

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

September 2023



Vision

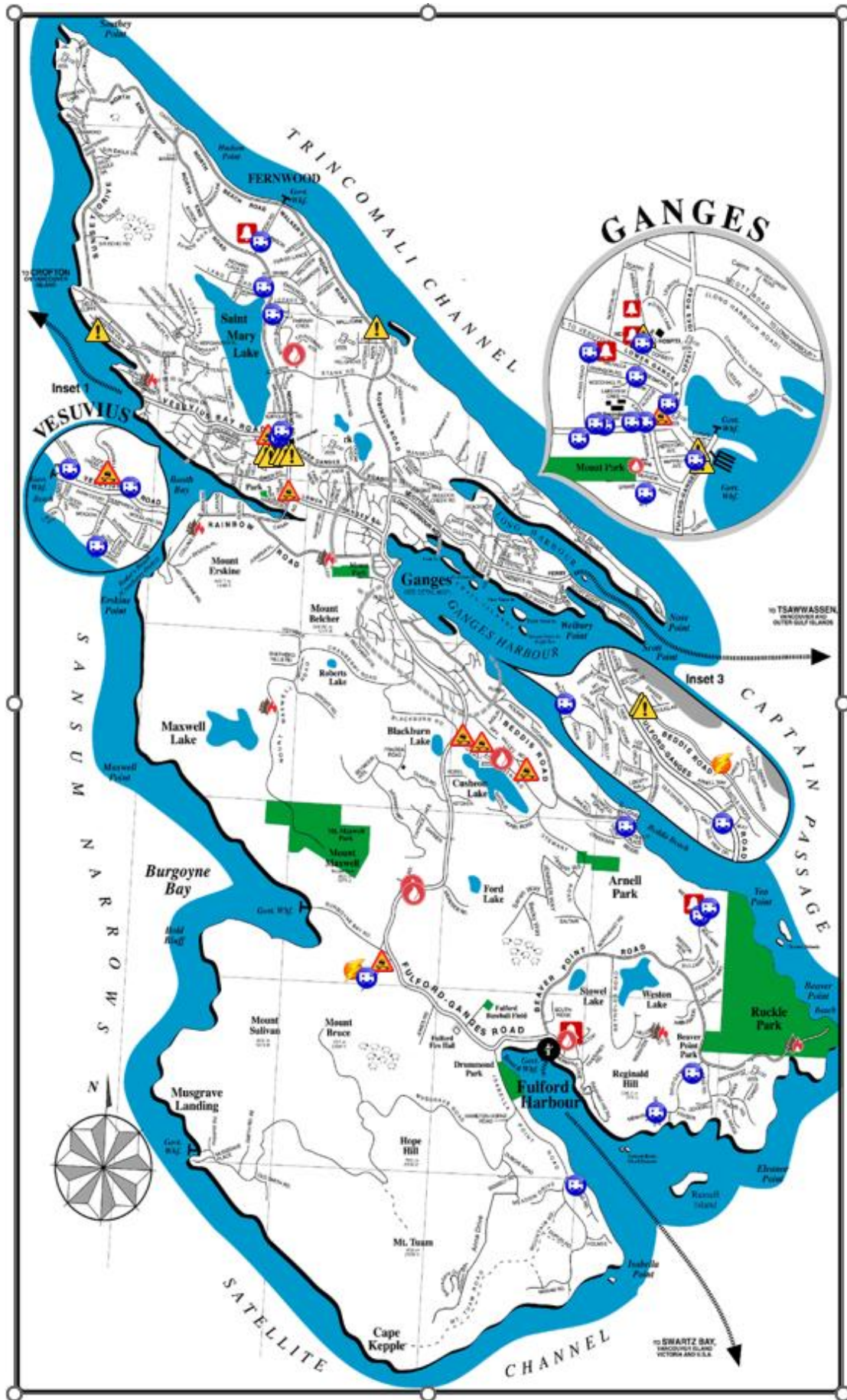
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND		Sep-23									
Act/Bylaw		JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	
	Complaint	5		4	5	14	12	16	15	7	
Aircraft	Emergency										
Alarm	Alarm	6	4	7	4	6	5	6	2	6	
Assistance	Assistance	4	5	4	3	10	18	14	19	16	
Explosion	Explosion										
Fire	Brush			1	2	2	1		1	1	
	Chimney	1									
	Misc	2	3	3		2	3	1		6	
	Structure	2	2	1			1	1	3		
	Boat				1		1				
	Vehicle	1		2		2					
HazMat	HazMat								1		
Hydro	Hydro	4	12	4	1	1		3	2	2	
Medical	Medical	21	11	20	24	30	40	29	21	29	
MVI	MVI	7	3	5	1	5	4	4	5	8	
Rescue	Rescue	1		1				2	3	1	
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush			2	4	3	8	3	4	5	
	Structure	1			1		3	2	1		
Total Calls for the month:		55	40	54	46	75	96	81	77	81	605
	2014	35	51	50	27	39	48	67	59	45	421
	2015	32	36	44	31	44	69	56	54	45	411
	2016	46	35	34	46	72	50	59	88	52	482
	2017	63	66	46	39	74	55	72	76	58	549
	2018	47	38	45	41	62	59	71	108	79	550
	2019	59	58	49	64	61	58	52	58	66	525
	2020	62	52	57	53	30	38	40	60	81	473
	2021	43	52	60	46	43	81	93	103	65	586
	2022	33	29	32	53	85	42	78	77	66	495
	2023	55	40	54	46	75	96	81	77	81	605
	2023										
	FIRE	11	17	13	9	10	17	10	12	14	113
	RESCUE	13	3	10	6	19	16	22	23	16	128
	MEDICAL	21	11	20	24	30	40	29	21	29	225
	ASSISTANCE	10	9	11	7	16	23	20	21	22	139
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Operations

Less of a call of note this month and more of a call type of note. With the first major rains of the fall arriving, we saw a number of MVI in September. This is common after a long dry spell as the road oils come to the surface when the moisture returns and the speed that everyone got use to taking the corner is too fast for the slippery conditions.



E201 has been repaired and is back in service. The radiator repair was an unusual expense and will put Vehicle Operating over budget this year. E201 was out of service for 6 months so Reserve E202 was used in its place.

Fire Prevention 1 (512) has been decaled for fire and life safety education. We've received positive feedback as it is now identifiable as a department vehicle on FireSmart assessments, and the kids love it on school tours. 512 total costs came in \$10,000 under budget.

Prevention

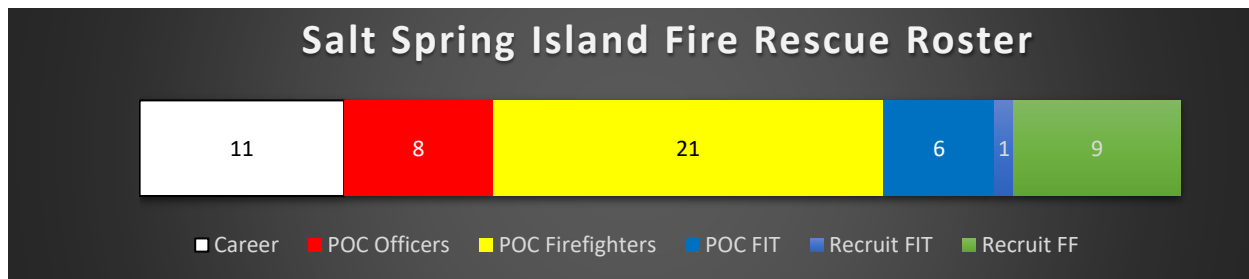
September was busy on the fire and life safety education front.

Our Fall Fair both saw steady numbers all weekend.

Library reading	26
1 st Aid / CPR	8
FireSmart Townhall	35
GISS Fire Drill	850
Extinguisher Training	10
Child CPR	10



12 FireSmart residential assessments were completed and Dukes road had a group FireSmart presentation.



Training

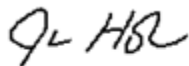
608.75 total training hours for the month of September within our membership. Ongoing Fire Officer Training with some members, as well as Fire Inspector 1 with several career members.

We had 5 members attend Haz Mat Operations in Metchosin in September. This was a weekend course, and part of the NFPA 1001 certification. 3 other members attended another course off island, and this was in Sooke. Nozzles forward was the course.

The 2023 recruit class continues to work through their recruitment year. They are currently working on the last module of the recruit program, with the First Responder course left to finish the year.

September also brought some promotions to our POC Firefighter ranks. Campbell Jackson was promoted to Lieutenant, Bree Sturdy and Krystal Capranos were promoted to Senior Firefighters, and Steve Leichter and Nancy Pursell were promoted to FIT team leaders. A big thank you to Captain Doug Ponsford, and Captain Peter Andress for all their work in making the process successful.

Respectfully submitted,



Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief

