

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Fire Chief's Report

May / June 2026



Vision

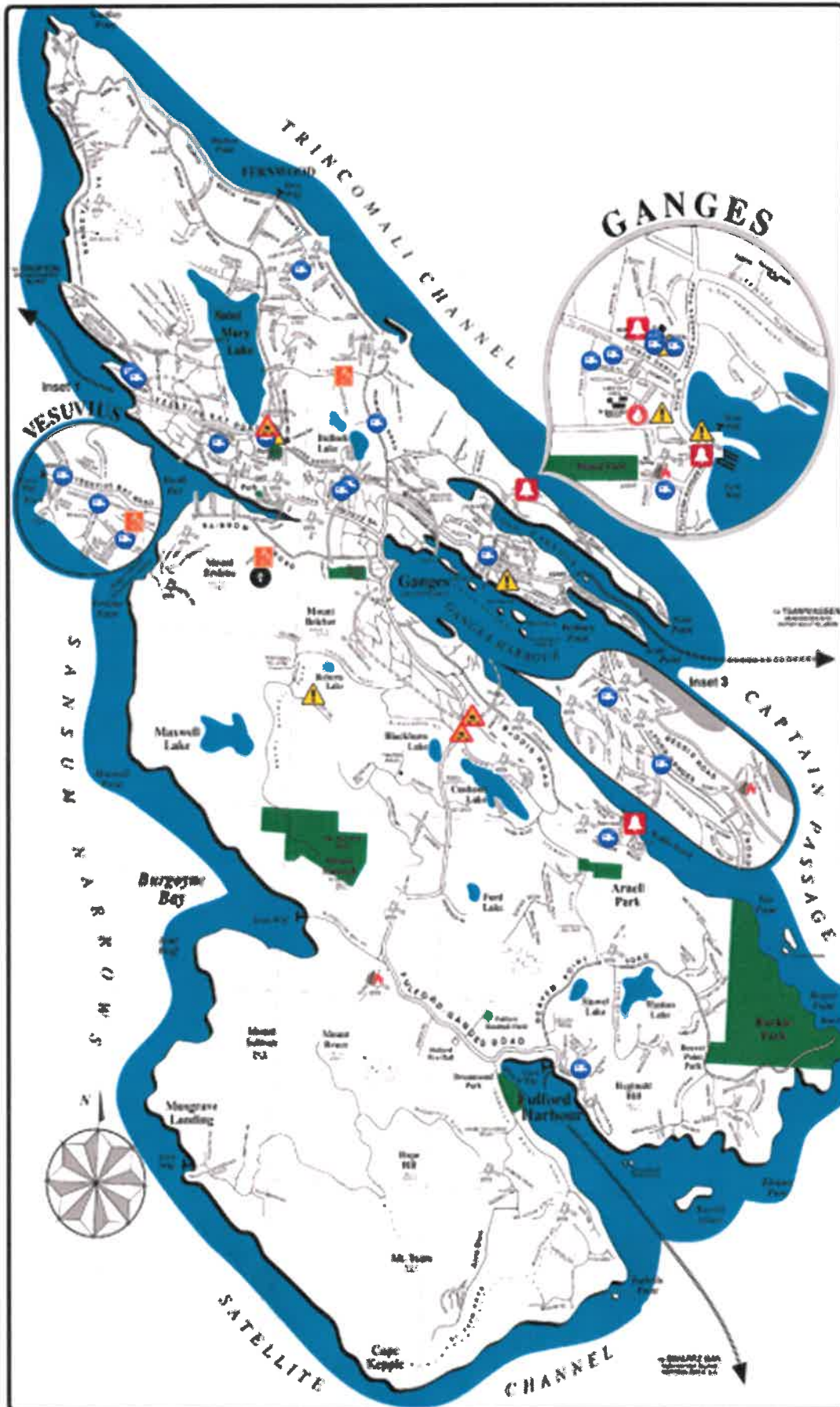
A responsive and sustainable fire-rescue service, effectively meeting community needs and valued by those we serve.

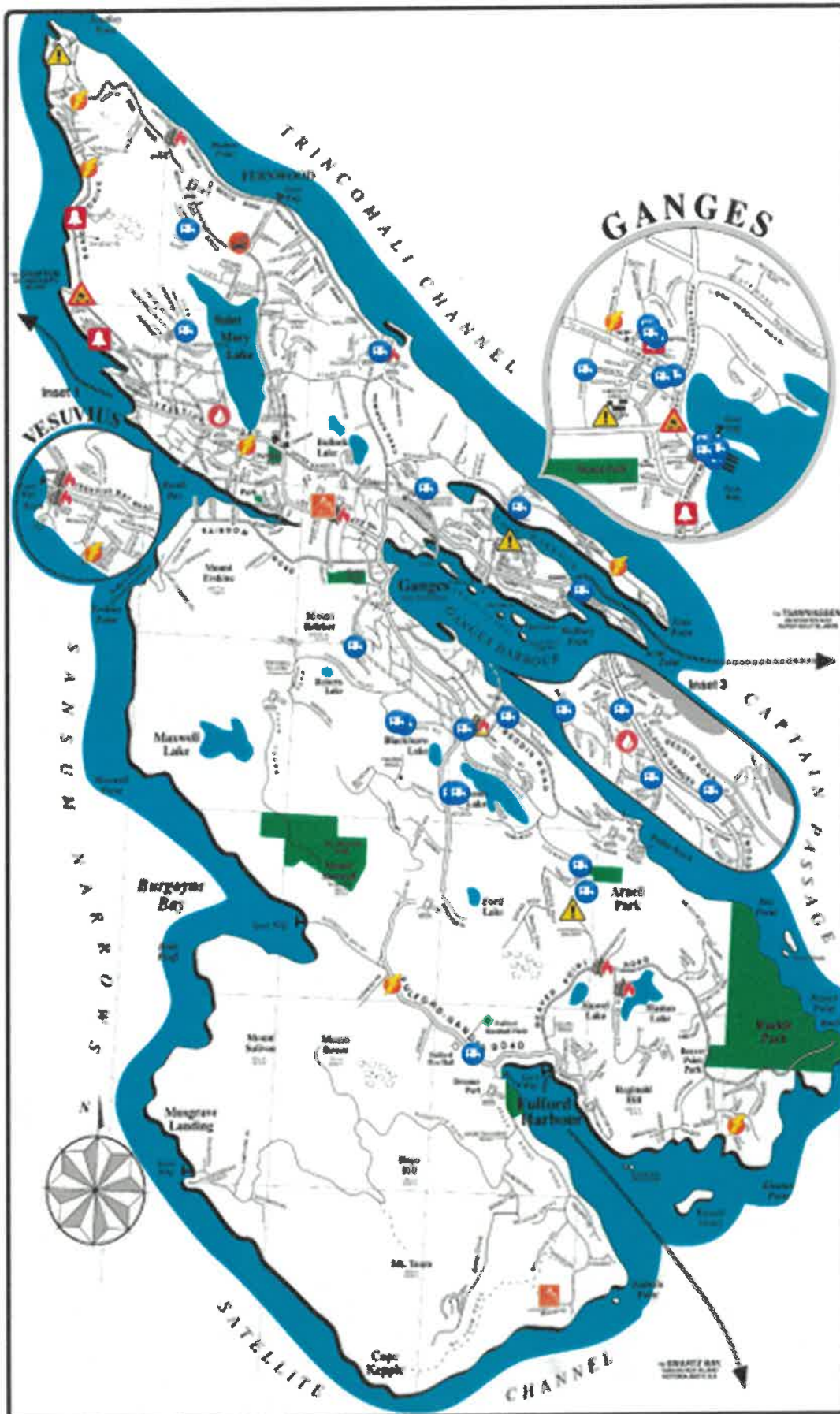
Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

INCIDENT LEGEND			Jun-26							TOTAL CALLS: 73		
			JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Act/Bylaw	Complaint		10	1	1	8	21	11				52
Aircraft	Emergency											0
Alarm	Alarm		7	6	7	8	4	4				36
Assistance	Assistance		2	8	5	5	6	5				31
Explosion	Explosion											0
Fire	Brush						2	3				5
	Chimney											0
	Misc		1	1	1	3	1	2				9
	Structure			1			1	1				3
	Boat											0
	Vehicle				1			1				2
	HazMat		1		1							2
HazMat	HazMat		1		1							2
Hydro	Hydro		4	1	17	2		8				32
Medical	Medical		20	25	24	23	22	30				144
MVI	MVI		1	2	1	5	3	2				14
Rescue	Rescue			1			1					2
Smoke/Smell/Sighting	Brush			1		2	1	5				9
	Structure		1		1		2	1				5
Total Calls for the month:			47	47	59	56	64	73	0	0	0	346
2017			63	66	46	39	74	55				343
2018			47	38	45	41	62	59				292
2019			59	58	49	64	61	58				349
2020			62	52	57	53	30	38				292
2021			43	52	60	46	43	81				325
2022			33	29	32	53	85	42				274
2023			55	40	54	46	75	96				366
2024			60	48	57	56	49	64				334
2025			52	44	57	51	56	78				338
2026			47	47	59	56	64	73	0	0	0	346
2026												
	FIRE		14	10	28	15	11	25	0	0	0	103
	RESCUE		1	3	1	5	4	2	0	0	0	16
	MEDICAL		20	25	24	23	22	30	0	0	0	144
	ASSISTANCE		12	9	6	13	27	16	0	0	0	83
	TOTAL		47	47	59	56	64	73	0	0	0	346





Operations

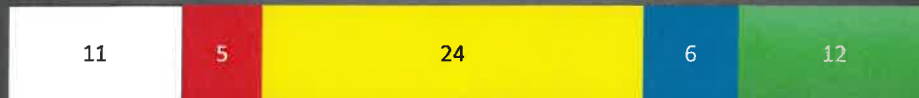
No calls of note for May or June, both structure fires were caught quickly and left little to no damage.

New Firehall #1: Finishing details on the inside of the Firehall were completed in June and the building is coming together nicely; all be it slowly now. The last 10% of the project is always the hardest. We have started the moving process and the offices in the Ganges firehall will be closed as of July 16, 2026.

Ladder 1: We have started training on the ladder truck and have moved it up to the new firehall for easier access and familiarization. CREST is coming over soon to outfit with radios and we are working on an equipment list. We will preplan all the buildings downtown where the ladder could be deployed to assist with operations and rescue.



Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Roster



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

Training

May training hour totals were **893**. All members participated in the Annual Platoon Challenge, which is always a fun, but challenging event. Members were also treated to an evening with a special guest who spoke about Fatigue Management. This was well received and allowed for other agencies to participate in the event. The last training event in May to speak of allows for junior members and senior members to join forces and present a 1-hour training session on a topic from the NFPA 1001 curriculum. 6 total groups participated in that teaching opportunity, and all was appreciated.

The recruit class is still going strong despite 1 member having to quit because of work commitments. With that said, the recruit class is 11 members still. Their month of training was very active with topics covering Ventilation, Ladders, Search & Rescue, & Forcible Entry, which brought them to the end of the 2nd module of training.

990.5 training hours for the month of June. Starting with the recruits, the topics covered Ventilation, Water Supply Systems Hose Appliance & Nozzles, and they also had their practical and written exams for the 2nd module of the year.

The regular members worked on Occupational Awareness, Rapid Attack Scenarios, Ladders, and First Responder skills. All members also participated in a Wildland Scenario, which was a multi agency effort. Emergency Operations, Emergency Services, GSAR as well as fire all participated.

2 regular members attended a 2-day course on Hose Handling techniques, (Nozzles Forward). They will share the knowledge with the membership in the coming weeks.



Respectfully submitted,

Jamie Holmes, Fire Chief