

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Acting Fire Chief's Report

September 2021



Vision

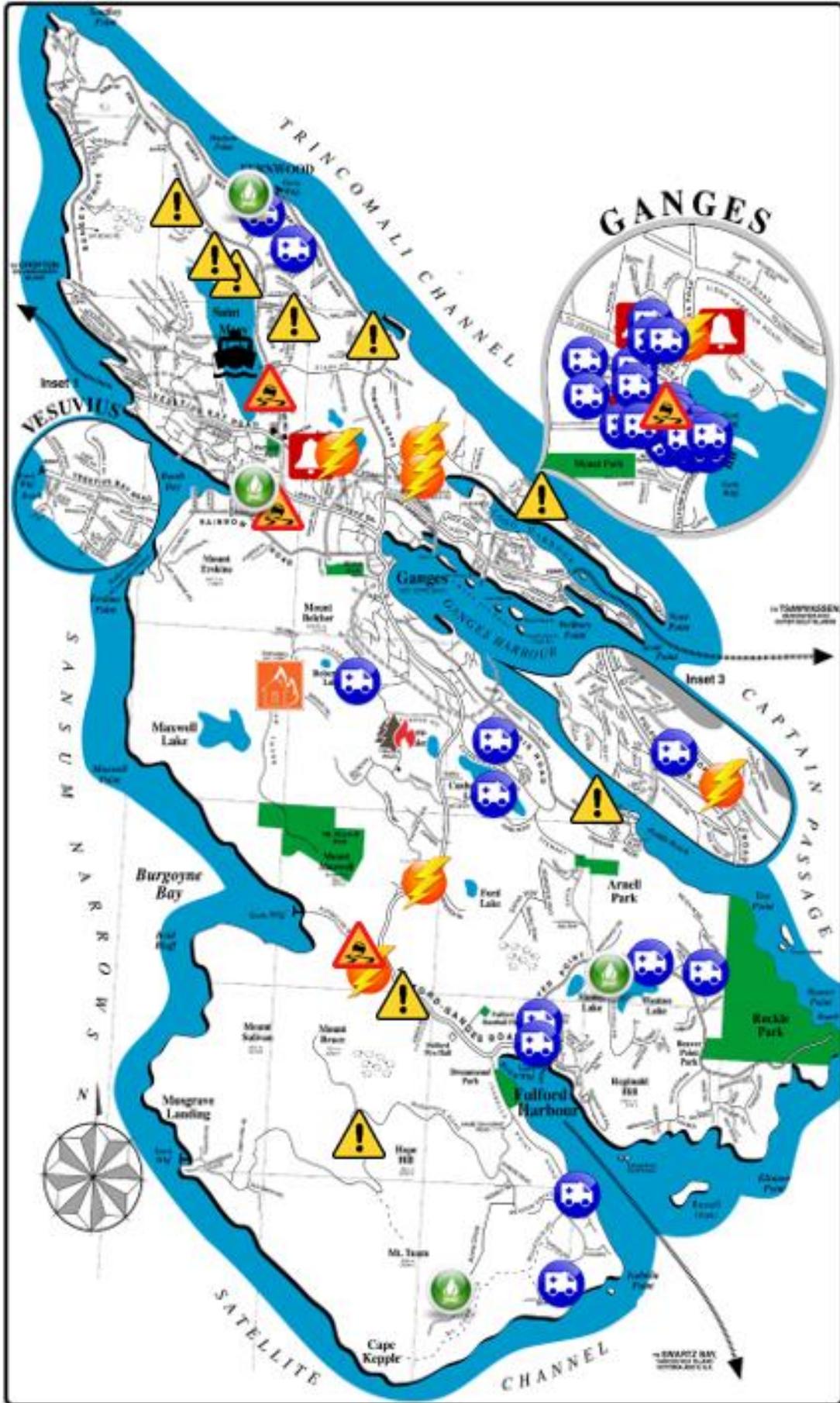
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

| INCIDENT LEGEND | | Sep 2021 | Total Calls: | 65 | |
|---------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-----|
| | Aircraft | Aircraft-Crash | | | |
| | Alarm Bells | CO | | | |
| | | Commercial | 1 | | |
| | | Intrusion | | | |
| | | Residential | 3 | | |
| | Assistance | BCAS | 2 | | |
| | | Flooding | | | |
| | | General Public | | | |
| | | Misc Complaint | 8 | | |
| | | Public Works | | | |
| | | RCMP | | | |
| | Beach | Beach Fire | | | |
| | Boat | Distress/Fire | 1 | | |
| | Brush/Grass | Bark Mulch | | | |
| | | Fire | | | |
| | | Smoke Smell/Sighting | 1 | | |
| | False Alarm | CO | | | |
| | | Commercial | | | |
| | | Residential | | | |
| | Fire-Misc | Misc Fire | | | |
| | HazMat | Chlorine | | | |
| | | Petroleum Spill/Fire | | | |
| | | Propane | | | |
| | | Chemical/Inknown spill/leak | | | |
| | Hydro | Fire | 1 | | |
| | | Lines Down | 3 | | |
| | | Tree on Lines | 3 | | |
| | Medical | Medical A/B | 3 | | |
| | | Medical C | 1 | | |
| | | Medical D | 28 | | |
| | | Medical E | 1 | | |
| | MVI | MVI | 4 | | |
| | Open Burn | Campfire | | | |
| | | General | 4 | | |
| | Rescue | Animal | | | |
| | | Elevator | | | |
| | | 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) | | | |
| | Vehicle Fire | Vehicle Fire | | | |
| | | | Total Calls for the month: | 65 | |
| This month:: | FIRE | 18 | YTD:: | FIRE | 248 |
| | RESCUE | 4 | | RESCUE | 47 |
| | MEDICAL | 35 | | MEDICAL | 210 |
| | ASSISTANCE | 8 | | ASSISTANCE | 81 |
| | | 65 | | | 586 |



Operations

No major calls of note this month, but medical calls have been picking-up over the last number of months, back to our pre-Covid response numbers.

Here's a brief update on a few items in operations:

Dispatch: We have started the process of switching over to Saanich Dispatch. The first step is department set-up and we've learned that somethings are going to change. Apparatus names will have to conform with E-com naming conventions, communications will follow their SOG, and response zones will come into effect. We are also hoping to be able to add a CAD function to our front line engines through E-comm at an economical price. Records management are still a little up in the air, as CRD didn't cover those costs in the last agreement. There will be some learning curves, but there will be lots of training along the way, and Saanich Fire and E-comm are committed to make the transition as smooth as possible.

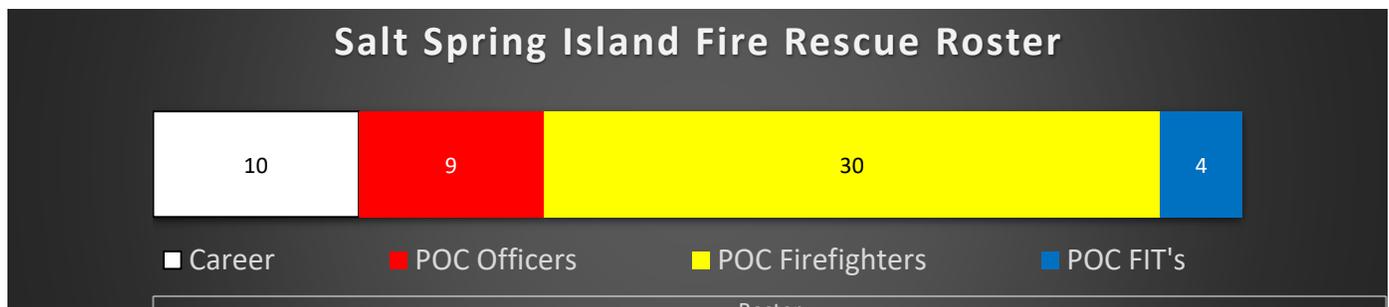
Apparatus Shuffle: We will be shuffling trucks around the three fire halls this month continuing to experiment on the best apparatus layout at each hall to best serve the public and fire operations.

iPads: Two new iPads have been purchased to replace ones from 2012. One is being utilized by the FITs for accountability, pictures, and other command functions. The second iPad will be placed on Engine 1 as most of the apps we use are no longer supported on the old models.

Recruit Drive: Our recruit drive has started and we're seeing a few applications trickle in. If you know of anyone interested, please point them towards our recruiting page at <https://saltspringfire.com/recruit/> We will be holding a recruit open house Oct. 19th 1900hrs at Hall #2 with the platoons showcasing some of our hands on skills. Our goal is to give an opportunity for anyone interested in join a chance to look and ask any questions they might have.

Engine 205: Our new engine form Fort Garry Fire Trucks was due near the end of December, but I doubt we will see it before 2022 at this point. They have not received the chassis from Freightliner yet so the build will be delayed. I'm still waiting on an updated timeline.

Mini 102: The mini truck in Fulford was due to replaced this year (actually overdue). I have tasked Capt. Nuyens with finding it's replacement and I would like to start the RFQ process.



Membership

I met with the membership regarding budgeting, and they have several suggestions. One, that I would like to highlight, is the idea of POC wages having a minimum COLA raise built in the to budget each year.

Fire Safety Education

In September we held 33 Fire & Life Safety Education (F&LSE) events reaching 396 attendees.

- We conducted 97 Residential FireSmart Assessments (including Bayside Strata (15 units), Kingfisher Cove (35 units) and Brinkworthy (10 units) with a total of 81 attendees.
- Held a Neighborhood FireSmart presentation for residents at Mt. Belcher Heights (20 attendees)
- Hosted a CPR/AED course for GISS students in the Real-9 program (27 attendees)
- Hosted a FireSmart information and Firefighter Recruit Drive booth at the Fall Fair (161 attendees and 68 children to our booth)
- Trained ArtSpring Ushers for theater evacuation and fire safety (10 attendees)
- Met with GISS students to recruit applicants for the Gulf Islands Fire Cadet Program (6 students).
- Partnered with the SSI Conservancy and Transition SSI over two sessions at different locations to make a FireSmart video presentation (10 attendees)



Training



In September crews worked on salvage & overhaul, large hoselines/deck guns/RAM's, size-up, rapid attack, and vehicle rescue/extrication.

4 members attended THARR course in Central Saanich and have been certified in low to steep Rope Rescue.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Jamie Holmes, Acting Fire Chief

