

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

May 2022



Vision

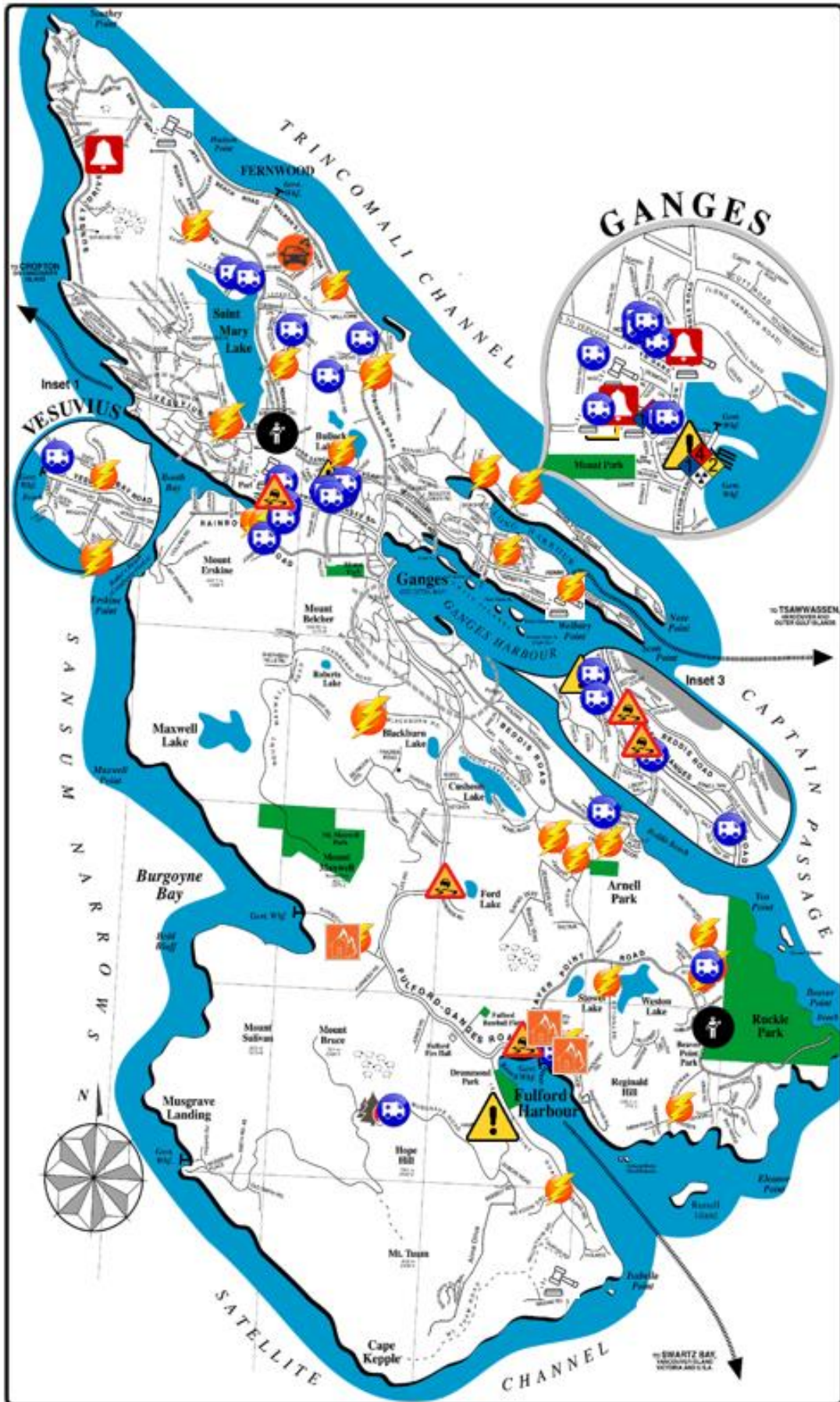
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		2022					
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	2	6	4	5	8	25
Aircraft	Emergency						0
Alarm	Alarm	1	2	3	3	3	12
Assistance	Assistance	4	3	2	4	5	18
Explosion	Explosion						0
Fire	Brush					1	1
	Chimney		1				1
	Misc						0
	Structure	1					1
	Boat		1		1		2
	Vehicle		1			1	2
HazMat	HazMat	2			1	2	5
Hydro	Hydro	5	1	1	4	26	37
Medical	Medical	15	10	21	31	29	106
MVI	MVI	2	1		2	5	10
Rescue	Rescue				1	2	3
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush						0
	Structure	1	3	1	1	3	9
Total Calls for the month:		33	29	32	53	85	232



Operations

The windstorm boosted the numbers for May with 26 Hydro related calls. In events like this we set up area command at Hall #1 and allocate resources from there with a broader vision. This system has worked well in the past and we continue to make improvements with feedback from Dispatch, BC Hydro, and our crews.

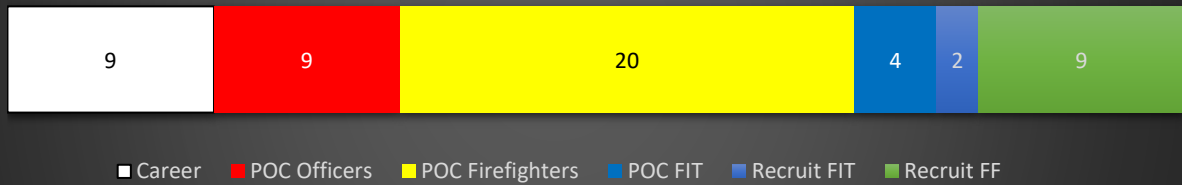
We have received Engine 205 from Fort Garry Fire Trucks and have paid for it out of our capital equipment reserve fund. CREST is outfitting it with radio equipment and we're starting to layout our current inventory in preparation for the switchover.

Membership

Dale Lundy celebrated 30 years with SSIFR this past month! Dale will be receiving a gold leaf to add to his 20-year long service medal. I would like to congratulate Dale on this remarkable achievement and thank him for his dedication to SSIFR and this community.



Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



Fire and Life Safety

We have completed all activities under the 2021/2022 FireSmart Economic Recovery Grant as of the end of May. We completed 288 Residential Assessments and we issued 61 rebates to homeowners (valued at \$250 each). This program was funded through a grant from the Union of B.C. Municipalities. We also conducted 31 FireSmart educational sessions (presentations, open-houses, webinars, and SSIFR attendance at events) where we interacted with 1258 members of the community to share FireSmart messages. As a COVID-19 economic recovery grant, this project also helped to generate over 135 days of work for members of the community (including landscapers, contractors, arborists, and FireSmart assessment professionals, etc). Currently, we are working on our final report to the UBCM to be reimbursed for SSIFR FireSmart activities.

Our members assisted with a number of community events in May including Ruckle Days and broom clean-up and drop-off. Two members attended the FireSmart workshop in Kamloops and have brought back lots of ideas and excitement for this year's program.

Training



May's training hours were very similar to April's with time spent on Rope, pre-incident planning, auto X, building construction and radio communications.

The recruits were certified for wildland fire attack with a hands-on S-100 and the regular members completed an online refresher. Although it's been a wet spring, we're preparing for a hot August and will have crews ready in the event of a wildfire emergency.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief