

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

April 2022



Vision

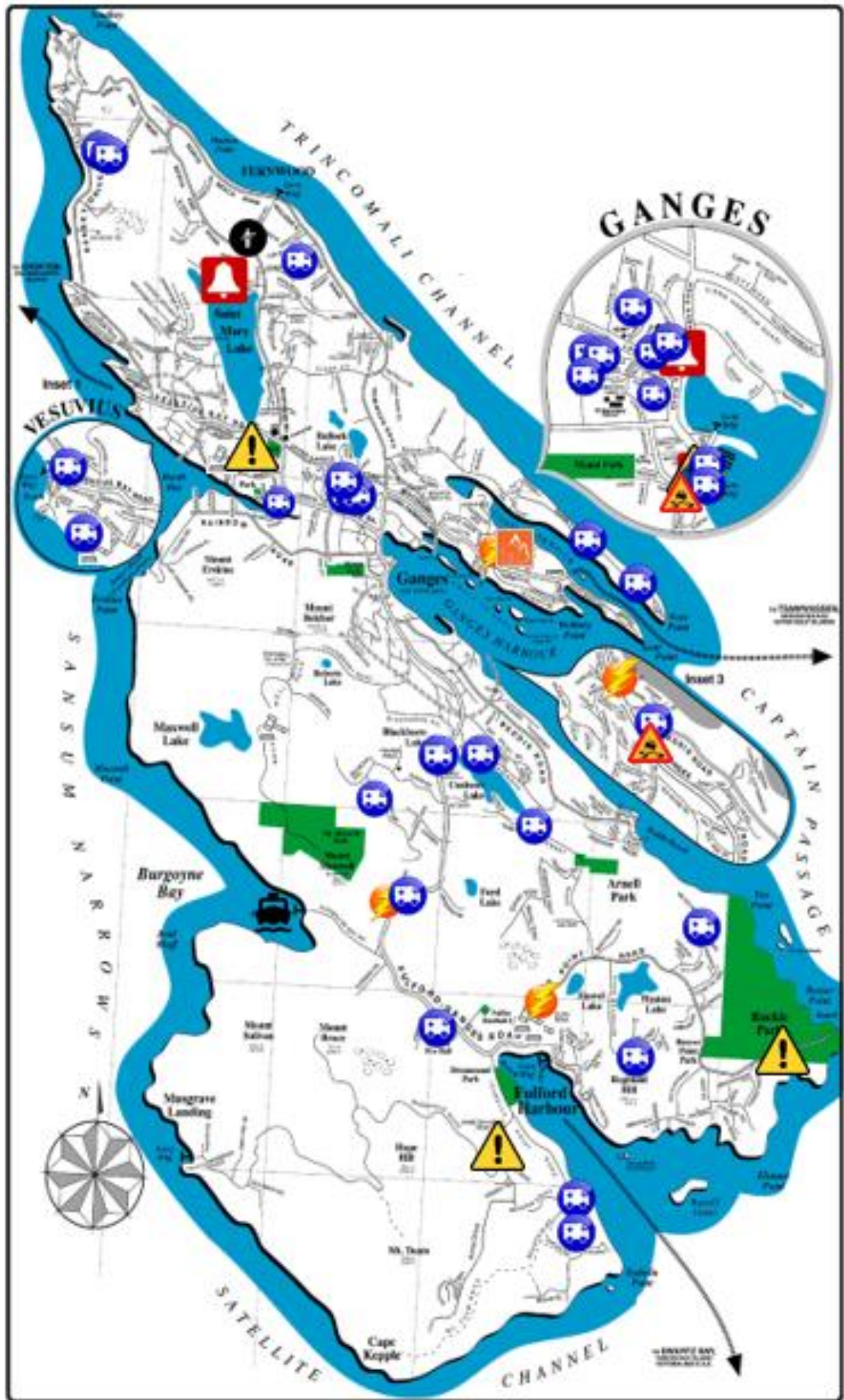
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		###				
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	2	6	4	5	17
Aircraft	Emergency					0
Alarm	Alarm	1	2	3	3	9
Assistance	Assistance	4	3	2	4	13
Explosion	Explosion					0
Fire	Brush					0
	Chimney		1			1
	Misc					0
	Structure	1				1
	Boat		1		1	2
	Vehicle		1			1
HazMat	HazMat	2			1	3
Hydro	Hydro	5	1	1	4	11
Medical	Medical	15	10	21	31	77
MVI	MVI	2	1		2	5
Rescue	Rescue				1	1
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush					0
	Structure	1	3	1	1	6
Total Calls for the month:		33	29	32	53	147
2022						
	FIRE	9	7	2	7	25
	RESCUE	4	7	4	8	23
	MEDICAL	15	10	21	31	77
	ASSISTANCE	5	5	5	7	22



Operations

The new firehall is obviously taking most of my time and attention at the moment, for obvious reasons. Our membership is fully behind the new proposal and are eager to assist in anyway they can. We have hosted meetings with Bruce Cameron from ROI and we continue to engage our membership, our neighbors, and the general public. We plan to hold more open house sessions and give opportunity for question-and-answer periods and hear some public feedback.

We continue to await E205, as it has been caught in supply chain issues. In talks with Fort Garry Fire Apparatus, we hope to see the truck in June, but certainly prior to the summer heat. Using this timeline we should still be able to have E201 available for the province if required for wildfire deployments.

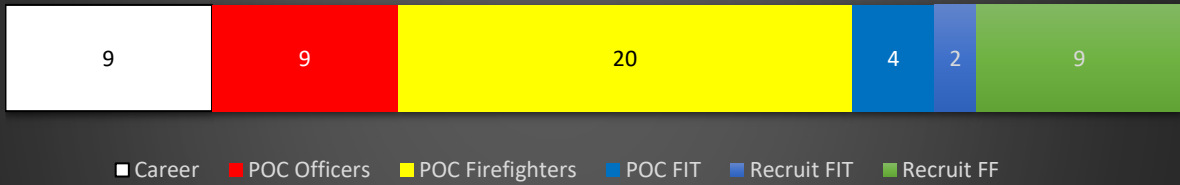
A Type 6 Wildland Apparatus RFP document has been placed on BC Bid for Brush 102's replacement. This truck will be fully funded from existing reserve accounts and delivery will be at least a year away.

On the wildfire front we have stepped up our training in advance of the summer season. We are getting mixed messages of what to expect this year, but the next two months will tell the tale. Regardless, SSIFR will be ready for whatever the weather brings.



Membership

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



Our membership remains strong, and the recruits are progressing nicely. I've heard lots of positive feedback regarding hands-on practices, and mask mandates lifting around the halls. We are continuing to require masks inside apparatus where we are in tighter quarters.

FF Red Oakes has decided to retire, and we would like to thank him for his service to the department and our community. Red has been with the department since 2015 and his smiling face and positive attitude will be missed around here.

Training



April saw the department returning to a more normal schedule and in turn higher training numbers.

Regular members trained in First Responder medical, ventilation, ladders, communications, and hazardous materials.

Recruits received certification in traffic control, extinguishers and were oriented on trucks and tools.

Our specialty teams also got back and running in rope rescue and auto extrication.

Two members traveled to Penticton to be Task Force Leader certified for wildfire deployment and three other members traveled to Campbell River for Engine Boss.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief