



Operations

On June 28, 2021 at 18:45 SSIFR was called to 1460 North Beach Road, Mineral Springs Resort for a report of a commercial structure fire. Due to the distance from the firehall, the building



construction and the abnormal temperatures, fire growth was rapid, and the initial crew faced an entrenched working fire. The four-story building was compartmentalized and built down a slope making access more difficult.

Eight apparatus and twenty-two firefighters worked well into the night extinguishing the fire and ensuring it did not spread to the surrounding buildings or interface forest. The dry water hydrant at St. Mary Lake was utilized for the tender shuttle operation delivering over 30,000 gallons of water to the fire site.

The crews did an amazing job working in extreme heat for prolonged periods of time. Rehydration and rehabilitation were among our top priorities throughout the fire and overhaul. The fire is under investigation, and we are working with the insurance company and property representatives.

We responded to a small brush fire on the backside of Mt Tuam, assist BC Forest Service with initial response and attack while they mustered a crew. The fire was extinguished relatively quickly and the forestry service handled overhaul once they arrived.

Our reserve tender continues to be available to the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) if needed to assist with any wildfires in BC. At this point we have not been required, but the department has put together a list of qualified members, willing to respond if requested. It has already been a busy start to the forestry season, and I am expecting our services to be required at some point this summer.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



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Membership

After a comprehensive competition, I am pleased to announce that Patrick Byrne and Gordon Fraser were the two successful candidates for the recent career firefighter posting. Both FF Byrne and FF Fraser have been with the fire department for five and half years and show core values like honesty, compassion, and integrity. Both gentlemen will start their platoon rotations in early August. I'd like to thank all of the firefighters that applied and the hiring committee for their time and dedication. It was not an easy decision as SSIFR is blessed with many high-quality members.

Fire Safety Education

SSIFPD was awarded a 2021 CRI FireSmart Economic Recovery Fund grant in the amount of \$127,460.80. This money will help fund Capt Sherrin, our Local FireSmart Representatives and work done to improve the fire resistance of our community. SSIFR members can preform FireSmart assessments on properties and suggest improvements. Eligible property owners may apply for a refund of \$250 after work is finished and a secondary assessment has been completed. If you'd like to learn more please visit our webpage at saltspringfire.com/fire-smart/

Training



In June crews worked on ropes and knots, first responder and ladders. As restrictions started lifting, we held an outdoor BBQ and "moving a head" session with all members together.

Five members completed their Safe Operation of Fire Apparatus (SOFA) training, allowing them to respond code three in our apparatus. Nine members completed their Pumps and Pumping certification.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Holmes, Acting Fire Chief