

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

March 2025



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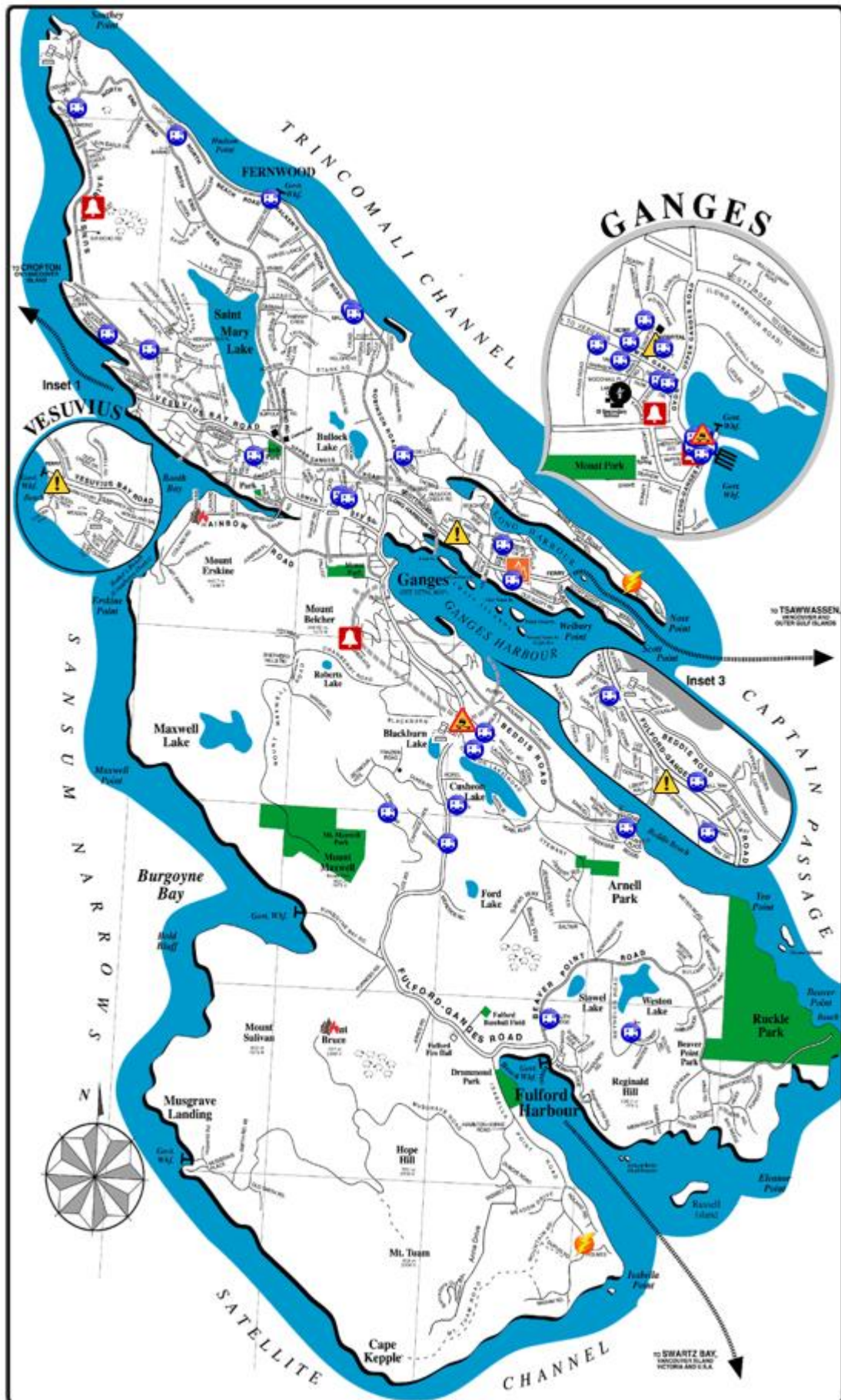
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		Mar-25					TOTAL CALLS: 153			
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	5	2	5						12
Aircraft	Emergency									0
Alarm	Alarm	2		4						6
Assistance	Assistance	1	1	4						6
Explosion	Explosion									0
Fire	Brush		1							1
	Chimney	2		1						3
	Misc		1							1
	Structure	2	1							3
	Boat									0
	Vehicle									0
HazMat	HazMat		2							2
Hydro	Hydro	1	5	2						8
Medical	Medical	29	28	36						93
MVI	MVI	7	2	2						11
Rescue	Rescue	1	1	1						3
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush			2						2
	Structure	2								2
Total Calls for the month:		52	44	57	0	0	0	0	0	153
	2016	46	35	34						115
	2017	63	66	46						175
	2018	47	38	45						130
	2019	59	58	49						166
	2020	62	52	57						171
	2021	43	52	60						155
	2022	33	29	32						94
	2023	55	40	54						149
	2024	60	48	57						165
	2025	52	44	57	0	0	0	0	0	153
	2025									
	FIRE	9	10	9	0	0	0	0	0	28
	RESCUE	8	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	14
	MEDICAL	29	28	36	0	0	0	0	0	93
	ASSISTANCE	6	3	9	0	0	0	0	0	18
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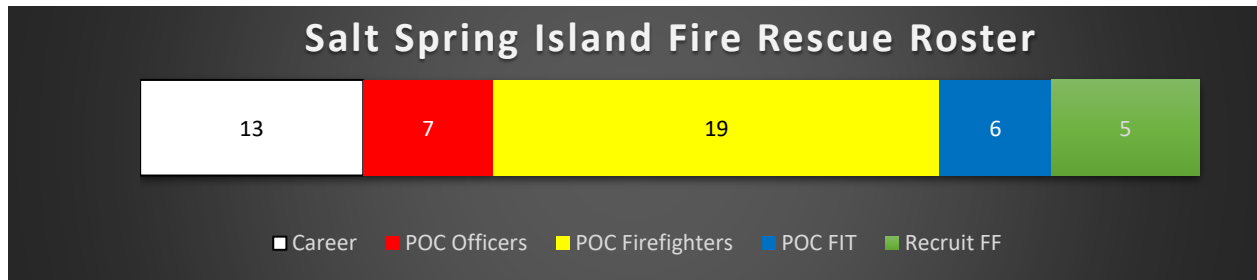
Operations

Gulf Island Fire Cadet Camp:

Four of our members heading over to Pender Island to instruct at the bi-annual fire camp. Spanning six days during spring break, students from the Gulf Islands and greater Victoria logged around 100 hours in fire and rescue disciplines. Some of this year's highlights included, live fire, rappelling, 149 Cormorant Search and Rescue helicopter, Coast Guard Hovercraft, and RCMP command boat. 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.





Prevention

Fire and Life Safety Education:

We attended 2 F&LSE events where we saw over 20 children and 20 adults. They were taught about Poisons and Toxic plants as well as Emergency Preparedness.

Fire Smart:

SSIFR completed 16 Fire Smart Assessments



Training

785 hrs of training in the month of March. These hours were all accumulated by our weekly maintenance training. The regular members worked on medical training, Rapid Attack Drills, and spent one night working on their driving skills.

The recruit class had a big month with 5 practices including Fire Behaviour, Building Construction, Establishing Command, Portable Fire Extinguishers and the most exciting for the class, their first exam.

The FIT group when not working with the regular members, worked on their Drone Operation Skills, as well as Area Command Review, set up during big events, (windstorms, snowstorms).

Respectfully submitted,


Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

