

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

November 2021



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		Nov 2021	Total Calls:	63	
Aircraft	Aircraft-Crash				
Alarm Bells	CO				
	Commercial	5			
	Intrusion				
	Residential	2			
Assistance	BCAS	1			
	Flooding	5			
	General Public	4			
	Misc Complaint	1			
	Public Works	1			
	RCMP	1			
Beach	Beach Fire	1			
Boat	Distress/Fire	1			
Brush/Grass	Bark Mulch				
	Fire				
	Smoke Smell/Sighting				
False Alarm	CO				
	Commercial				
	Residential				
Fire-Misc	Misc Fire				
HazMat	Chlorine				
	Petroleum Spill/Fire				
	Propane				
	Chemical/unknown spill/leak	1			
Hydro	Fire		4		
	Lines Down				
	Tree on Lines		3		
Medical	Medical A/B				
	Medical C		1		
	Medical D		20		
	Medical E				
MVI	MVI		7		
Open Burn	Campfire				
	General		1		
Rescue	Animal				
	Elevator		1		
	Rope/High/Confined				
	Search				
	Water/Ice/Drowning				
Rubbish	Rubbish/Dumpster Fire				
Structure Fire	SFComm - Smoke/Smell				
	SFComm (Structure Fire)				
	SFRes - Chimney		1		
	SFRes - Mob Home/Trailer				
	SFRes - Smoke/Smell				
	SFRes - (Structure Fire)		2		
Vehicle Fire	Vehicle Fire				
			Total Calls for the month:	63	
This month::	FIRE	21	YTD::	FIRE	292
	RESCUE	8		RESCUE	56
	MEDICAL	22		MEDICAL	260
	ASSISTANCE	12		ASSISTANCE	105
		63			713



Operations

The biggest call of note in November was the structure fire at 257 Maliview Dr.

At 11:57 on Thursday Nov. 25, 2021 Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue was dispatched to a residential structure fire at 257 Maliview Drive. At 12:10 pm, both Engine 1 and Tender 1 from the Ganges Firehall were on scene and found smoke coming from the bottom unit of a multi-unit residential structure. With efficient manpower on scene from a fast response, fire crews went offensive on the fire, sending an interior team inside the structure to extinguish the fire. Crews were able to knock down the fire and contain it to the room and unit of origin which prevented any extension into the adjacent units.

There was a total of three fire apparatus on scene and sixteen firefighters responded. All other occupants were able to return to their units after a check of each unit was completed. The Fire Dept was on scene for just over two hours and the cause of the fire appears accidental.



Here's a brief update on a few other items:

Dispatch: First off, we would like to thank Langford Fire for the incredible service over the past 33 years and keeping our members and community safe. SSI fire dispatch will now be handled through Saanich Fire Department. All the hardware and infrastructure have been switched and Saanich Fire Dispatch is now live for 911 call from SaltSpring Island.

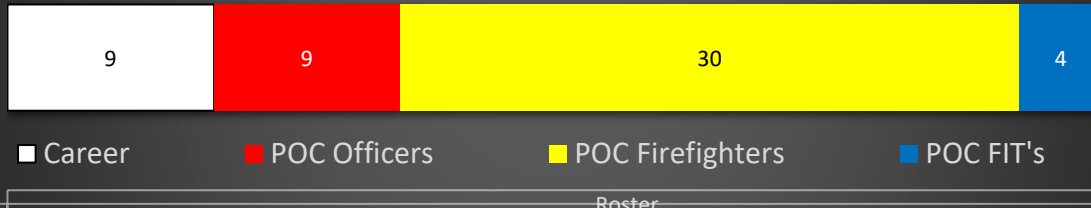


E205: Supply delays from Freightliner has pushed back the delivery of our engine. Fort Garry continues to proceed with the building of the body while they await the chassis.

Remembrance Day: I was proud to represent SSIFR at the Remembrance Day ceremony at Centennial Park to honour all those who served. Lest we forget.

Flooding: The island was hit hard by the atmospheric river, and we had several roads impacted. SSIFR assessed each problem area and made plans in case of an incident past any blockage. We would like to thank all the public who were prepared to shelter in place and remind everyone to have a 72 hour kit in place for future emergencies.

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



Membership

Five POC members retired over the past two months. We'd like to thank FIT Alisa Coles, FF Chris Finn, FF Tom McCormick, FF Cameron Sweet, and FF Aj Hastie for their service to our department and community. Eleven recruit POC Firefighters will be joining the ranks in January and we're looking forward to their excitement and enthusiasm.

Fire Safety Education

In November we completed the following tasks within the F&LSE area (1004 attendees):

- We partnered with the Vancouver Island Health Authority to assist a Flu Vaccination Clinic on November 19-20 (assisting 864 attendees).
- Partnered with the Home Design Centre, SSI Conservancy and Transition SSI for a webinar on Burn it Smart for chimney safety (21 attendees)
- Held a Neighborhood FireSmart presentation for residents in the Beaver Point Road neighborhood (13 attendees)
- Hosted a four CPR/AED classes for GISS students in the Real-9 program (108 attendees).
- We conducted 12 Residential FireSmart Assessments with a total of 18 attendees.
- We provided a letter for support for an Eco-Action grant application by Transition SSI (with additional meetings and research on the project).

Training



In November crews worked on Driver training, Pumps, Drone flight, and Tender Shuttle. Two members attended Resilient Minds in Metchosin focusing on the mental wellbeing of our membership.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief