

# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

## Fire Chief's Report

July / August 2025



### Vision

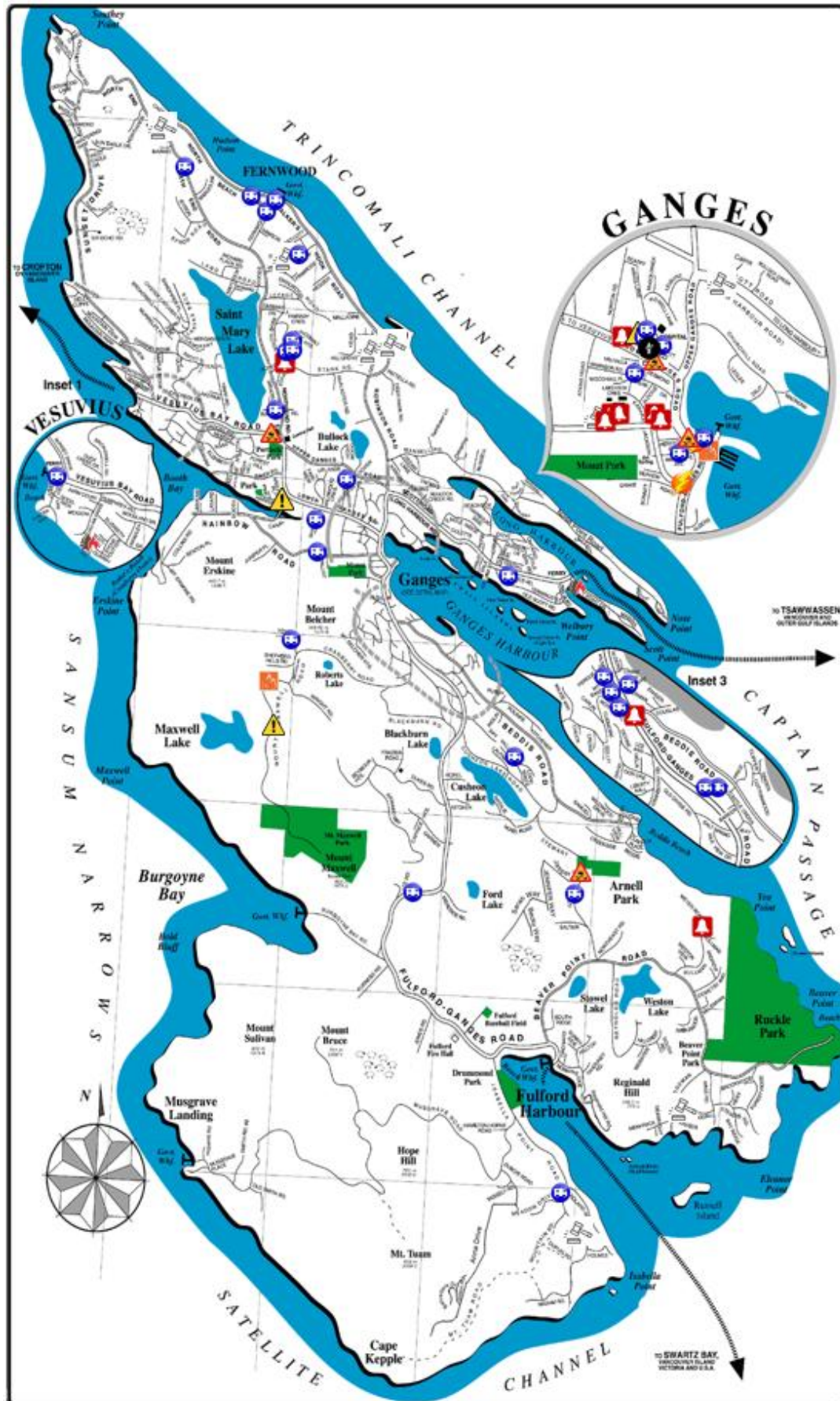
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

### Mission

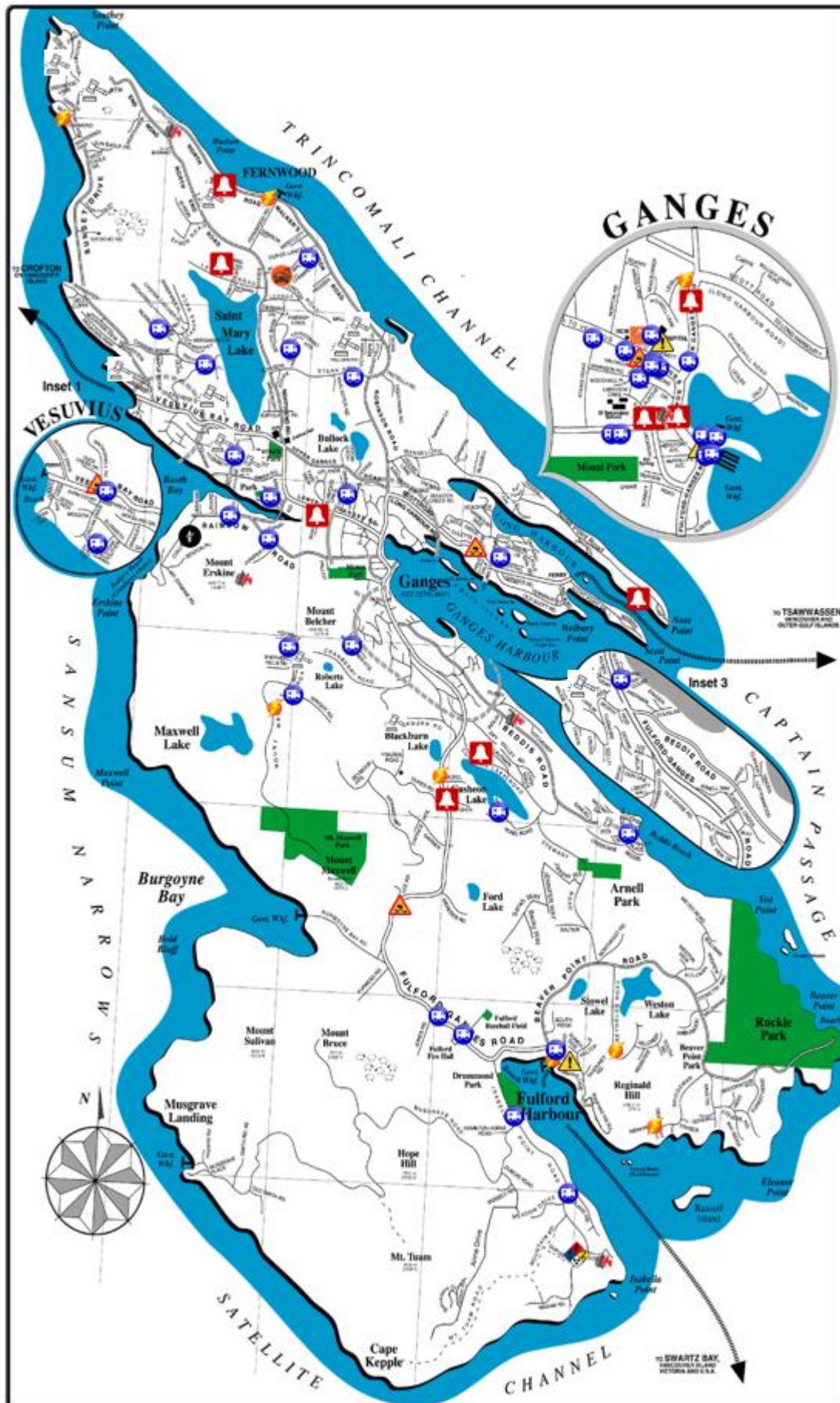
Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

### Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		Aug-25								TOTAL CALLS: 487	
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	DEC	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	5	2	5	4	12	13	9	13		63
Aircraft	Emergency										0
Alarm	Alarm	2		4	6	3	8	9	10		42
Assistance	Assistance	1	1	4	5	4	11	3	3		32
Explosion	Explosion										0
Fire	Brush		1			1	1	1	1		5
	Chimney	2		1							3
	Misc		1		1		5				7
	Structure	2	1		2	1	1	1			8
	Boat					1					1
	Vehicle						1		1		2
HazMat	HazMat		2			1			1		4
Hydro	Hydro	1	5	2	1	1	1	2	8		21
Medical	Medical	29	28	36	27	23	31	31	39		244
MVI	MVI	7	2	2	3	5	2	4	4		29
Rescue	Rescue	1	1	1		2		1	1		7
	Smoke/Smell/Sighting			2	1	1	2	1	4		11
	Structure	2			1	1	2	1	1		8
Total Calls for the month:		52	44	57	51	56	78	63	86	0	487
	2016	46	35	34	46	72	50	59	88		430
	2017	63	66	46	39	74	55	72	76		491
	2018	47	38	45	41	62	59	71	108		471
	2019	59	58	49	64	61	58	52	58		459
	2020	62	52	57	53	30	38	40	60		392
	2021	43	52	60	46	43	81	93	103		521
	2022	33	29	32	53	85	42	78	77		429
	2023	55	40	54	46	75	96	81	77		524
	2024	60	48	57	56	49	64	78	69		481
	2025	52	44	57	51	56	78	63	86		487
	2025										
	FIRE	9	10	9	12	10	21	15	26	0	112
	RESCUE	8	3	3	3	7	2	5	5	0	36
	MEDICAL	29	28	36	27	23	31	31	39	0	244
	ASSISTANCE	6	3	9	9	16	24	12	16	0	95
	TOTAL	52	44	57	51	56	78	63	86	0	487









# Operations

**New Firehall #1:** The structural components have been erected and the roof sheeted. The whole lower floors have been concreted, and work has shifted to weather proofing and exterior cladding. On the civil side the sewer system has been extended and connected to the building. Storm water management is complete with a retention pond installed on the southeast corner of the property. The hose concrete is complete, and internal construction will start soon.



South West View



North West View



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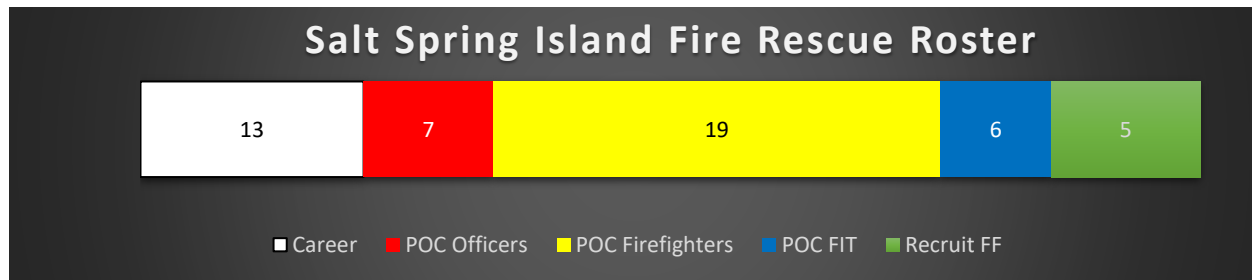


South East View

**Fire Safety Act:** We are working with the CRD on the Fire Safety Act to name local inspectors and investigators. The CRD is drafting a bylaw to allow us to continue the services we previously provided under the old Fire Services Act.

**Wildfire Deployment:** SSIFR was requested by the province to assist with the Wesley Ridge fire above Cameron Lake August 1<sup>st</sup> through August 8<sup>th</sup>. Two apparatus, Brush 2 with Tender 1, and five members were deployed. Reserve apparatus back filled the halls while during the deployment period.





## Training

July 2025

**491.75** total training hours for the month. July typically a slower training month as many are enjoying vacation time with their families.

Regular members honed their skills on First Responder, pumps/driving, Marina familiarization and boat fires, and water rescue techniques, utilizing our water rescue boat and inflatable raft.

The FIT group was busy working on Drone operations, accountability, driving/trailer, and communications.

August 2025

**816.75** total training hours for the month of August. For regular members, the month started off with our annual written exam focusing on theoretical facets of the firefighting job, and we finished the month with our annual physical testing and team building night. We also focused on the administrative aspect of report writing and filling out forms accurately. Sergeant Clive Seabrook was brought in to speak on the importance of proper note taking.

Crews were able to also tour the new supportive housing building on Drake Road, and work on Tender Shuttle skills as well. We are back working on Occupational Awareness enhancing our mental wellness resiliency.

10 members gave up an entire weekend (24 hours) to participate in a Confined Space Technician course as well.

Recruits on the other hand focused on RIT/ Rehab, Salvage & Overhaul, as well as Advanced Fire Suppression, prepping for their Live Fire experience on Pender Island. If that wasn't enough, they completed Module 3 testing requirements, both theory & practical evaluations.

Respectfully submitted,

**Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief**