

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

June 2025



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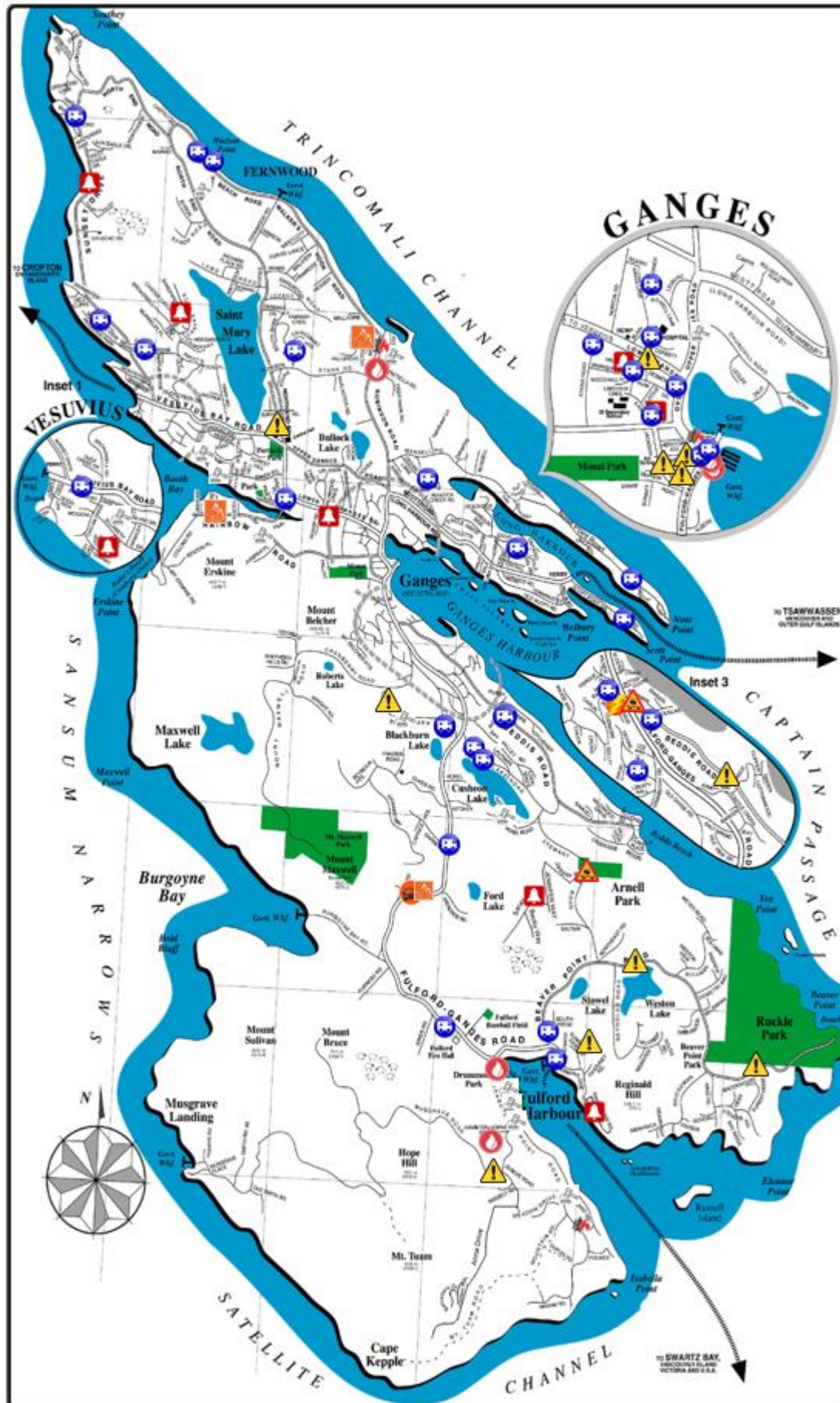
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND			Jun-25					TOTAL CALLS: 338		
			JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	NOV	DEC
Act/Bylaw	Complaint		5	2	5	4	12	13		41
Aircraft	Emergency									0
Alarm	Alarm		2		4	6	3	8		23
Assistance	Assistance		1	1	4	5	4	11		26
Explosion	Explosion									0
Fire	Brush			1			1	1		3
	Chimney		2		1					3
	Misc			1		1		5		7
	Structure		2	1		2	1	1		7
	Boat						1			1
	Vehicle							1		1
HazMat	HazMat			2			1			3
Hydro	Hydro		1	5	2	1	1	1		11
Medical	Medical		29	28	36	27	23	31		174
MVI	MVI		7	2	2	3	5	2		21
Rescue	Rescue		1	1	1		2			5
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush				2	1	1	2		6
	Structure		2			1	1	2		6
Total Calls for the month:			52	44	57	51	56	78	0	338
	2016		46	35	34	46	72	50		283
	2017		63	66	46	39	74	55		343
	2018		47	38	45	41	62	59		292
	2019		59	58	49	64	61	58		349
	2020		62	52	57	53	30	38		292
	2021		43	52	60	46	43	81		325
	2022		33	29	32	53	85	42		274
	2023		55	40	54	46	75	96		366
	2024		60	48	57	56	49	64		334
	2025		52	44	57	51	56	78		338
	2025									
	FIRE		9	10	9	12	10	21	0	71
	RESCUE		8	3	3	3	7	2	0	26
	MEDICAL		29	28	36	27	23	31	0	174
	ASSISTANCE		6	3	9	9	16	24	0	67
	TOTAL		52	44	57	51	56	78	0	338



Operations

June's call of note was an inhabited RV fire. At 17:07 SSIFR responded to a report of a structure fire on Main St. Twenty-one firefighters spent three hours and 2500 gallons of water extinguishing and overhauling the vehicle. Crews did a great job making sure the fire did not extend into the surrounding interface area. One occupant was treated on scene with minor injuries. The fire was investigated and determined to be accidental involving the propane hot water heating system.

New Firehall #1: The concrete apparatus bays were poured this month, and the wood framing has been started to really show the outline of the new firehall. Floor joists for the second floor are being installed, and the training room had its roof structure built. The hose tower reached its final height with formwork and will be poured soon.

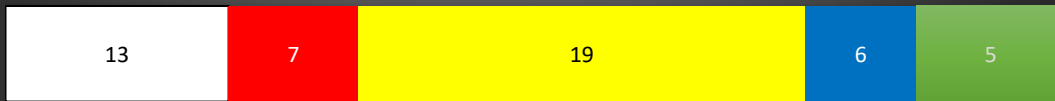


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Fire Safety Act: We are continuing to work with the CRD on the Fire Safety Act and naming local inspectors and investigators. Good progress is being made, and a recommendation is going to the CRD in July for approval that should meet the needs of the island.

Fire Chiefs Association of BC: I attended the annual workshop and conference in Penticton in June. Many key topics to SSIFR were discussed and I had the opportunity to personally speak with the Office of the Fire Commissioner on behalf of SSIFPD and other fire districts through-out the province on issues that directly affect us.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



■ Career
■ POC Officers
■ POC Firefighters
■ POC FIT
■ Recruit FF

Prevention



Congratulations to Dom Gaudet for receiving the 2025 BC Wildland Firefighter Vanguard Award at the FireSmartBC awards. On top of the work Captain Gaudet puts in for SSIFR he also works for BC Forestry and has worked on deployments all over BC. We're very lucky to have Dom on our team and utilize his knowledge to help keep our crews safe at home and while out on deployments.



Training

78hours of training for the month.

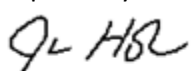
Recruits worked on Ventilation, Water Supply Systems, and Module 2 Written/Practical Exams.

Regular members worked on Pumps & Pumping, Alternate Water Supplies, Auto Extrication.

FIT group worked on Wildland Firefighting Basics, Drones (w/GSAR).

Many members are doing additional driver training, and Pumps & Pumping training looking to be come certified driver/pump operators.

Respectfully submitted,


 Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

