

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

April 2025



Vision

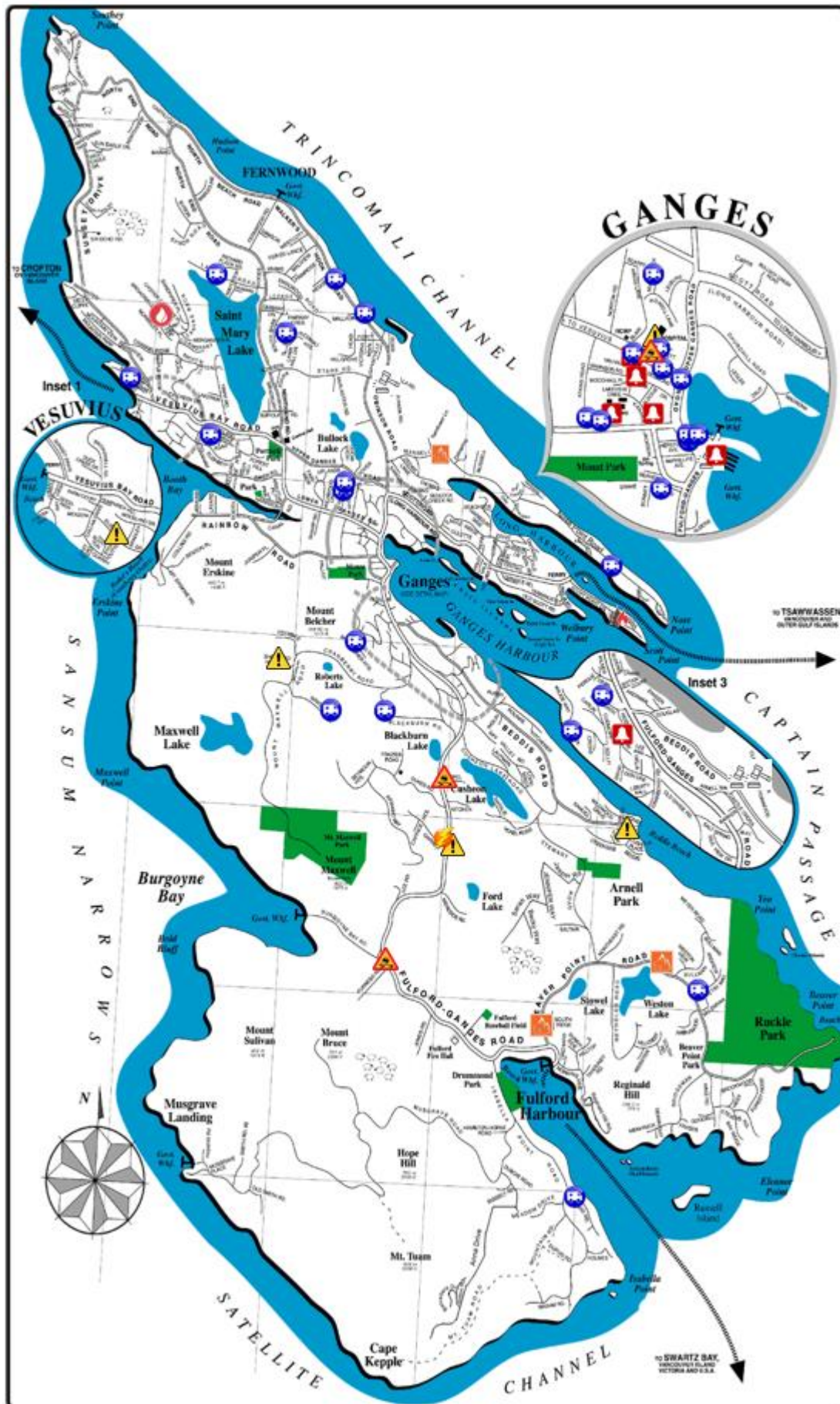
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

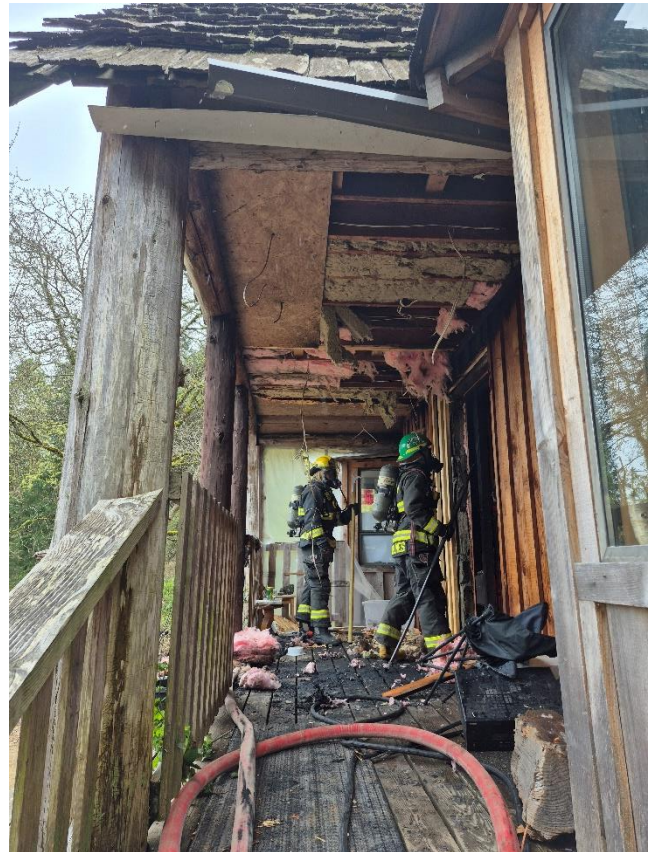
| INCIDENT LEGEND | | | Apr-25 | | | | | TOTAL CALLS: | | | 204 |
|----------------------------|------------|------|--------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------|-----|-----|-----|
| | | | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | OCT | NOV | DEC | |
| Act/Bylaw | Complaint | | 5 | 2 | 5 | 4 | | | | | 16 |
| Aircraft | Emergency | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Alarm | Alarm | | 2 | | 4 | 6 | | | | | 12 |
| Assistance | Assistance | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | | | | | 11 |
| Explosion | Explosion | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| Fire | Brush | | | 1 | | | | | | | 1 |
| | Chimney | | 2 | | 1 | | | | | | 3 |
| | Misc | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | 2 |
| | Structure | | 2 | 1 | | 2 | | | | | 5 |
| | Boat | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| | Vehicle | | | | | | | | | | 0 |
| HazMat | HazMat | | | 2 | | | | | | | 2 |
| Hydro | Hydro | | 1 | 5 | 2 | 1 | | | | | 9 |
| Medical | Medical | | 29 | 28 | 36 | 27 | | | | | 120 |
| MVI | MVI | | 7 | 2 | 2 | 3 | | | | | 14 |
| Rescue | Rescue | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | | | 3 |
| Smoke/Smell/Sighting | Brush | | | | 2 | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| | Structure | | 2 | | | 1 | | | | | 3 |
| Total Calls for the month: | | | 52 | 44 | 57 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 204 |
| | | 2016 | 46 | 35 | 34 | 46 | | | | | 161 |
| | | 2017 | 63 | 66 | 46 | 39 | | | | | 214 |
| | | 2018 | 47 | 38 | 45 | 41 | | | | | 171 |
| | | 2019 | 59 | 58 | 49 | 64 | | | | | 230 |
| | | 2020 | 62 | 52 | 57 | 53 | | | | | 224 |
| | | 2021 | 43 | 52 | 60 | 46 | | | | | 201 |
| | | 2022 | 33 | 29 | 32 | 53 | | | | | 147 |
| | | 2023 | 55 | 40 | 54 | 46 | | | | | 195 |
| | | 2024 | 60 | 48 | 57 | 56 | | | | | 221 |
| | | 2025 | 52 | 44 | 57 | 51 | | | | | 204 |
| | 2025 | | | | | | | | | | |
| | FIRE | | 9 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 40 |
| | RESCUE | | 8 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 |
| | MEDICAL | | 29 | 28 | 36 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 120 |
| | ASSISTANCE | | 6 | 3 | 9 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| | TOTAL | | 52 | 44 | 57 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 204 |



Operations

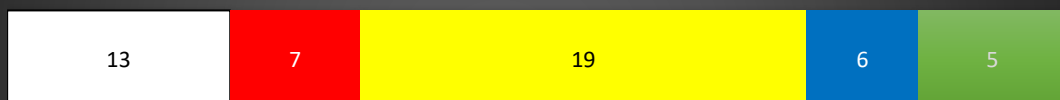
Two calls of note in April were both structure fires.

On April 7th we were called to the 100 block of Beaver Point Rd. for report a structure fire. The occupant of the home was awakened by the smoke alarm and smoke in the house. Upon investigation they found a couch on the deck on fire and flames spreading up the cedar siding. The occupant did an excellent job applying water from a safe distance and called 911. Thirteen members used around 100 gallons over 3 hours to fully extinguish and overhaul the fire.



On April 25th crews were alerted to a structure fire in the 800 block of Beaver Point Rd. Twenty firefighters spent five hours containing the fire to the building of origin. 7500 gallons of water was used in a shuttle operation from Weston Lake. While the building was a total loss crews managed to keep the fire from extending to near by structures and vegetation.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



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

Patrick Byrne was officially promoted to Captain in April with his pinning ceremony and red helmet presentation. Om half of everyone in SSIFR congratulation Capt. Byrne and keep up the great work.

Prevention

Fire and Life Safety Education:

Over the month of April Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue performed eleven Fire Smart Home assessments, one Neighborhood assessment, and one Strata assessment. We also attended 1 Fire and Life Safety event.



Training

In April, we completed a total of **908 hours** of combined training. Regular members focused on Job Performance Requirements (JPRs) across various disciplines, while the FIT group worked on hall familiarization, incident safety and accountability.

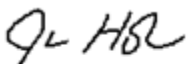
The recruit class had a very busy month with 5 training sessions including Emergency Scene Traffic Control, small tools, ropes and knots, and hoisting tools. The most significant and exciting course was the completion of Wildland Fire Fighting 1. Along with the recruits 1 Fire Fighter and 1 FIT also completed the course. Going into the summer months we have 7 more members excited and prepared to in case of Wildfires.

Salt Spring Fire also hosted a Low to Steep Rope Rescue course, which spanned 24 hours over 3 days.

Cam Proudfoot took the Hazardous Materials Technician course over in Esquimalt during April. Not only does this get him on the CRD Haz-Mat Team, but the knowledge will be greatly valued for incidents on SSI as well.



Respectfully submitted,


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