

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

November 2022



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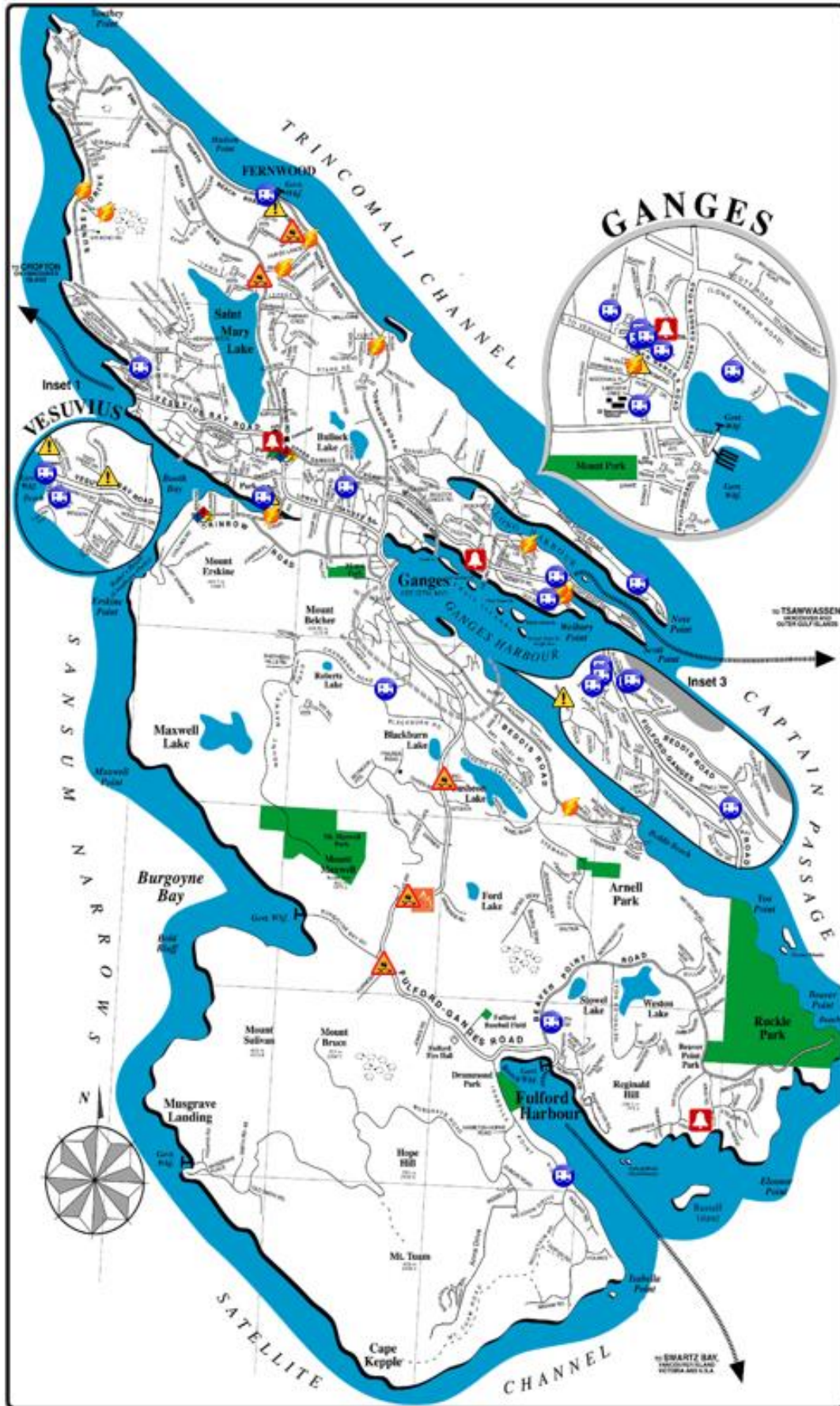
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		2022											TOTAL CALLS:
		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint	2	6	4	5	8	2	19	18	6	7	8	85
Aircraft	Emergency												0
Alarm	Alarm	1	2	3	3	3	5	5	7	5	9	4	47
Assistance	Assistance	4	3	2	4	5	2	4	7	5	4	6	46
Explosion	Explosion												0
Fire	Brush					1		1		3	3		8
	Chimney		1								1	1	3
	Misc							5	2	1	5		13
	Structure	1							1				2
	Boat		1		1			1					3
	Vehicle		1			1		3	1				6
HazMat	HazMat	2			1	2	1	4	2	1	2	2	17
Hydro	Hydro	5	1	1	4	26	4	1	3	2	2	10	59
Medical	Medical	15	10	21	31	29	24	25	26	29	19	25	254
MVI	MVI	2	1		2	5		4	2	4	6	5	31
Rescue	Rescue				1	2	1		1	1			6
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush							5	6	8	4		23
	Structure	1	3	1	1	3	3	1	1	1			15
Total Calls for the month:		33	29	32	53	85	42	78	77	66	62	61	618



Operations

The roof could wait no longer. After years of band-aids and tarps, the decision to replace the main roof on firehall 1 had to be made. Work started in November and should be completed before the end of the year, weather dependent. Funding for the project is available in the Capital Reserve Funds (Unspecified).

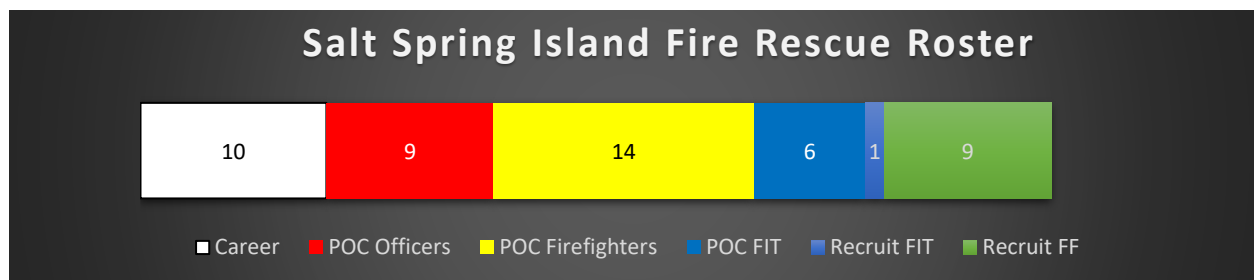


Our first weather events of the season were brief and did not account for too many emergency incidents for SSIFR. We activated area command for the November 4th windstorm, and the end of month snow accounted for a handful of MVIs and BCAS assists.

Over the summer months the career platoons reviewed close to one hundred alternative water supply locations for SSIFR use in emergencies. Approximately twenty-five of those have been deemed unsuitable and we continue to make pre-plans for the other 75% to maximise efficiency when those sources are required for emergency use.

Due to supply chain issues Brush 104 (Mini 102's replacement) has been switched from a Dodge chassis to a Ford chassis. Unfortunately, this also comes at a \$10,000 difference. The Dodge chassis would be over a year's wait and the price is unknown at this point so we could be facing the increase regardless.

Our 2023 recruit drive was very successful yielding 12 new recruits for next year. Seven of the new members live in Fire Hall 2's area where we are in need of members.



Fire and Life Safety Education

SSIFR conducted 64 FireSmart Assessments in November including Roscommon Strata. Roscommon has also been recognized as a FireSmart community by FireSmart Canada. Congratulations to Roscommon for their dedication to FireSmart and a special thank you to both Nancy Pursell and Mitchell Sherrin for assisting in the lengthy application process.

Two members taught CPR basics to 14 adults and 12 children at Family Place

Members assisted the Salt Spring Island Emergency Program filling 250 sandbags for 45 members of the community in preparation for winter weather.

11 ushers at Artspring were given fire extinguisher training and evacuation procedures.

SSIFR participated in the Flu Clinic at Kings Lane Medical. Around 60 adults were given FireSmart and other safety tips while they were monitored after receiving their flu shots.

Two members read aloud at the Salt Spring Island Library over two days reaching 20 children and 8 adults.

Training



Regular members worked on SCBA, First Responder, Rapid Attacks and Wellness training in November.

The recruit class of 2022 just completed their firefighting modules and evaluations and are starting their medical training.

In speciality training the Rope Rescue, Auto X, Pub Ed, and Pump teams all held sessions in November.

Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

