

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

January 2022





















Vision

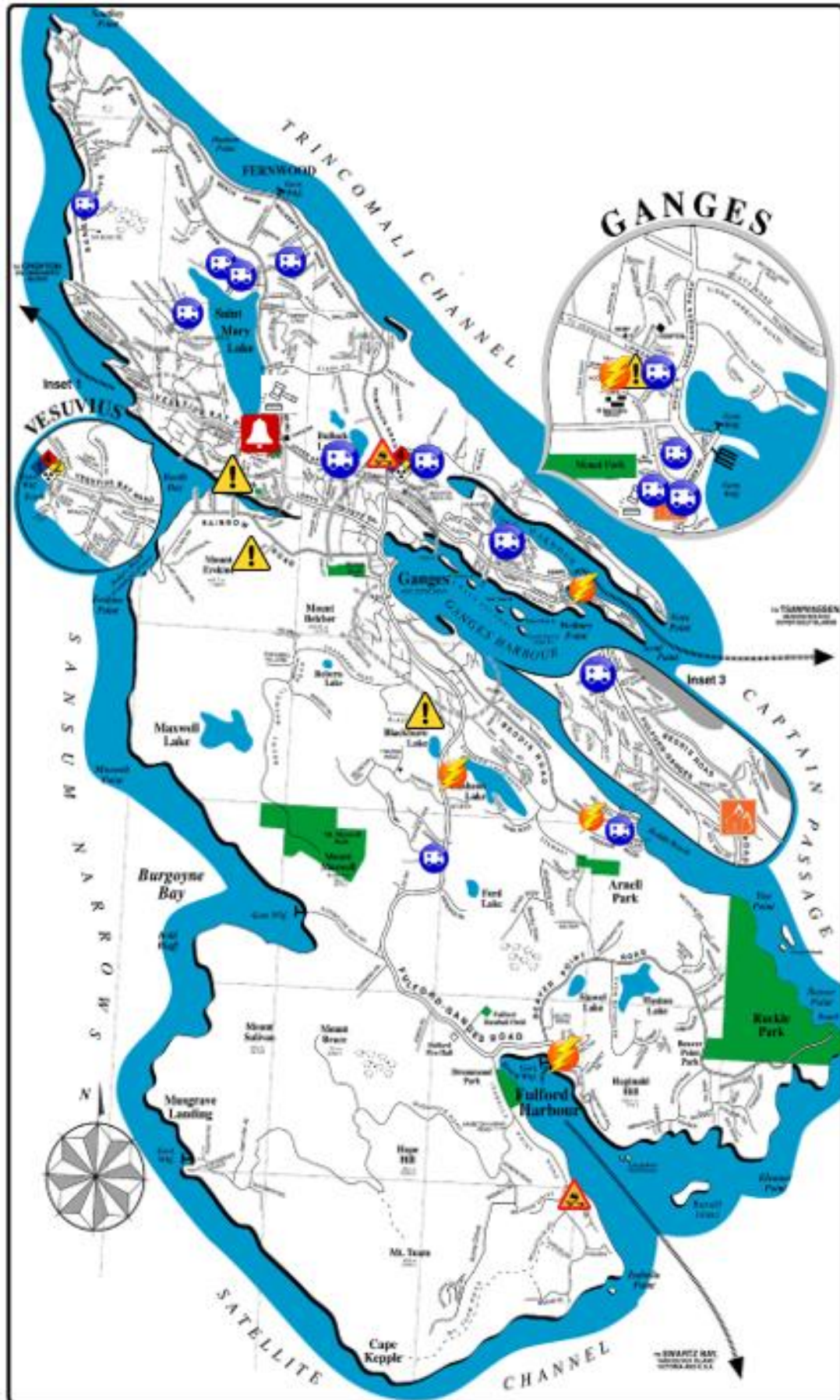
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND			JAN
Act/Bylaw		Complaint	2
Aircraft		Emergency	
Alarm		Alarm	1
Assistance		Assistance	4
Explosion		Explosion	
Fire		Brush	
		Chimney	
		Misc	
		Structure	1
		Boat	
		Vehicle	
HazMat		HazMat	2
Hydro		Hydro	5
Medical		Medical	15
MVI		MVI	2
Rescue		Rescue	
Smoke/Smell/Sighting		Brush	
		Structure	1
Total Calls for the month:			33



Operations

January was a relatively slow in comparison to the past couple months. We did attend one structure fire on Fulford Ganges Rd.

An external porch fire was discovered by the occupants the evening of January 9th. When crews arrived, the occupants were applying water from a garden hose to the back porch of a residential structure. The flames were just breaching the walls of the structure, but with an aggressive attack, crews knocked down the fire from the exterior before doing overhaul to insure no extension into the structure. The large fuel load on the porch aided flame spread and complicated overhaul efforts. No one was injured in the fire and the occupants were able to remain in the building that night. The fire was investigated and determined to be accidental.

Here's a brief update on a few other items:

Hall 1 Furness: Parts for the furnace system arrived and it is now up and running. We've gone from the freezer to the frying pan, as an isolation valve has stuck open, and the heat won't shut off. We're working on the repairs and hope to have them completed soon.

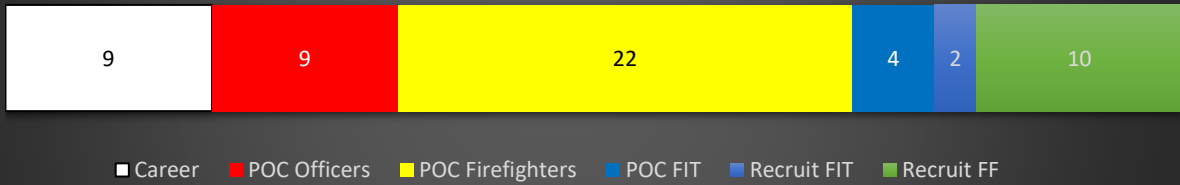
E205: The truck is nearing completion and we have an inspection planed for mid February. We should see the truck in service on Salt Spring Island by March. The latest picture is attached at the end of my report.

Hall 1 Office space: We've completed the front office conversion and added two more workstations. These stations will be for Data Admin and IT Admin. We have also allocated space for an Amateur Radio Operator in the event of major incidents. The new space cost very little as we repurposed many existing cabinets and fixtures. A special thank you to Capt. Hunsberger who oversaw the build, and completed most of it on his night shifts while the office was not in use.



Membership

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



Two new FITs and ten Recruits have started with SSIFR. It is great having their enthusiasm around the hall and the platoons welcome the fresh faces to bolster our ranks.

Training



In January members got back to basics after the holidays and dusted off the cobwebs reviewing the apparatus, first responder, and SCBA.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

