

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

May 2023



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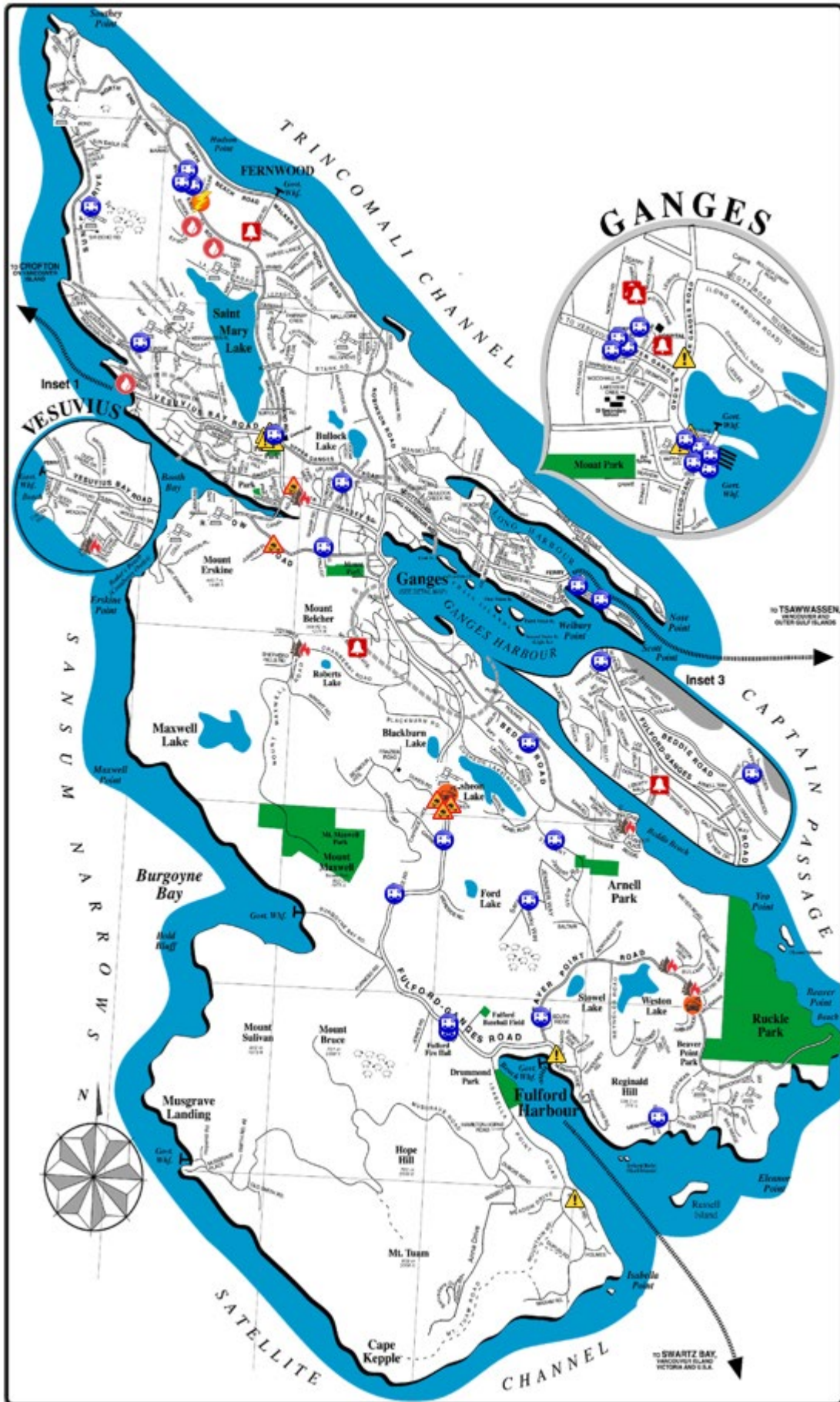
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		2023					
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	Total
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	5		4	5	14	
Aircraft	Emergency						
Alarm	Alarm	6	4	7	4	6	
Assistance	Assistance	4	5	4	3	10	
Explosion	Explosion						
Fire	Brush			1	2	2	
	Chimney	1					
	Misc	2	3	3		2	
	Structure	2	2	1			
	Boat				1		
	Vehicle	1		2		2	
HazMat	HazMat						
Hydro	Hydro	4	12	4	1	1	
Medical	Medical	21	11	20	24	30	
MVI	MVI	7	3	5	1	5	
Rescue	Rescue	1		1			
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush			2	4	3	
	Structure	1			1		
Total Calls for the month:		55	40	54	46	75	270
	2014	35	51	50	27	39	202
	2015	32	36	44	31	44	187
	2016	46	35	34	46	72	233
	2017	63	66	46	39	74	288
	2018	47	38	45	41	62	233
	2019	59	58	49	64	61	291
	2020	62	52	57	53	30	254
	2021	43	52	60	46	43	244
	2022	33	29	32	53	85	232
	2023						
	FIRE	11	17	13	9	10	60
	RESCUE	13	3	10	6	19	51
	MEDICAL	21	11	20	24	30	106
	ASSISTANCE	10	9	11	7	16	53



Operations

Our reserve Tender was requested by the province to assist with the fires in Northern BC. T301 crewed by Capt. Gaudet and FF Strudy responded to Fort St John where they assisted with structural protection crews for 10 days. They worked primarily on night shift shuttling water, checking fire lines and other areas of concern.

The summer forecast for BC is not great regarding the upcoming wildfire season. They are predicting a drier than normal summer, which usually means a busier season, but we'll wait and see what the June rains look like as they will tell the real story.



Prevention

Fire Inspections in May (8)

8 Commercial Inspections were completed in April.

FLSE Activity in May (21 events with 634 community contacts total)

May 7 FireSmart display at Ruckle Farm Day with 192 contacts/discussions.

May 13 and May 28 - FireSmart Chipping Events in partnership with Transition SSI - with 157 attendees over the two days.

May 27 - Emergency Preparedness fair with nine partner agencies (BCAS, RCMP, SSIEP, ESS, SSI-GSAR, SSI-RCMSAR, RCCG, BCWS, and SSI Amateur Radio Club) and 70 attendees.

May 1 visits to Early Learning Families (ELF) programs at Saltspring Elementary and Fernwood Elementary to discuss fire and life safety with pre-school parents and children - 52 attendees.

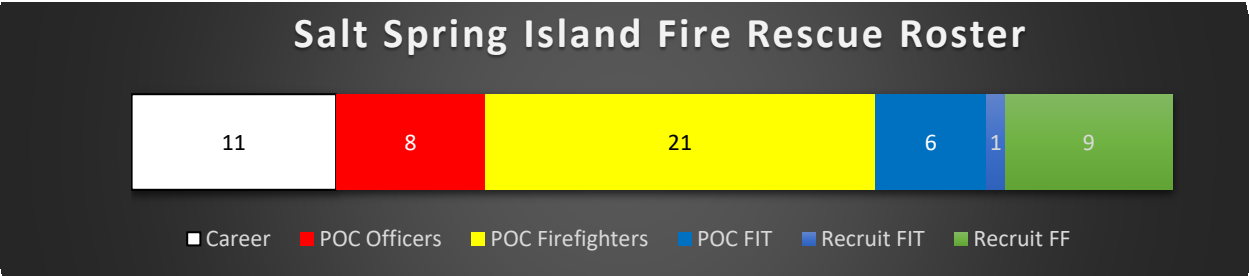
May 27 - Horel Neighborhood Pod Block Party with FireSmart presentation with 50 attendees.

May 25 - Living with Fire - FireSmart webinar where Community Wildfire Plan was released with 30 attendees.

May 5 and May 8 visit to Co-op Preschool safety discussions with parents 27 - attendees total.

May 2 and May 8 Red Cross CPR class at GISS with 26 attendees (over two sessions).

Total Residential FireSmart Assessments completed over 10 dates: 123 (with 30 community contacts)



Training

All members completed 945.75 hours of training for the month of May. POC/FIT/Recruits 801.25 hours, career members completed 144.50 hours. The increase in training hours were a result of 6 members going over to Vancouver for the Fire Smart Conference, followed by the Wildland Interface Conference.

D/C Lundy spent 4 days with the Training Officers Association in Vancouver for the annual conference in May as well.

4 POC members also were successful in completing their Class 3 driving requirements, and successfully passed road tests in Duncan.

4 career members are enrolled in Fire Inspector 1 course, and 1 other career member is enrolled in Fire Investigator Level 1. After successful completion of the courses, we will have 7 certified inspectors, and all our career officers will have at least Level 1 Fire Investigation certification.

All SSIFR members were enrolled in the S-100A annual refresher for wildland firefighting. Those that wish also enrolled in the S-185 Fire Entrapment Avoidance. This is now a requirement for members wishing to be considered for wildland deployment.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

