

# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

## Fire Chief's Report

January 2020



### Vision

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

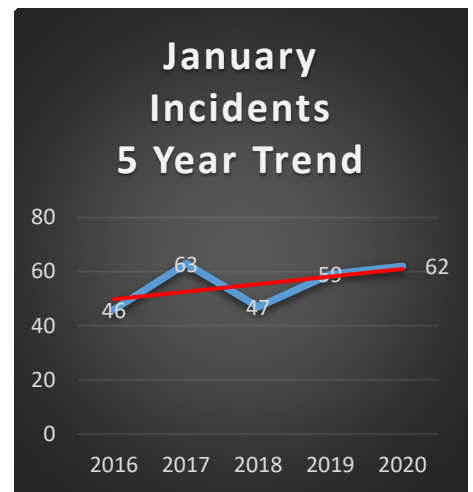
### Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

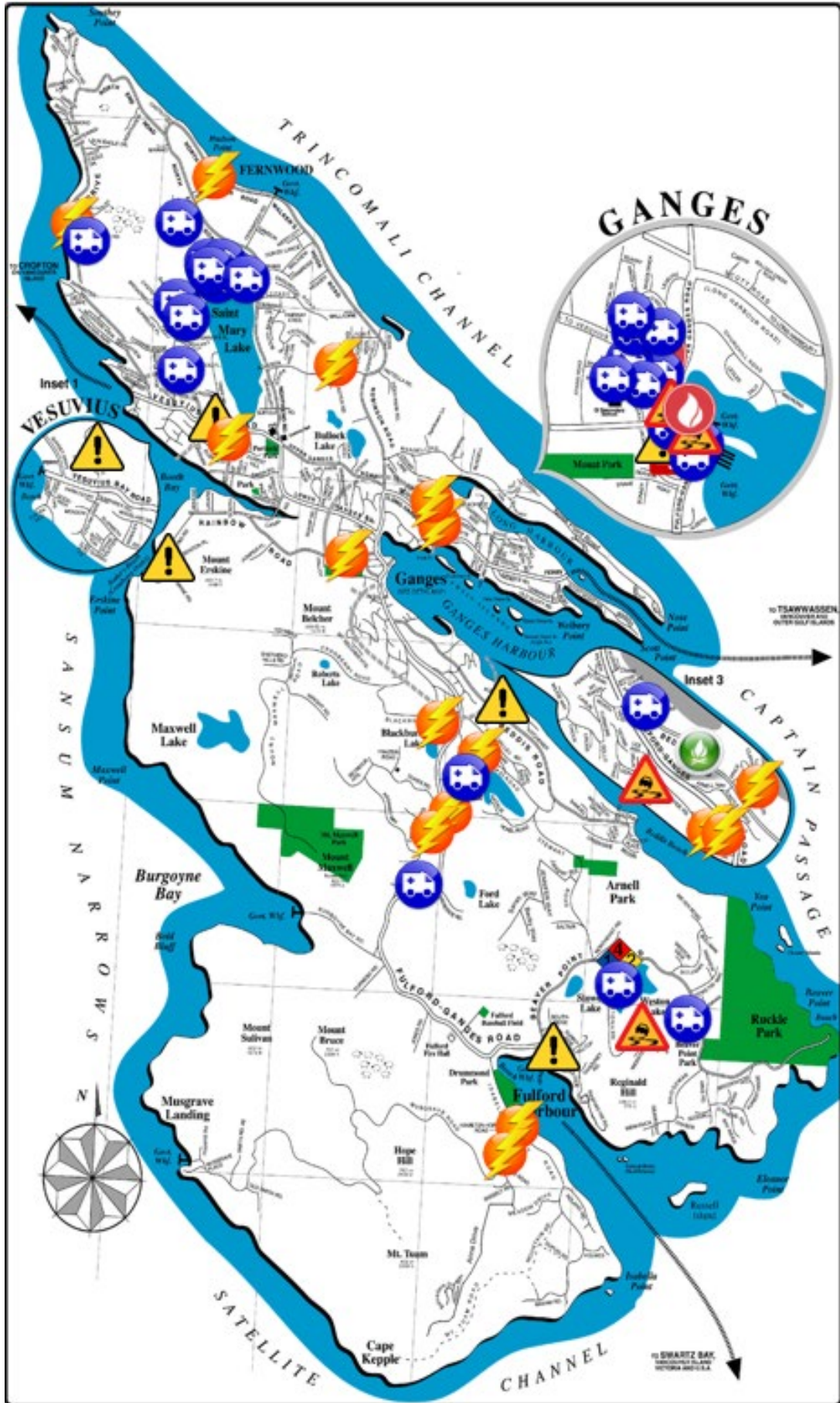
### Response Report

Salt Spring Island Firefighters responded to **62** calls for the month of January.

INCIDENT LEGEND		Jan 2020	Total Calls: 62
Aircraft	Aircraft-Crash		
Alarm Bells	CO		
	Commercial	2	
	Intrusion		
	Residential		
Assistance	BCAS	1	
	Flooding	2	
	General Public	2	
	Misc Complaint		
	Public Works	2	
	RCMP		
Beach	Beach Fire		
Boat	Distress/Fire		
Brush/Grass	Bark Mulch		
	Fire		
	Smoke Smell/Sighting		
False Alarm	CO		
	Commercial		
	Residential		
Fire-Misc	Misc Fire	1	
HazMat	Chlorine		
	Petroleum Spill/Fire		
	Propane	1	
	Chemical/unknown spill/leak		
Hydro	Fire		4
	Lines Down		7
	Tree on Lines		5
Medical	Medical A/B		
	Medical C		
	Medical D		26
	Medical E		3
MVI	MVI		4
Open Burn	Campfire		
	General		1
Rescue	Animal		
	Elevator		
	Rope/High/Confined		
	Search		
	Water/Ice/Drowning		
Rubbish	Rubbish/Dumpster Fire		1
Structure Fire	SFComm - Smoke/Smell		
	SFComm (Structure Fire)		
	SFRes - Chimney		
	SFRes - Mob Home/Trailer		
	SFRes - Smoke/Smell		
	SFRes - (Structure Fire)		
Vehicle Fire	Vehicle Fire		
			Total Calls for the month: 62



This month::	FIRE	22	YTD::	FIRE	22
	RESCUE	4		RESCUE	4
	MEDICAL	30		MEDICAL	30
	ASSISTANCE	6		ASSISTANCE	6
		62			62



# Operations

The emergency generator project is now complete, and all three fire halls are now equipped with small portable generators for emergency backup. One last detail is the construction of outdoor housing structures for them. These new units will be critical to operating emergencies during mass power outages. The project came in under-budget.

The process to replace the Engine from Fire Hall 2 has been initiated. The specifications for the engine and a request for proposal are currently being created by staff.

The repurposing of Mini Pumper 1 is complete, with the fire pump and plumbing successfully removed. The apparatus still has the capability to pump water for brush fires, but the overall weight has drastically been reduced. The unit now houses all our technical rescue equipment for rope rescue, hazardous materials, confined space, water and ice rescue.

We have received the final shipment for the new digital pagers as part of the roll out for the CREST P25 digital system. We now have all members with the updated digital pagers and the next phase will be receiving the P25 digital portable radios.

Late last year (2019) we applied for the UBCM Volunteer and Composite Fire Department Equipment and Training Grant. Unfortunately, due to the massive province wide uptake, we were not selected for the grant this year.

Staff conducted a full day Fire Hall One site inspection with FireWise consulting. This process was part of the Needs and Facilities Assessment. To receive the latest updates on this important community project please visit <https://saltspringfire.com/fire-rescue-advisory-committee/> and subscribe.



Our Winter/Spring Emergency Program workshops are scheduled with the first workshop being Hydro Safety and Awareness (Feb 13<sup>th</sup>) led by BC Hydro. All the workshops are offered free to the public and registration is not required. March 12<sup>th</sup> SSIFR will present a FireSmart workshop for the public on how to reduce the risk of wildfires around your home.

# Training



Our dedicated members started off the year with basic testing as part of our training program 2020.

- Firefighter baseline skills and knowledge testing
- Firefighter physical testing

# Membership

## Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster

■ Career ■ POC Officers ■ POC Firefighters ■ POC FIT's ■ Cadets



## Community Risk Reduction

### Fire Inspections

2 Fire/Life Safety Inspections



7 Site Consultations



### Fire & Life Safety Education

68 Community Outreach



Another busy month for the SSIFR Fire and Life Safety Education team:

- Our team taught two High School groups CPR & AED training (34 Students)
- We met with Family Place meeting with new parents on emergency preparedness, car seat safety, and choking.
- We conducted one fire hall school tour.

Respectfully Submitted

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