

# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

## Fire Chief's Report

January 2023





















### Vision

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

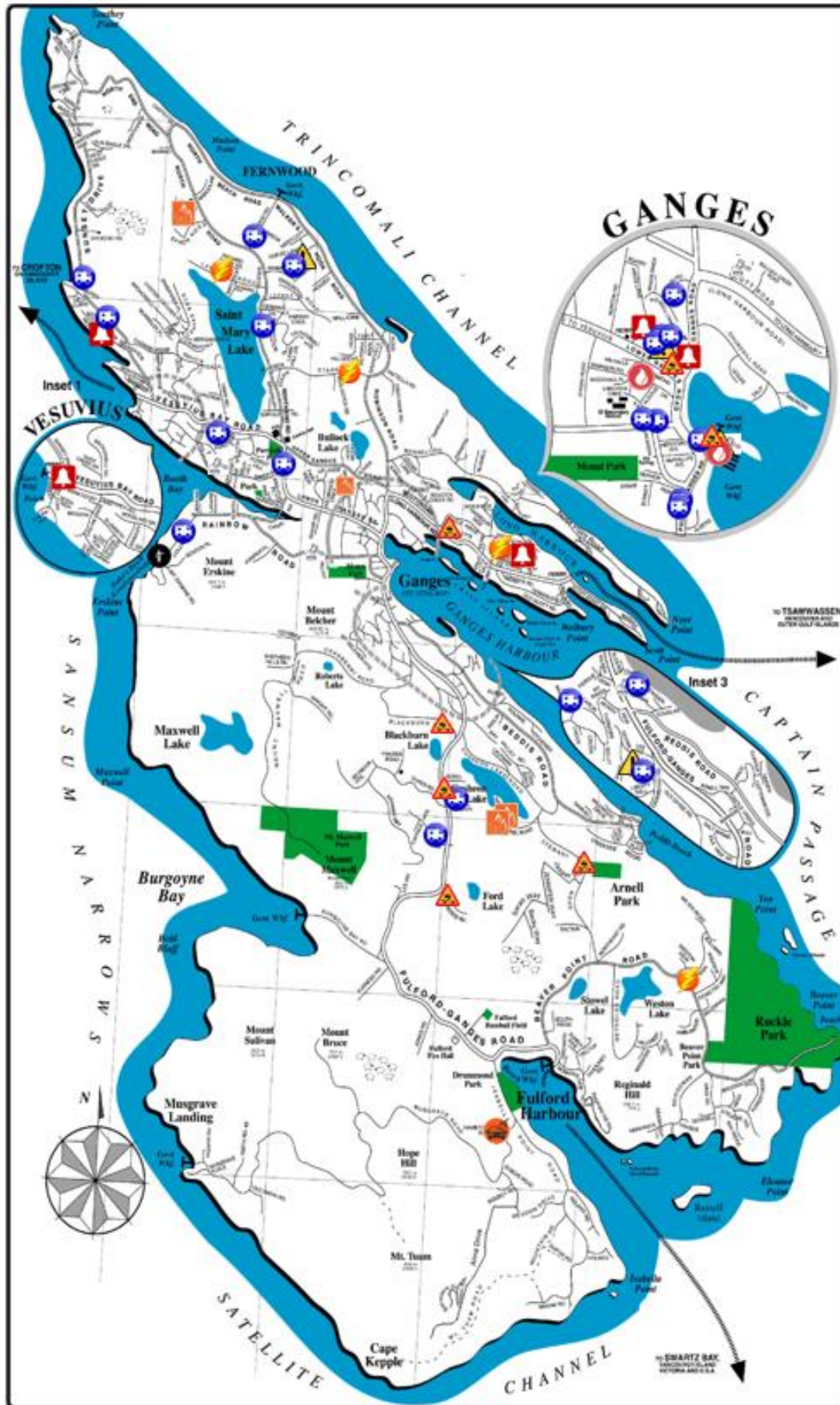
### Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

### Response Report

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Act/Bylaw	 <b>Complaint</b>	<b>5</b>
Aircraft	 <b>Emergency</b>	
Alarm	 <b>Alarm</b>	<b>6</b>
Assistance	 <b>Assistance</b>	<b>4</b>
Explosion	 <b>Explosion</b>	
Fire	 <b>Brush</b>	
	 <b>Chimney</b>	<b>1</b>
	 <b>Misc</b>	<b>2</b>
	 <b>Structure</b>	<b>2</b>
	 <b>Boat</b>	
	 <b>Vehicle</b>	<b>1</b>
HazMat	 <b>HazMat</b>	
Hydro	 <b>Hydro</b>	<b>4</b>
Medical	 <b>Medical</b>	<b>21</b>
MVI	 <b>MVI</b>	<b>7</b>
Rescue	 <b>Rescue</b>	<b>1</b>
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	 <b>Brush</b>	
	 <b>Structure</b>	<b>1</b>
Total Calls for the month:		<b>55</b>

2014	35
2015	32
2016	46
2017	63
2018	47
2019	59
2020	62
2021	43
2022	33



# Operations

At 10:32 on January 2, 2023 Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue (SSIFR) responded to reports of a residential structure fire at 479 Horel Road. Upon arrival crews found a fully involved, two story, double garage, as well as a vehicle on fire, in front of the structure.

Multiple lines were used to contain the fire to the building of origin and protect the adjacent home. Ten fire apparatus, and twenty-two firefighters responded to the scene and approximately 6000 gallons of water was shuttled from the Beddis water system. The fire was confined, extinguished, and over-hauled in 5 hours with a minor injury to one firefighter. Unfortunately, the garage was a total loss, and the upstairs was unoccupied at the time of the fire. The fire, deemed accidental, was caused by the power supply to the well pump located on the garage wall.

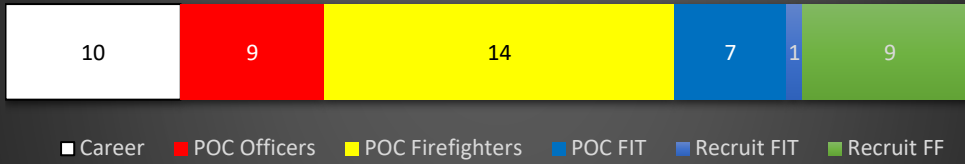


**New Firehall #1:** We continue to work on the floor plans and layout trying to maximize efficiencies to save space and money. As the plans develop, I have been checking in with stakeholders and getting feedback on how they will affect operations and moral.

**Apparatus:** We have had a rash of trips off island for repairs. In review of the issues it seems to be around the complexity of new apparatus and not a hole in our maintenance program. With modern electric systems and exhaust emissions standards we simply can not do the repairs on island that we use to be able to handle.



# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



## Membership

We have lowered the flags at all three fire halls to honour the death of FF Dayten Sanders.

Dayten and his trademark smile will be missed around the department and our community. Dayten was very hardworking and always willing to help. His caring spirit was hard to miss on any emergency scene he attended. Our thoughts go out to his family and loved ones. Rest easy Dayten.



## Fire and Life Safety Education

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

- We worked with the communities of Maracaibo (86 properties plus common land) and Kingfisher Cove (39 residences) as part of FireSmart Neighborhood Recognition.
- We also conducted 42 FireSmart Assessments (including the 39 units at Kingfisher).
- We've been working on the Project Summary for the 2022 UBCM FireSmart Grant.
- Crews completed 30 company inspections of local businesses.

## Training



Respectfully submitted,

  
Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief