

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

January 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

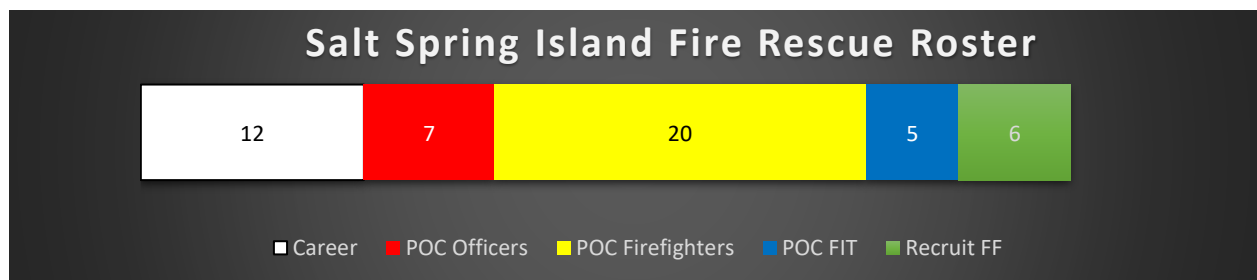
INCIDENT LEGEND		Jan-26 TAL CALLS: 47									
		OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	SEP	OCT	NOV	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	5	5	4	10						10
Aircraft	Emergency										0
Alarm	Alarm	7	5	7	7						7
Assistance	Assistance	4	4	6	2						2
Explosion	Explosion										0
Fire	Brush			1							0
	Chimney	1									0
	Misc				1						1
	Structure	1									0
	Boat										0
	Vehicle										0
HazMat	HazMat				1						1
Hydro	Hydro	3	3	17	4						4
Medical	Medical	37	18	25	20						20
MVI	MVI	5	5	2	1						1
Rescue	Rescue	1									0
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush	1									0
	Structure				1						1
Total Calls for the month:		65	40	62	47	0	0	0	0	0	47
	2014	35									35
	2015	32									32
	2016	46									46
	2017	63									63
	2018	47									47
	2019	59									59
	2020	62									62
	2021	43									43
	2022	33									33
	2023	55									55
	2024	60									60
	2025	52									52
	2026	47									47
	2025										
	FIRE	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	14		
	RESCUE	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1		
	MEDICAL	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	20		
	ASSISTANCE	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	12		
	TOTAL	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	47		

Operations

No calls of note for January, but we saw a jump in cardiac arrests over a typical month. It provides opportunity for us to remind everyone that early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) gives the patient the best possible outcome, so please take a CPR class for yourself and your loved ones.

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 look forward to May 3rd when we hope to show off the new firehall to the community.



Membership

Four members completed their first year of training and received their yellow helmets from the department, and their red jackets from the firefighters' association. Congratulations to FF Arshdeep, FF Lynes-Ford, FF Byrne, and FF Webster. FF Kelly also completed her training but has taken a three-month leave of absence and missed the gathering.

The 2025 group just has the Hazmat Awareness and Operations courses left to complete before we can issue their NFPA 1001 Firefighter level I and II certificates.

Keep up the great work and welcome to the regular platoon roster.



Training

Total Training Hours: 855

Meet & Greet – First Tuesday of January

We opened the month with our annual Meet & Greet. This event provides an opportunity to introduce our incoming recruit class and present last year's recruits with their new helmets. It also marks the transition for the 2025 recruit class as they begin participating in Tuesday night training sessions.

Regular Member Training

Throughout January, regular members focused on:

- Apparatus familiarization
 - Hall and equipment orientation
- This ensured continued proficiency with operational resources and station readiness.

FIT Group Activities

The FIT group dedicated time to:

- Familiarization with the new Rehab/Command truck
- Scribing and accountability procedures
- Developing their training calendar for upcoming months

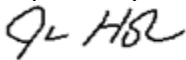
2026 Recruit Class

Our 2026 recruit class officially began their training in January. This cohort consists of **12 highly motivated individuals** beginning their journey through the recruit process. Their month centered around:

- Administrative onboarding
- Health & Safety
- PPE orientation

We are proud to note that **one member of this recruit class previously attended the Gulf Island Cadet Camp**, demonstrating the positive impact of our regional youth programs.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

