

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

July 2022



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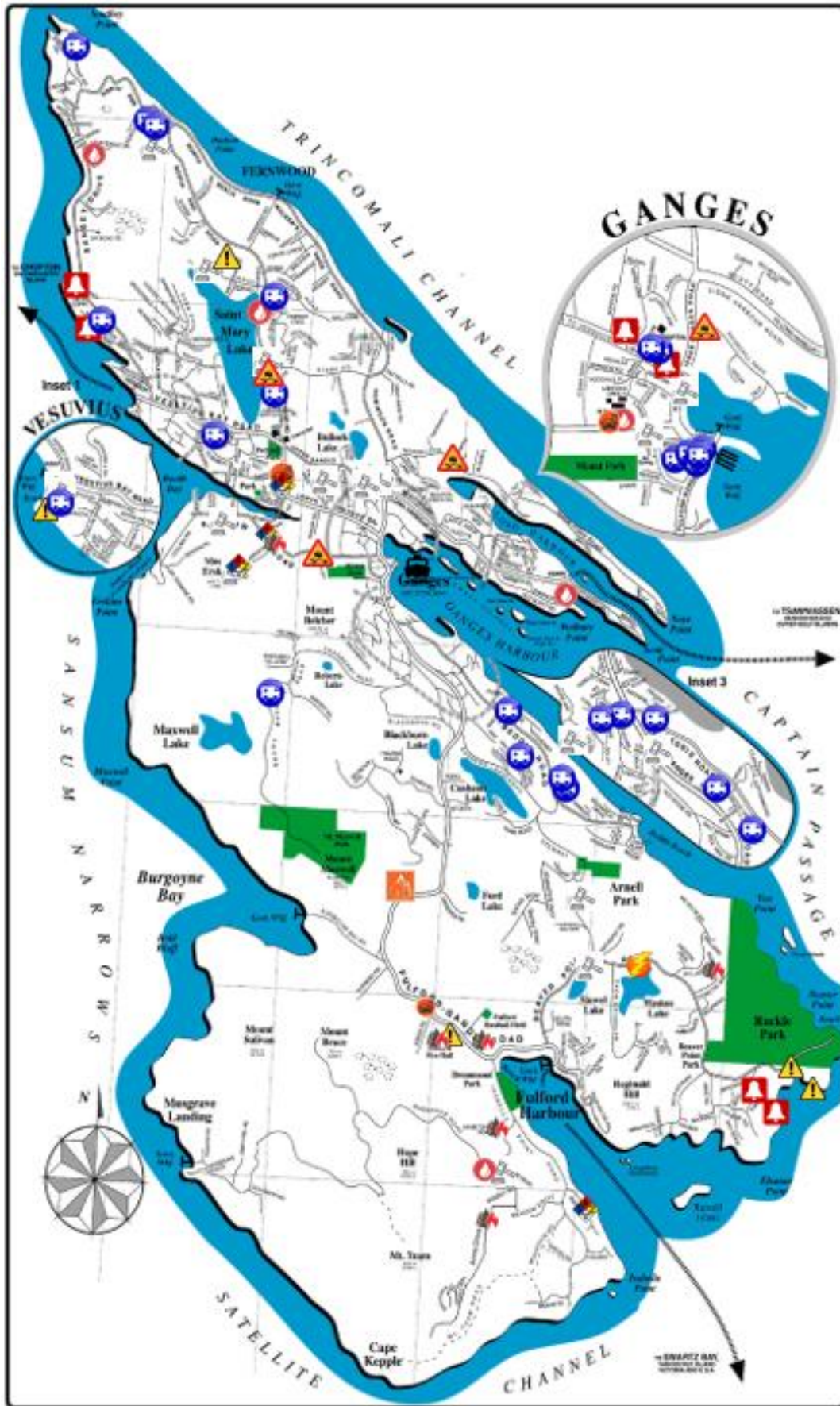
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		2022							
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	2	6	4	5	8	2	19	46
Aircraft	Emergency								0
Alarm	Alarm	1	2	3	3	3	5	5	22
Assistance	Assistance	4	3	2	4	5	2	4	24
Explosion	Explosion								0
Fire	Brush					1		1	2
	Chimney		1						1
	Misc							5	5
	Structure	1							1
	Boat		1		1			1	3
	Vehicle		1			1		3	5
HazMat	HazMat	2			1	2	1	4	10
Hydro	Hydro	5	1	1	4	26	4	1	42
Medical	Medical	15	10	21	31	29	24	25	155
MVI	MVI	2	1		2	5		4	14
Rescue	Rescue				1	2	1		4
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush							5	5
	Structure	1	3	1	1	3	3	1	13
Total Calls for the month:		33	29	32	53	85	42	78	352
2022									
	FIRE	9	7	2	7	33	8	21	87
	RESCUE	4	7	4	8	15	3	23	64
	MEDICAL	15	10	21	31	29	24	25	155
	ASSISTANCE	5	5	5	7	8	7	9	46
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Operations

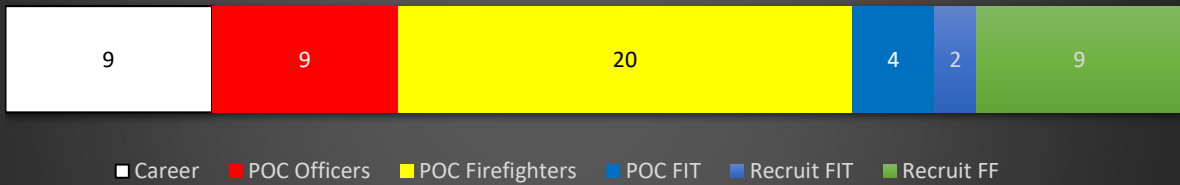
This month's call of note was a vehicle fire that extended into a structure in the early hours of July 2nd. Crews were dispatched at 01:25 to 440 Rainbow Rd and arrived on scene at 01:32. After a quick assessment, the duty crews determined the structure was also involved and called for additional response. With limited resources, the crew on scene managed to rapidly knock down the vehicle fire and stop the spread of the fire throughout the house. By 01:51 the fire in the structure had been knocked down and overhaul work began to confirm extinguishment. There were no injuries reported from the occupants in the house, or from our members. The fire was deemed suspicious in nature and the file was turned over to the RCMP for further investigation.



A partial burn-ban was initiated on July 15, and it was upgraded to a full ban on August 4, 2022. Both events coincided with the provinces burn bans that continue to be in place.

To help community members and visitors alike, we set up a misting station on the side of fire hall #1 over the hottest weekend in July. I believe it provided relief to many who stopped by over the weekend, and it was well received. Our goal is to watch the forecasts and redeploy it when temperatures raise around the 30-degree mark.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



Membership

D/C Lundy has started his sit-down reviews with our members. These reviews will give us valuable feedback on how we are doing as management and where we need to focus our attention.

Fire and Life Safety

Fire Prevention Activity

- We were invited to inspect the commercial units at Merchant Mews and the new affordable housing unit at Kings Lane
- We conducted 81 residential FireSmart Assessments (including 39 units at Summerside and 15 units at Bayside)
- We made FireSmart presentations at the Kingfisher Strata AGM (32 attendees), the Summerside Strata executive meeting (6) and at a Climate Action Rally (headlined by MP Elizabeth May) with 60 attendees.
- We hosted a firehall tour for a CRD day camp (9 attendees) and made a firehall tour video in partnership with an online Kindergarten teacher.
- We also met with the contractor (from Diamond Head Consulting) who is creating our Community Wildfire Resilience Plan in partnership with the CRD.
- We conducted 13 inspections of Alternative Water Supplies (checking available ponds and tanks as possible water sources for fire response)



Downtown Misting Station

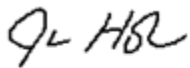
Training

Hours 432

Over the summer months we combine the platoons together for many of the weekly drills. Crews work on fire suppression, medical first responder, elevator rescue and marina drills.

The recruits were all successful on their second quarterly exam and have moved into the hose-work portion of their training.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief



A/C Sherrin and Rec. FF Dewar-McClelland reviewing a FireSmart assessment with the homeowner.