

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

Feb 2026



Vision

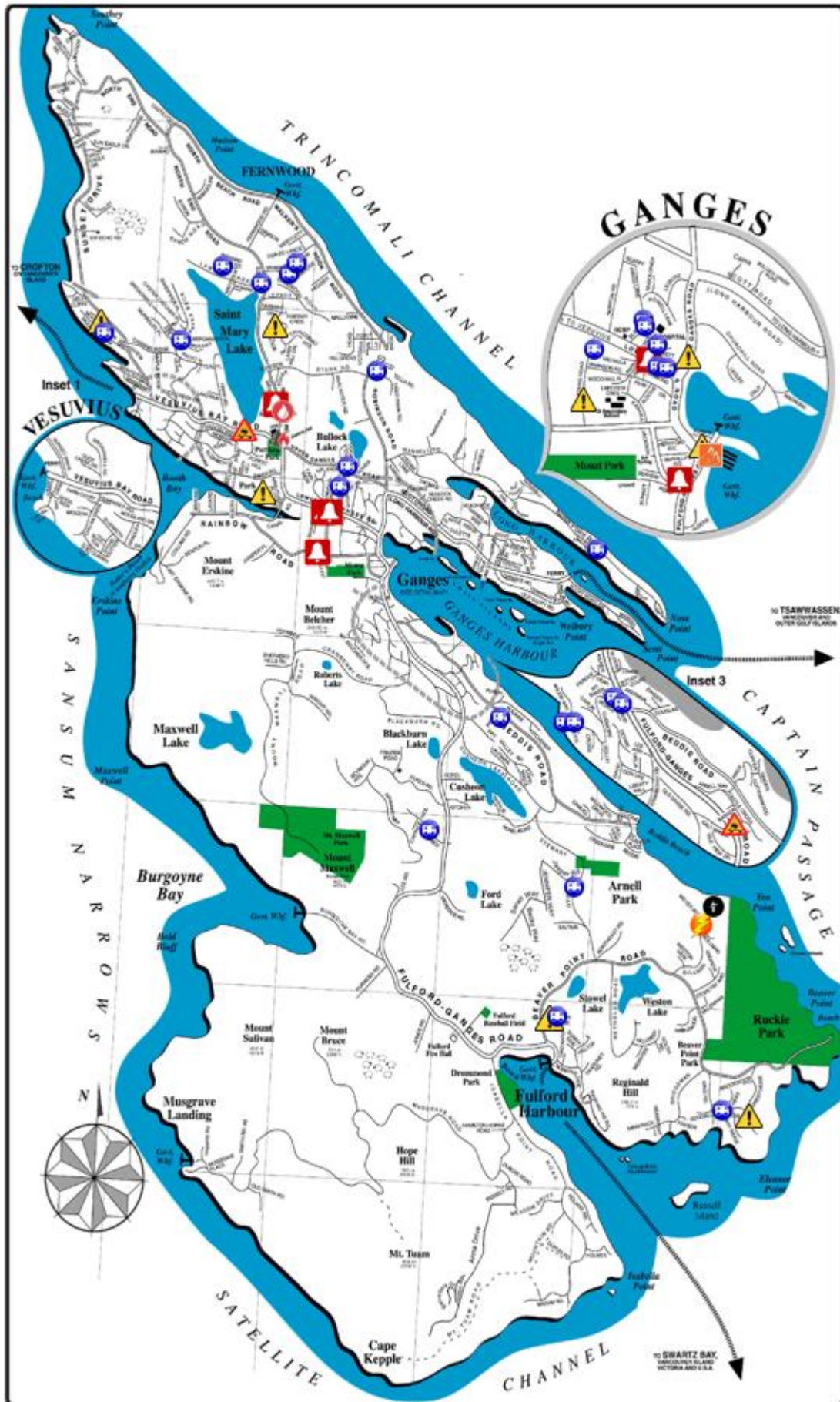
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		Feb. 2026								TOTAL CALLS: 47
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	10	1							11
Aircraft	Emergency									0
Alarm	Alarm	7	6							13
Assistance	Assistance	2	8							10
Explosion	Explosion									0
Fire	Brush									0
	Chimney									0
	Misc	1	1							2
	Structure		1							1
	Boat									0
	Vehicle									0
HazMat	HazMat	1								1
Hydro	Hydro	4	1							5
Medical	Medical	20	25							45
MVI	MVI	1	2							3
Rescue	Rescue		1							1
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush		1							1
	Structure	1								1
Total Calls for the month:		47	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	94
	2016	46	35							81
	2017	63	66							129
	2018	47	38							85
	2019	59	58							117
	2020	62	52							114
	2021	43	52							95
	2022	33	29							62
	2023	55	40							95
	2024	60	48							108
	2025	52	44							96
	2026	47	47							94
	2026									
	FIRE	14	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
	RESCUE	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
	MEDICAL	20	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	45
	ASSISTANCE	12	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	21
	TOTAL	47	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	94



Operations

No calls of note for February. The structure fire noted in the table above was a contents fire in the park washrooms and had little effect on the build structure due to its cement block construction.

Rehab Support Unit: Our “new to us” ambulance was put in to service this month as a support unit for major calls providing rehab, communications, and traffic control support. We did very well financially replacing unit 507 (2007 Jeep Patriot) with a better suited unit, for under \$25,000.

CRD Inspection Bylaw: We’re continuing to work through the new CRD Bylaw 4677 and I hope to have a staff report to committee in March. For now all our Chief Officers and career Captains are confirmed inspectors and investigators under the provincial Fire Safety Act.

Bargaining: We have started bargaining with IAFF Local 4467 on our collective agreement. The union has been without a contract since Dec. 31/24. The GVLRA is assisting with negotiations and administrative support.



New Firehall #1: The new firehall build continues to take most of my time with many walk throughs with sub trades to ensure everyone is on the same page. As we get closer to move in date the admin team is working hard behind the scenes to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

We are looking forward to May 24th when we get the chance to show the community **their** new firehall!

Respectfully submitted,

Handwritten signature of Jamie Holmes in black ink.

Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

