Down	1
		Tree on Lines	1
	Medical	Medical A/B	
		Medical C	1
		Medical D	20
		Medical E	
	MVI	MVI	5
	Open Burn	Campfire	
		General	1
	Rescue	Animal	
		Elevator	
		Rope/High/Confined	
		Search	
		Water/Ice/Drowning	
	Rubbish	Rubbish/Dumpster Fire	
	Structure Fire	SFComm - Smoke/Smell	
		SFComm (Structure Fire)	
		SFRes - Chimney	1
		SFRes - Mob Home/Trailer	
		SFRes - Smoke/Smell	
		SFRes - (Structure Fire)	1
	Vehicle Fire	Vehicle Fire	
		Total Calls for the month:	44
This month::		FIRE	11
		RESCUE	5
		MEDICAL	22
		ASSISTANCE	6
YTD::		FIRE	272
		RESCUE	49
		MEDICAL	268
		ASSISTANCE	66





Operations

December 27th Firefighters responded to a kitchen fire on Richard Flack Road. Before Firefighters arrived on scene RCMP made a quick rescue and stopped the fire spread with a fire extinguisher. The RCMP Constable's swift action saved the sole occupants life. The Fire was extinguished, and one male occupant taken to Hospital with minor injuries. On behalf of the organization I would like to recognize Constable Hastie for his quick actions.

December, Roof repair work was undertaken by an Asbestos remediation company, as one of the steps towards fixing the Hall 1 roof. Following the Asbestos work, an engineer inspected all the roof components and we are now awaiting their final report before proceeding with a repair.

I would like to acknowledge and thank the Firefighters and Janet Cliffe for another amazing Christmas display at Hall 1. The year SSIFR received Second in Lights and the People Choice Awards.

We hosted our annual Emergency Services Meet-up at the Ganges Fire Hall. This meetup provides the opportunity for all agencies to communicate and build relationships prior to local emergencies. The event was well attended by all island agencies.



Training

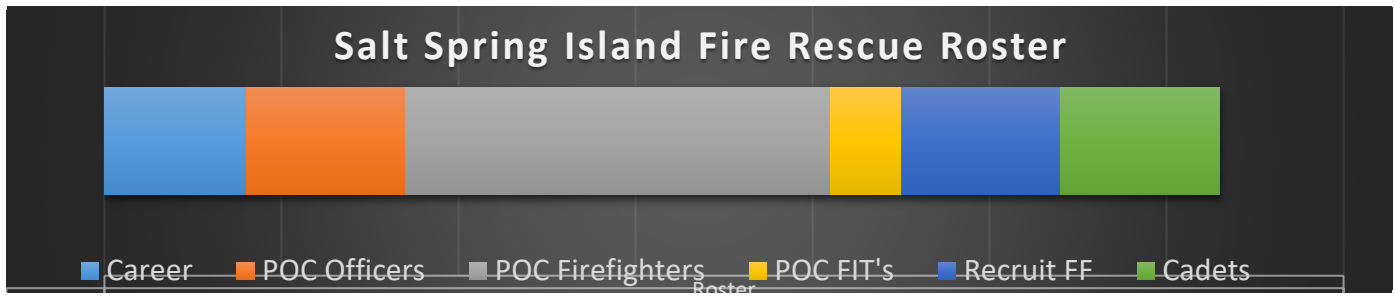


Our dedicated members trained on numerous disciplines over the month of **December** including:

- First Responder Training
- Auto Extrication (Hybrid Vehicles)
- Fire Control
- Ground Ladders

Recruits have finished their final exams and now only require Haz-mat to complete their NFPA 1001.

Membership



Inspection and Fire and Life Safety Education

80 Community Outreach

SSIFR Fire and Life Safety Education team made great connections in our community this past month:

- We assisted the SSI Emergency Programme by teaching Emergency Preparedness classes as part of the SSI Emergency Resilience Training: First Aid and Fire Extinguishers, Vehicle Rescue and Evacuations. There were 20 students in each class.
- We hosted Heartland School (16 attendees) for a hall tour and education session
- We held Fire Extinguisher Training at the SSI Rod and Gun Club (10 attendees)
- We taught CPR/AED to 24 Grade-9 students at GISS.
- We visited Family Place and taught emergency preparedness skills to parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

Respectfully Submitted

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