

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

May 2025



Vision

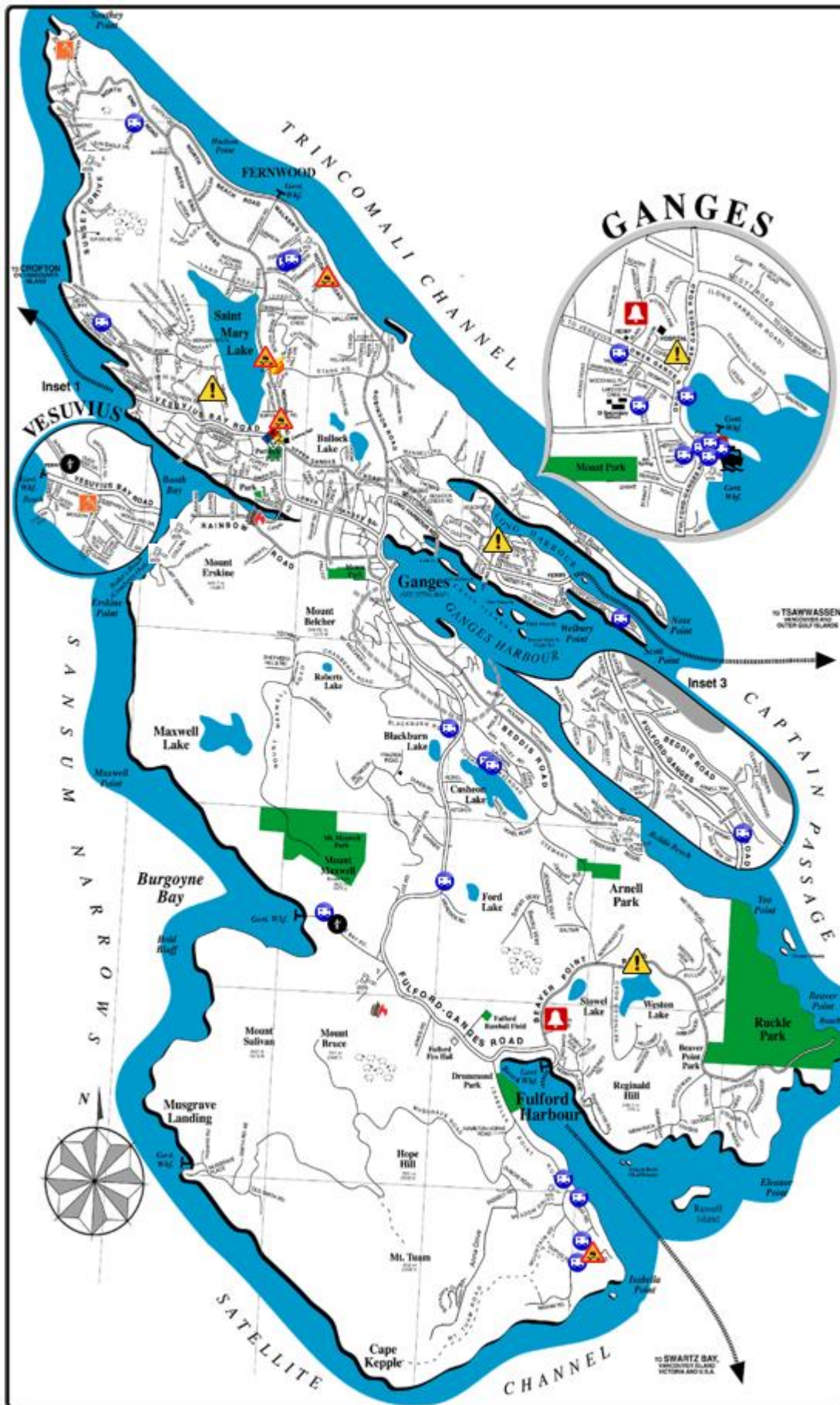
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND			May-25					TOTAL CALLS: 260			
			JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	5	2	5	4	12					28
Aircraft	Emergency										0
Alarm	Alarm	2		4	6	3					15
Assistance	Assistance	1	1	4	5	4					15
Explosion	Explosion										0
Fire	Brush		1			1					2
	Chimney	2		1							3
	Misc		1		1						2
	Structure	2	1		2	1					6
	Boat					1					1
	Vehicle										0
HazMat	HazMat		2			1					3
Hydro	Hydro	1	5	2	1	1					10
Medical	Medical	29	28	36	27	23					143
MVI	MVI	7	2	2	3	5					19
Rescue	Rescue	1	1	1		2					5
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush			2	1	1					4
	Structure	2			1	1					4
Total Calls for the month:			52	44	57	51	56	0	0	0	260
	2016	46	35	34	46	72					233
	2017	63	66	46	39	74					288
	2018	47	38	45	41	62					233
	2019	59	58	49	64	61					291
	2020	62	52	57	53	30					254
	2021	43	52	60	46	43					244
	2022	33	29	32	53	85					232
	2023	55	40	54	46	75					270
	2024	60	48	57	56	49					270
	2025	52	44	57	51	56					260
	2025										
	FIRE	9	10	9	12	10	0	0	0		50
	RESCUE	8	3	3	3	7	0	0	0		24
	MEDICAL	29	28	36	27	23	0	0	0		143
	ASSISTANCE	6	3	9	9	16	0	0	0		43
	TOTAL	52	44	57	51	56	0	0	0		260



Operations

May's call of note was a structure fire on May 22nd on Arbutus Rd.

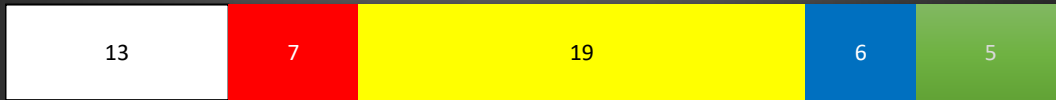
At 19:25 the department was paged out for a structure fire on a commercial property. Upon arrival our POC crews from Hall 3 arrived to find a large shed fully involved with fire and spreading to the surrounding vegetation. Twenty-two members used 10,000 gallons of water to attack the fire and control the spread. While the shed, which housed an ATV, tractor and forklift, was a total loss, the crews did an exceptional job creating a water curtain on the house and containing the fire to the original structure. The fire was investigated and was determined to be accidental. SSIFR would like to thank the occupants on scene for their quick call to 911 and assistance through-out the call.



New Firehall #1 This month we finally saw the main firehall structure start rising out of the ground. With the arrival of the steel and heavy timbers the firehall skeleton is being erected and showing its general outline. As excitement builds, staff continues to look for efficiencies and cost reductions to keep the project on track.



Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



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

Prevention

In May Salt Spring Fire Rescue performed 11 Fire Smart Fire Assessment, 3 CPR classes at GISS and 1 Pre school came to the hall for a tour and learned about calling 911.

We also hosted the Salt Spring Island Emergency Fair a one-day event with Salt Spring Fire Rescue, BC Ambulance, Ground and Marine Search and Rescue, Canadian Coast Guard, Emergency Social Services and Salt Spring Emergency Management all taking part. Countless members off the public came by and received invaluable information. I'd like to thank SSI Emergency Management for organizing and coordinating this very important event.



Hours **720**

Training

720 hours of training for the month of May. Regular members participated in Fire Attack, First Responder training, and finished the month off with our annual Platoon Challenge.

Recruits were busy learning Ladders, Search & Rescue, and Forcible Entry.

5 members completed their Hazardous Materials Operations training as the final piece to their NFPA 1001 certification.

2 members joined the Training Officer at the annual convention in Penticton, for the educational portion of the conference. We will incorporate some of the learnings in some future training events here for our team

6 members completed the in-house Pumps & Pumping course the final weekend of May. Thank you to Captain Nuyens for organizing and delivering the course.

Respectfully submitted,


Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

