

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

March 2023



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.

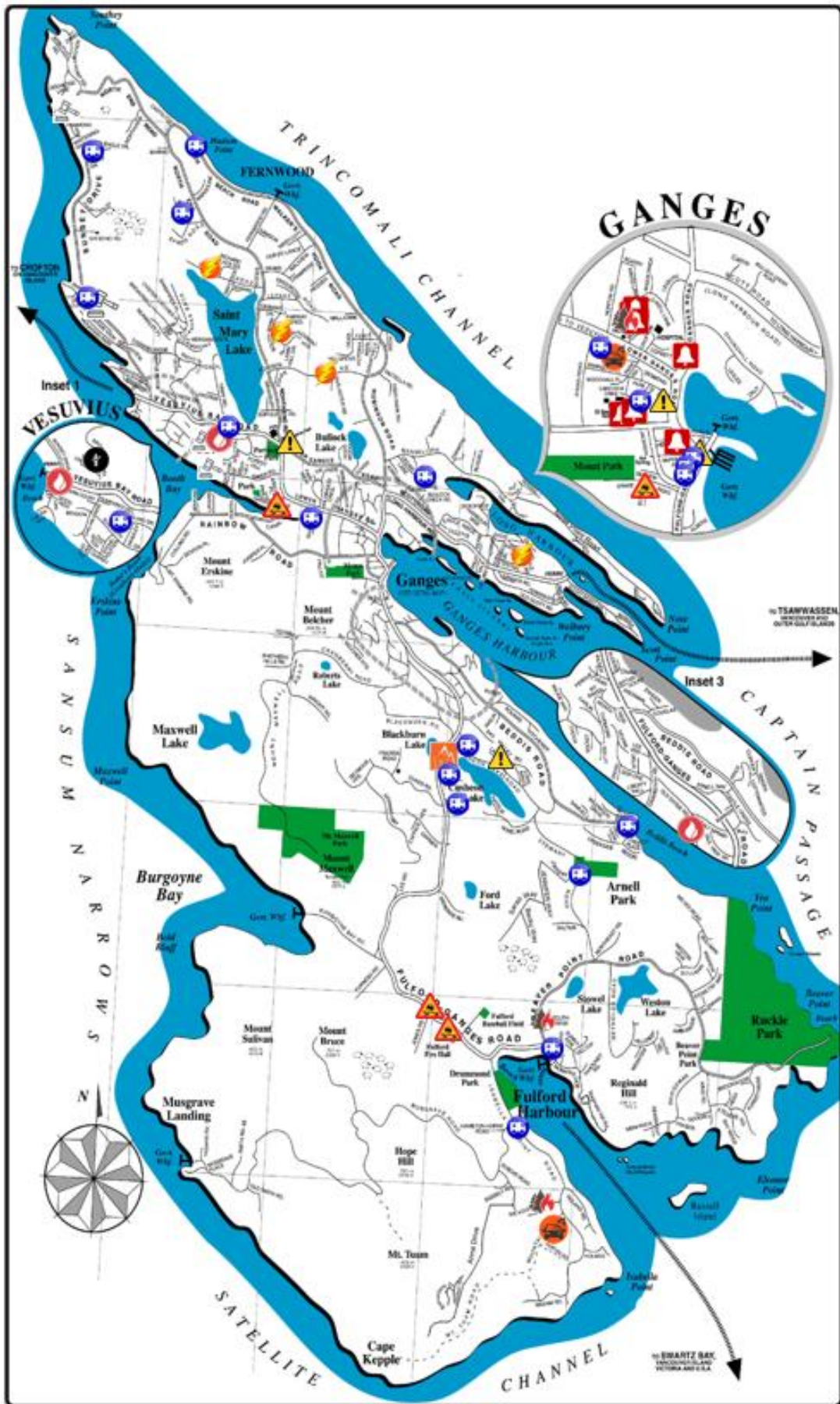
Response Report

		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	5		4		9
Aircraft	Emergency					
Alarm	Alarm	6	4	7		17
Assistance	Assistance	4	5	4		13
Explosion	Explosion					
Fire	Brush			1		1
	Chimney	1				1
	Misc	2	3	3		8
	Structure	2	2	1		5
	Boat					
	Vehicle	1		2		3
HazMat	HazMat					
Hydro	Hydro	4	12	4		20
Medical	Medical	21	11	20		52
MVI	MVI	7	3	5		15
Rescue	Rescue	1		1		2
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush			2		2
	Structure	1				1
Total Calls for the month:		55	40	54	0	149

2022 33 29 32 53 668

2023

	11	17	13	0	41
	13	3	10	0	26
MEDICAL	21	11	20	0	52
ASSISTANCE	10	9	11	0	30
	55	40	54		



Operations

BC Fallen Firefighters Memorial: Myself and four other members attended the Fallen Firefighters Memorial at the BC Legislature. Due to Covid protocols the last bi-annual event was cancelled, making this year a particularly large event with over forty firefighters being recognized.

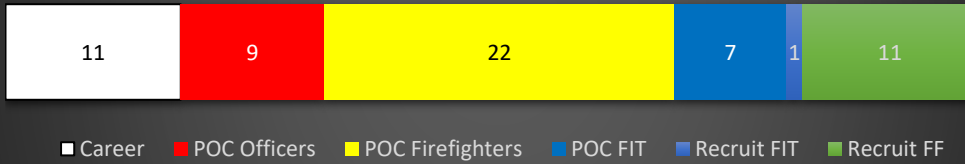
Firehall #2: Capax has started the roof repairs in Fulford. The siding that the flashing screws in to is also rotten and needs replacing.

Gulf Island Fire Cadet Camp: Six of our members acted as instructors, and three of our recruits were cadet participants in this year's Gulf Island Fire Cadet Camp on Pender Island. Spanning six days during spring break, students from the Gulf Islands and greater Victoria logged around 100 hours in fire and rescue disciplines. Each cadet takes away something different with all of them finding a challenge at some point of the camp and pushing through it. I think one parent said it best, "This experience was beneficial on so many levels including team building, learning firefighting skills and working through perceived limitations. From our perspective, the fire cadet camp is a unique immersion program where the teens get to feel part of a firefighting family."

I want to thank the Board of Trustees for your continued support of the Fire Cadet camp and the program. We have seen so many positive results over the years from this great event.



Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



Membership

I met with our POC members, and I will be bringing forward some budget requests on their behalf for 2024. Mental wellness, employee recognition, wages, and benefits were some of the major topics discussed.

Lt. Jason Gaffney retired after 11 years of service. Jason is moving off island and we wish him well in his new adventure. We thank Jason for his service to our department and the community, putting in countless hours training, instructing, and responding to emergencies.



Training



Regular members worked on Driving, Rescue Equipment Set-up, Ropes and Knots, Hoisting, Fire Props and P/T Baselines.

The Recruits got out of the classroom and into SCBA, Fire Behavior, and Establishing Command.

The Pump team, Auto X team, and Rope Rescue Team all practices as well in March.

A/C Sherrin attend CRD Hazmat Team training in Central Saanich.

Respectfully submitted,


Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief