

# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

## Acting Fire Chief's Report

April 2021



### Vision

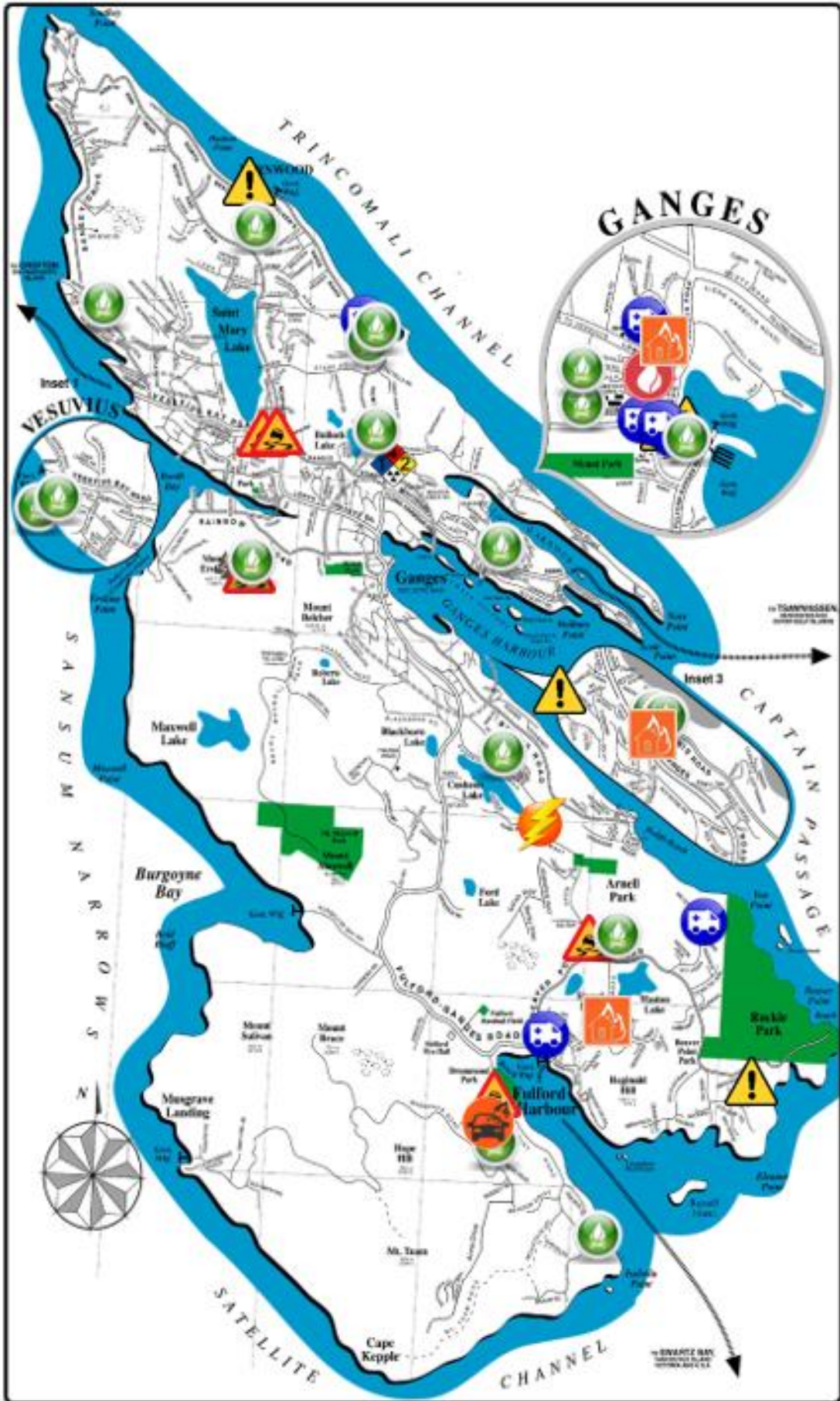
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

### Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

### Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		Apr 2021	Total Calls: 46	
Aircraft	Aircraft-Crash		Hydro	Fire
Alarm Bells	CO			Lines Down
	Commercial			1
	Intrusion			Tree on Lines
	Residential		Medical	Medical A/B
Assistance	BCAS			Medical C
	Flooding	2		Medical D
	General Public	1		Medical E
	Misc Complaint	1	MVI	MVI
	Public Works	1	Open Burn	Campfire
	RCMP			General
Beach	Beach Fire		Rescue	Animal
Boat	Distress/Fire			Elevator
Brush/Grass	Bark Mulch			Rope/High/Confined
	Fire	1		Search
	Smoke Smell/Sighting	1		Water/Ice/Drowning
False Alarm	CO		Rubbish	Rubbish/Dumpster Fire
	Commercial		Structure Fire	SFComm - Smoke/Smell
	Residential			SFComm (Structure Fire)
Fire-Misc	Misc Fire			SFRes - Chimney
HazMat	Chlorine			SFRes - Mob Home/Trailer
	Petroleum Spill/Fire			SFRes - Smoke/Smell
	Propane	1		SFRes - (Structure Fire)
	Chemical/Inknown spill/leak		Vehicle Fire	Vehicle Fire
			Total Calls for the month:	
<b>This month::</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	27	<b>YTD::</b>	<b>FIRE</b>
	<b>RESCUE</b>	5		<b>RESCUE</b>
	<b>MEDICAL</b>	9		<b>MEDICAL</b>
	<b>ASSISTANCE</b>	5		<b>ASSISTANCE</b>
		46		103
				15
				66
				17
				201



# Operations

Noteworthy calls in April included the smell of smoke in Lady Minto Hospital (LMH). Although no fire was located LMH staff did an excellent job evacuating, and the clearing the building while we responded and investigated for a possible source. All the staff should be complimented on their calmness and efficiency, ensuring safety for all the occupants and patients.

We received a letter from FUS extending our Superior Tender Shuttle Service (STSS) for another year due to Covid-19. We will be expected to preform the test next year for re-accreditation.

## Equipment and hall updates:

**E205** – Drawings have cleared the engineering department at Fort Garry Fire Trucks, and we are awaiting the delivery of the chassis and our place in the building schedule. Projected delivery will be late 2021 or early 2022.

**Air 2** – Our drone has returned from repairs and is back in service. We’re currently deciding where the drone is going to be stored while not in use, either on a truck or a hall. We’ve also ordered 5 training drones to help get more operators up to speed and A/Lt. Westlake has been working hard on developing a complete drone operations package.

**M103** – Mini 103 transmission had some electrical issues and those have been repaired under warranty and the truck seems to be back to normal operations.

**T301** – Tender 301 had a front-end issue with lose U-bolts and has been repaired and put back in service.

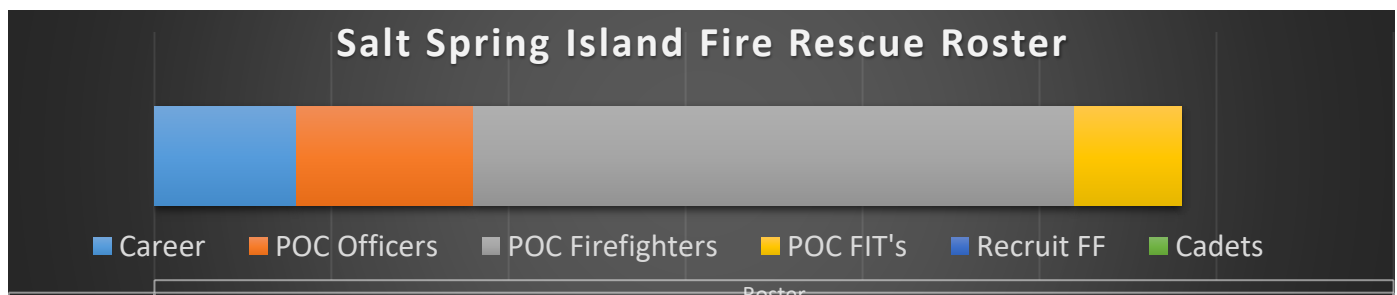
**B509** – With the extra vehicles at Hall #1 and the Ford Explorer requiring more and more repairs, I will be moving B509 up to Hall #3 and retiring the Explorer. B509 can used for FR calls and be utilized by the FITs on Fire Rescue calls.

**PPE Lockers** – New lockers are being completed at both Central and Fulford fire halls. Central will allows us to get the PPE out of the apparatus bays and in Fulford we’re relocating the sink and cleaning supplies to the back utility room.

**Washer/Dryer** – Hall #1 has received a new washer and dryer in the workshop. This is not for turnout gear, but will allow us to clean gowns, towels, sheets, etc. at Hall #1.

**Hall 1 shower** – The shower at Hall #1 is out of service and needs to be replaced. The tile work is from the 1970’s and water is now leaking through the walls and flooring. We’re opening up the walls to see the extent of the water damage and will be looking to put in a one-piece unit as a replacement.

# Membership



## Training



With Covid protocols in place we continued regular face to face training in April. Crews worked on fire attack, marina operations, hose handling and deployment and First Responder medical training.

Three members successfully passed their Class 3 driver's exam and are now cleared to drive our tandem water tenders.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JL HBL".

**Jamie Holmes**

**Acting Fire Chief**