Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Acting Fire Chief's Report

Aug 2021



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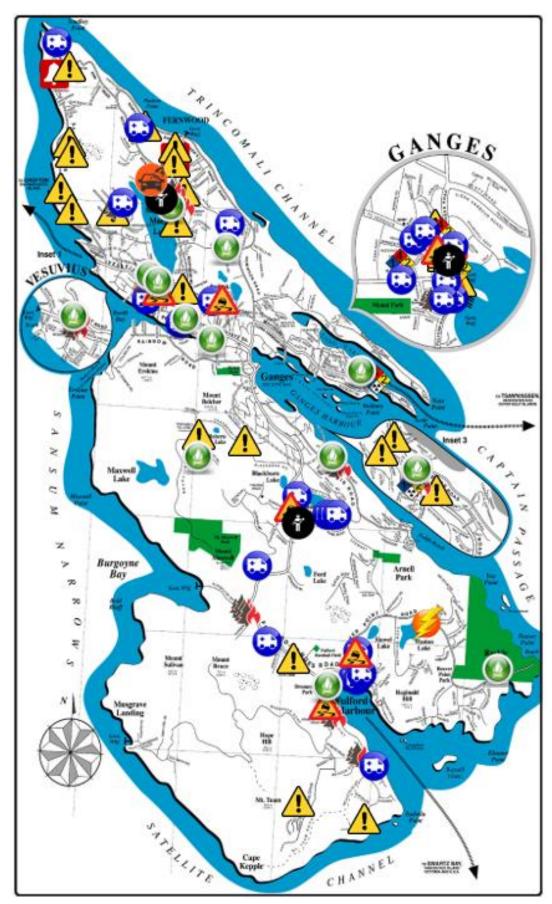
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

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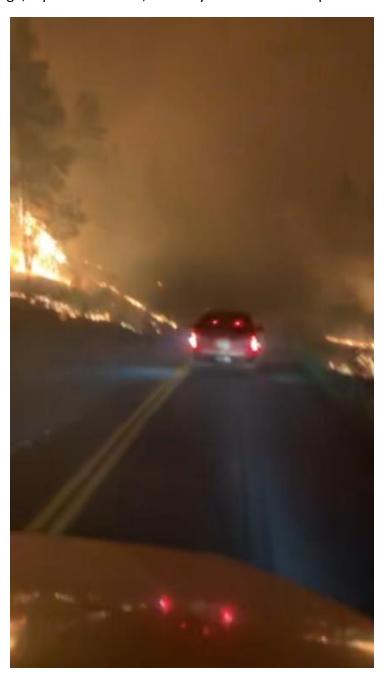
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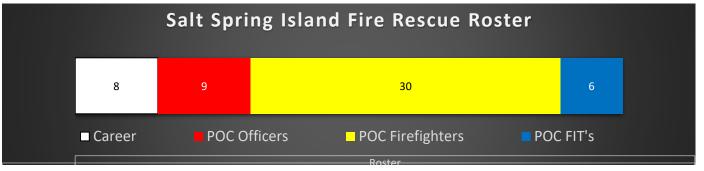
Our reserve tender and crews ended up serving 30 days in the Kamloops Fire Center working on several fires and passing through many communities. The crews gained valuable knowledge and plans are in place for them to pass their experiences on to the rest of our membership. While our reserve tender is starting to show its age, it preformed well, and only needed minor repairs

after it's month long deployment and heavy use. M103 was set for deployment after last month's Trustee meeting but was stood down the following day after cooler weather and some rainfall hit the area prior to us departing for Kamloops.

The call of most significant note was the Hazmat call on Kanaka Rd behind GISS. While it turned out to be mostly uneventful, a cracked propane tank with 500 gallons of LPG needs to be taken seriously. SSIFR worked with Saltspring Propane who safely burnt off the contents of the tank so it could be removed and replaced. Due to the extreme heat and the dry conditions at the time, SSIFR provide cooling water through-out the burn off.

With the CRD Dispatch agreement with Langford ending, an RFP was released, and Saanich Fire Department was the successful bidder. SSSIFR will switch over to Saanich Dispatch in early December and we are working with Saanich and the CRD to ensure the transition is as seamless as possible. Some protocols and procedures will need to be amended, and it's given us a chance to reflect on how we currently operate, and make any necessary changes.





Membership

I have set aside some drill time in early October to meet with the Paid-on-Call (POC) firefighters so they can have some input on budget requests, facilities, and operations moving forward.

Fire Safety Education

We continued our community outreach with 80 contacts this month in fire safety education.

- We conducted 33 Residential FireSmart Assessments (54 attendees)
- Held a FireSmart presentation for residents at Brinkworthy (15 attendees)
- Hosted a First Aid course for ArtSpring staff and volunteers (5 attendees)
- Partnered with the SSI Conservancy and Transition SSI to make a FireSmart video presentation (6 attendees)

I'm also happy to report we have started doing follow-up FireSmart assessments and seeing positive changes in our community resiliency.



Training



In August crews worked on water supply, extinguishers, RIT, and rescue salvage & overhaul, large hoselines/deck guns/RAM's and vehicle rescue/extrication.

Speciality teams took the month off, but they will be back at it next month.



Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Holmes, Acting Fire Chief