

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

March 2026



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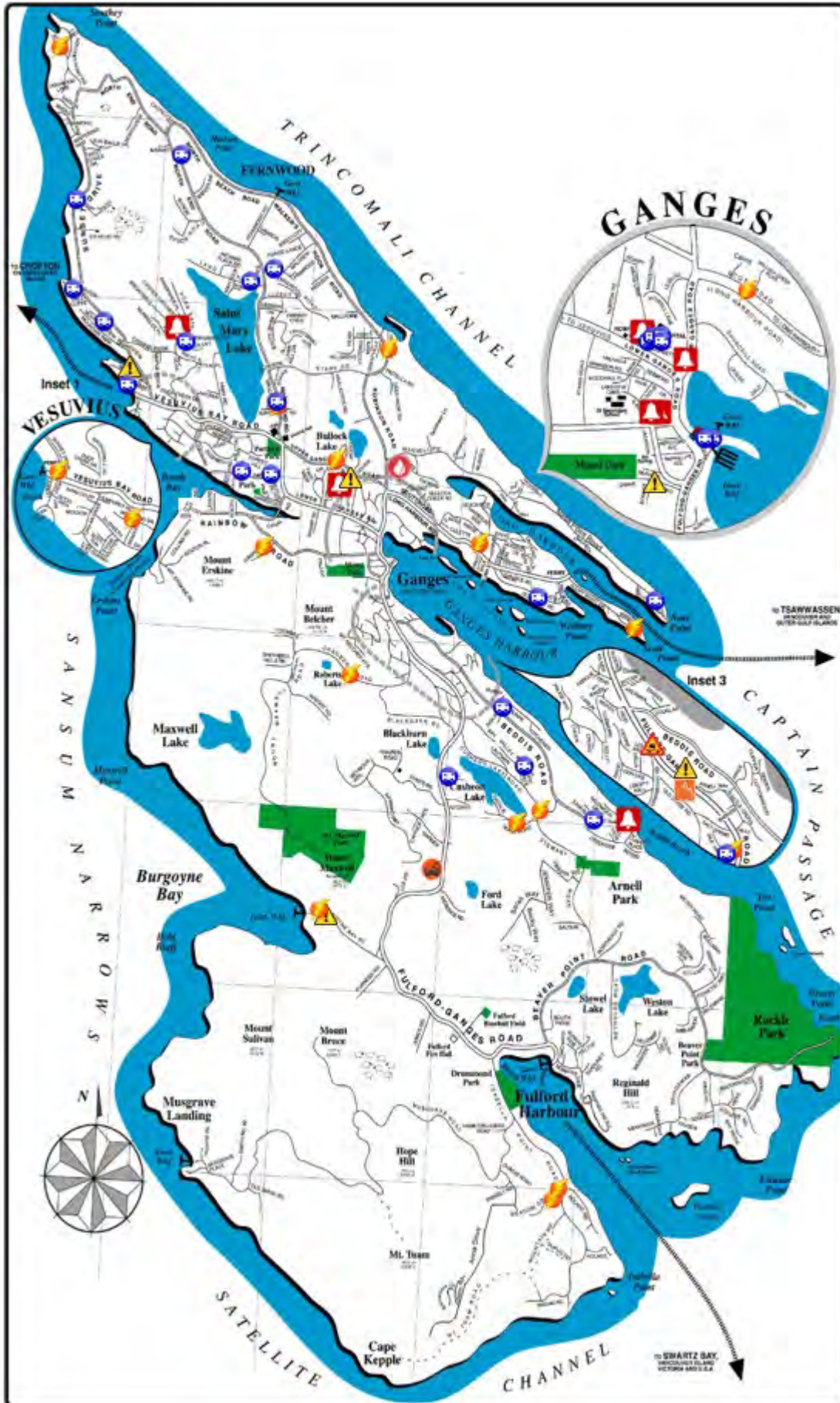
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND			March 2026							TOTAL CALLS:	59
			JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint		10	1	1						12
Aircraft	Emergency										0
Alarm	Alarm		7	6	7						20
Assistance	Assistance		2	8	5						15
Explosion	Explosion										0
Fire	Brush										0
	Chimney										0
	Misc		1	1	1						3
	Structure			1							1
	Boat										0
	Vehicle				1						1
HazMat	HazMat		1		1						2
Hydro	Hydro		4	1	17						22
Medical	Medical		20	25	24						69
MVI	MVI		1	2	1						4
Rescue	Rescue			1							1
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush			1							1
	Structure		1		1						2
Total Calls for the month:			47	47	59	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						153
	2026		47	47	59						153
	2026										
	FIRE		14	10	28	0	0	0	0	0	52
	RESCUE		1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
	MEDICAL		20	25	24	0	0	0	0	0	69
	ASSISTANCE		12	9	6	0	0	0	0	0	27
	TOTAL		47	47	59	0	0	0	0	0	153



Operations

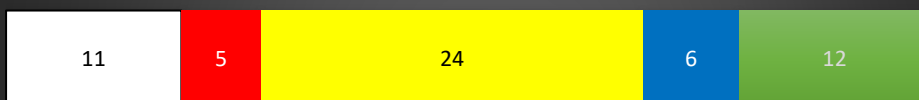
No calls of note for March, but the big news was very **elevating!**



Ladder 1: SSIFR was the successful bidder on a used 2009 Spartan Gladiator with 75 ft. Smeal Quint from Saanich Fire. The truck was purchased for \$305,000.00 which is less than 15% the cost of a new unit and should serve our needs for the next decade. This truck will allow us to evaluate future requirements for elevating apparatus and ensure when we do have to make a substantial investment, we will have the knowledge to make the right choice for our community. The news got even better when a private foundation stepped up and offered to cover the purchase completely! By now I am not surprised by the number of generous, community minded people who live on our island, but I am always grateful to all who support our service and our membership. Thank you so much for this very substantial donation.

We will be working over the coming month to decal and outfit the truck, as well as train our members on operations and maintenance of the new unit. We expect the truck on SSI in May.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



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

CRD Inspection Bylaw: We're continuing to work through the new CRD Bylaw 4677, and I will have a staff report to committee in April. For now, all our Chief Officers and career Captains are confirmed inspectors and investigators under the provincial Fire Safety Act.

Appreciation Dinner: Our annual awards dinner has been set for May 30, 2026. Invitations to follow shortly.

New Firehall #1: The new firehall build is in its final stages. Plans have been made for moving, and the current firehall #1 will be decommissioned starting April 24, 2026. Our offices will remain closed until they are opened in the new location in early May.

We are looking forward to May 24th when we get the chance to show the community **their** new firehall!

Prevention

6 Fire Smart Home Assessments

3 FLSE events, 2 CPR for Grade 9 and 1 presentation at Family Place

3 Fire Smart presentations for local POD groups

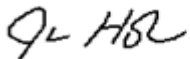
Training

With five training nights held during the month of March, a total of **970.75** training hours were recorded. A wide variety of training activities took place across the different groups.

The POC group focused on SCBA operations, First Response, and fire attack drills. The POC group spent a night facilitating training. The idea of this is to pair up a junior member with a senior member and have them deliver a 1-hour training session, with 3 of these sessions in an evening of training. The FIT group spent the month reviewing Traffic Control, Area Command, and driving skills, with an emphasis on support vehicles.

The recruits had a particularly busy month. Their training topics included Fire Behavior, Building Construction, Establishing and Transferring Command, and Portable Fire Extinguishers. They also completed Incident Command System (ICS) 100 online and wrote their first exam toward NFPA 1001 certification. In addition, a couple members continue to work on Fire Officer 1 and Occupational Health & Safety (OH&S) courses. To support the recruit training sessions, we have opened up the Shift Familiarization to every Sunday now, and every other Friday.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief