

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

December 2022



Vision

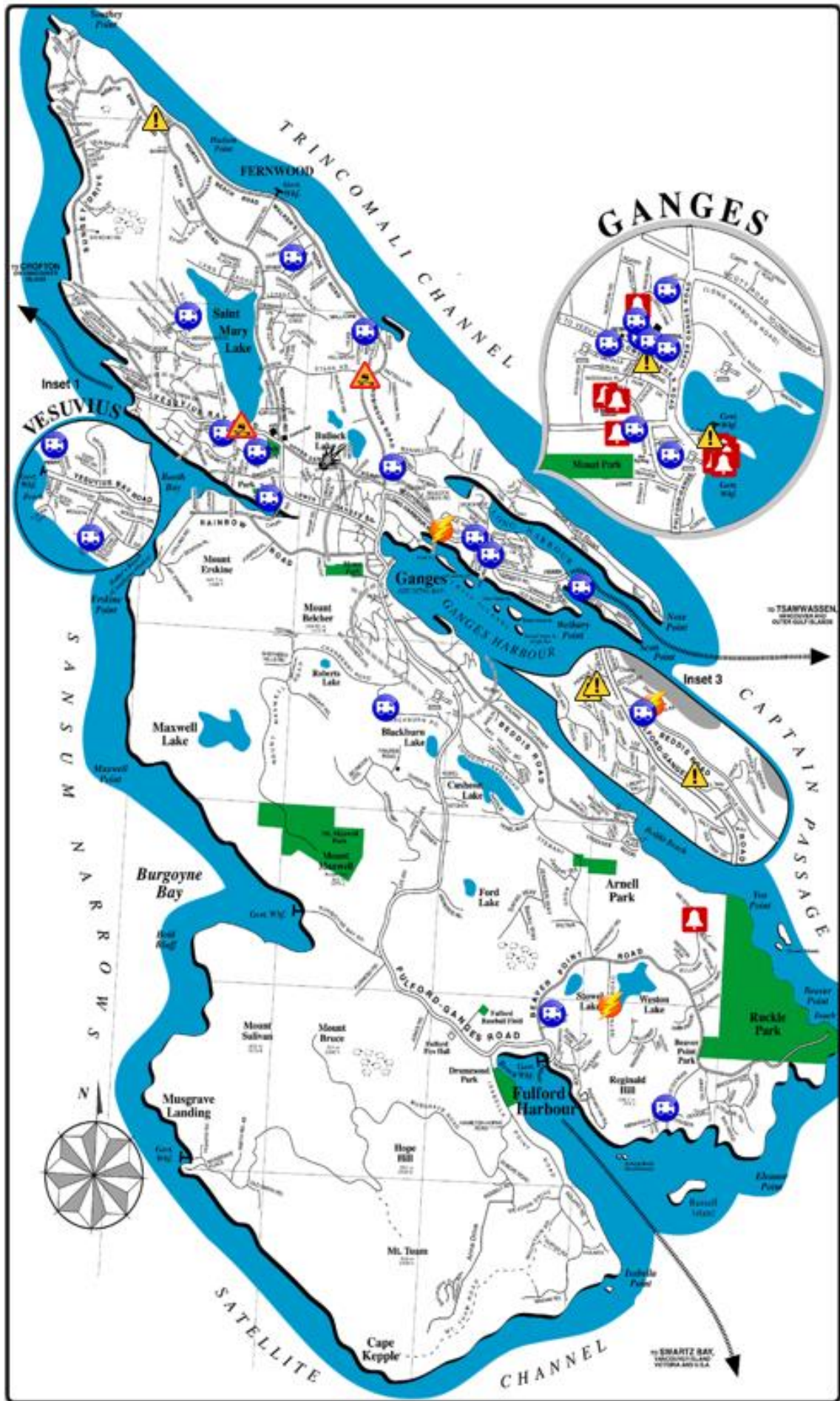
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		TOTAL CALLS: 668									
		JAN	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC		
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	2	2	19	18	6	7	8	4	89	
Aircraft	Emergency									0	
Alarm	Alarm	1	5	5	7	5	9	4	10	57	
Assistance	Assistance	4	2	4	7	5	4	6	6	52	
Explosion	Explosion								1	1	
Fire	Brush			1		3	3			8	
	Chimney						1	1		3	
	Misc			5	2	1	5			13	
	Structure	1			1					2	
	Boat			1						3	
	Vehicle			3	1					6	
HazMat	HazMat	2	1	4	2	1	2	2		17	
Hydro	Hydro	5	4	1	3	2	2	10	3	62	
Medical	Medical	15	24	25	26	29	19	25	24	278	
MVI	MVI	2		4	2	4	6	5	2	33	
Rescue	Rescue		1		1	1				6	
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush			5	6	8	4			23	
	Structure	1	3	1	1	1				15	
Total Calls for the month:		33	42	78	77	66	62	61	50	668	



Operations

December was relatively quiet with no major emergency calls, or Christmas Eve roof top rescues.

The new fire hall continues to take most of my focus working on spatial and financial alternatives. The building committee met with JD Architecture, MKM Projects, and Hans Hazenboom and established a meeting schedule to try and fast track the next steps to get us shovels in the ground as soon as possible.

The shelter for Reserve Engine 202 has arrived and will be set-up in the Training Grounds behind Firehall #2. This will allow us to swap keep minimal equipment on the reserve apparatus making equipment swaps much easier when apparatus must leave the island for repairs or servicing.

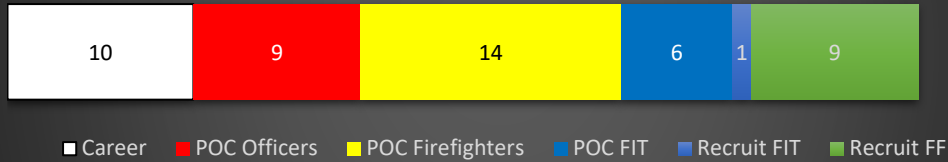
Car 1 (511) received it's emergency lighting package and is now fully in service. The total cost for Car 1 came in around \$55,000, well under the \$90,000 allotted budget.

I am happy to report throughout the heavy rains and snow of December the new roof kept as dry and drip free.

Finally I would like to thank all the Trustee and all the members of SSIFR for everything that they gave to our department, and our community, and wish everyone all the best in 2023.



Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



Fire and Life Safety Education

In prevention and public education activities, we did the following in December:

- We performed 45 residential FireSmart Assessments (including 39 units at the Summerside strata).
- Our team completed 18 commercial fire inspections.
- We taught emergency preparedness for parents and children at Family Place (with 24 attendees).
- We reviewed and approved Fire Safety Plans for Island Savings Credit Union and the SSI Community Library.

In addition,

- We drafted a final report to the CRD for the 2021 Community Resilience Grant (which had an extended deadline from February 2022 to February 2023 due to CRD capacity issues)
- We amended the application for the 2023 CRI FireSmart Grant (as requested by the CRD).

Training



Regular members worked on truck familiarization as well as the year-end wrap-up brainstorming session in December.

The recruit class of 2022 completed their medical training and were issued their yellow helmets and will join the regular platoons in January.

In speciality training the Rope Rescue, Auto X, Pub Ed, and Pump teams all held sessions in December.

Respectfully submitted,


Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief