



Operations

Our reserve tender and crews were called on by BC Forest Service to assist at the Brenda Mines Fire near Kelowna. After protecting the hydro lines and assisting with some structural protection they were re-tasked to the White Rock Lake fire where they continue to assist with water supply and structural protection. The weather continues to be hot and dry in the interior and windy days are fanning the flames. We will be sending our third crew rotation up there shortly and I expect the deployment will go into September. T302R is holding up well and has only needed minor repairs while working in very tough conditions.

It's my recommendation that we use some of the money from this year's deployment to finish off the Sprinkler Protection Unit (SPU) and purchase another canvas shed to house a second reserve apparatus. We could staff the extra vehicles with help for the other Gulf Islands for future wildfire deployments.



Engine 202 required a tow off island for what turn out to be a blown head gasket. The repairs, totaling \$, have been completed and the truck is now back in service at Hall #1.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



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Roster

Membership

Even with 6 members currently on leave for personal reasons, and others on vacation we have had good numbers for emergency calls. As stated previously, we will start our recruit drive in September at the Fall Fair.

Fire Safety Education

Four FireSmart presentation were made in July reaching 174 people in different areas of the island including in person POD presentations and online.

Forty-four FireSmart home assessment were completed under the CRI FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund grant by Capt Sherrin and his team of Local FireSmart Representatives (LFR). The program has been well received with the calendar full most days assessments are offered. If you'd like to learn more, please visit our webpage at saltspringfire.com/fire-smart/

SSIFR also co-hosted a Living with Fire webinar with the CRD Emergency Program. We received lots of good feedback on the webinar and hope to do more in the future. You can watch a copy of the presentation at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g0Vh8hNE3XE&t=44s>

Training



In July crews worked on water supply, extinguishers, RIT, and rescue.

Seven members completed the S100 Basic Fire Suppression and Safety for Wildland firefighting completing our department requirements to work with BC Forest Service.

Respectfully submitted,

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