





## Operations



The most noteworthy call of the month actually happened in the transition to June and not May, but due to its profile and size I thought I should mention the fire at Windsor Plywood. Our crews did an excellent job under tough circumstances given a deep-seated fire, with extreme fire load, and limited resources. Twenty-six members in eight fire apparatus responded to the emergency with many members staying on scene for over sixteen hours. While initial efforts were focus on containing the fire to the area of origin, it became clear we were not gaining on the fire and tactics were changed to ensuring the fire did not spread beyond the main building. We are working with the insurance company on the investigation, which is still in process, but we do not suspect any foul play at this point. Some firefighting gear was damaged during fire operations, and we are working on getting those items replaced.

## Membership

Membership has stayed stable over the last year, although we are seeing several absents after returning to regular in-person drills. Currently we have four members on LOA. A hiring process is underway to fill vacancies related to the hiring of the Deputy Fire Chief. Resume, written exam, physical assessment and an interview are all a part of the hiring process. SSIFR will be running a recruit drive starting in September for a January 2022 recruit firefighter class and recruit applications will be available at <https://saltspringfire.com/recruit/>

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## Training



With Covid protocols in place we continued regular face to face training in April. Crews worked on fire attack, marina operations, hose handling and deployment and First Responder medical training.

Additional training included NFPA 1002 Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator, where thirteen of our members received IFSAC and Probroad certification over several weekends. The 2019 recruit class finally got to finish their NFPA 1001 training with Hazmat Operations being offered locally.

Another three members successfully passed their Class 3 driver's exam and are now cleared to drive our tandem water tenders bringing our total up to 26 class 3 drivers.



Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "JL Holmes".

**Jamie Holmes**

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