

Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

Acting Fire Chief's Report

January 2021



Vision

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

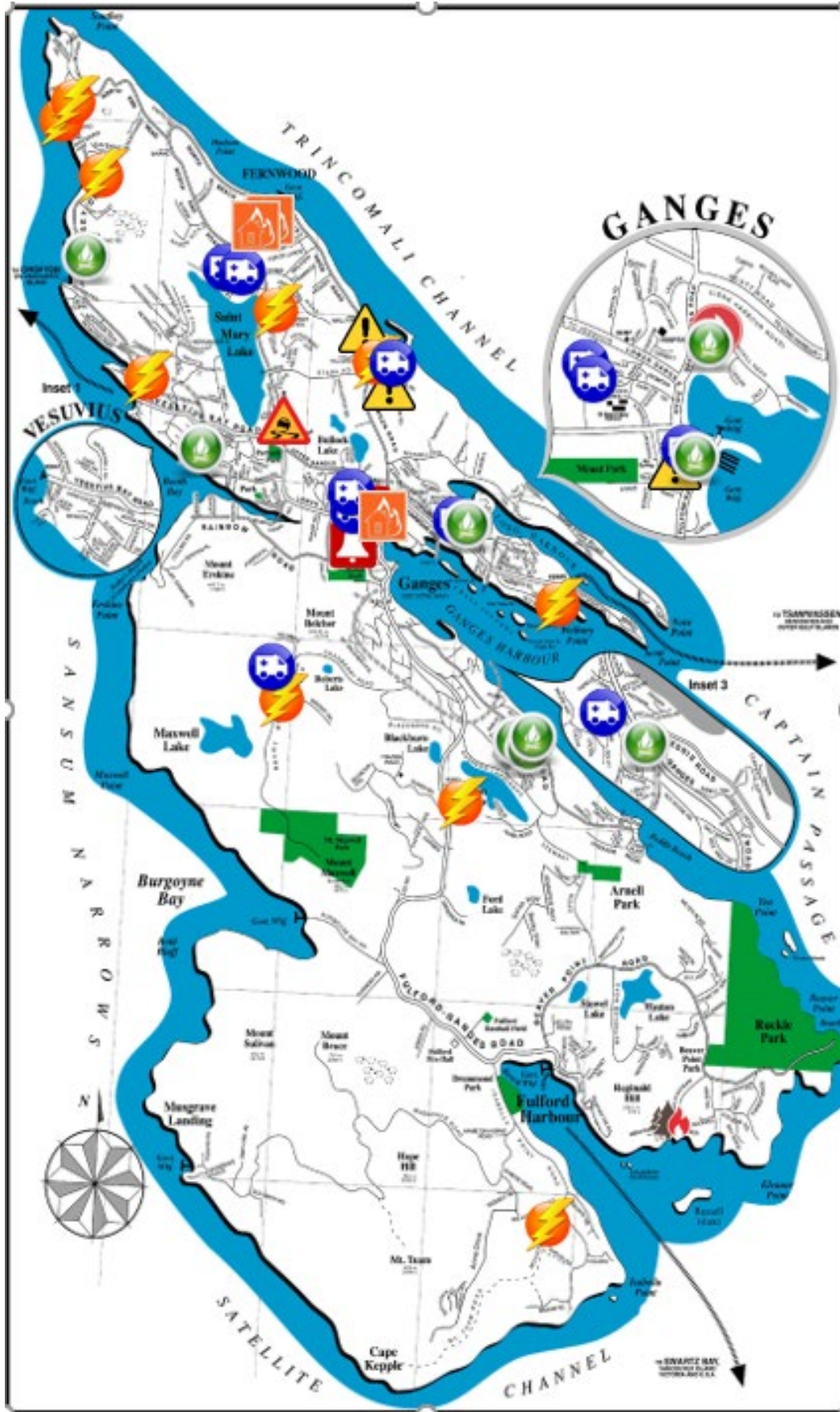
Mission

Always learning, engaging and adapting to be response ready.

Response Report

2021 started out with slightly less calls than normal, mostly due to our decreased FR response related to Covid protocols.

INCIDENT LEGEND		Jan 2021	Total Calls: 0
	Aircraft	Aircraft-Crash	
	Alarm Bells	CO	
		Commercial	2
		Intrusion	
		Residential	
	Assistance	BCAS	
		Flooding	
		General Public	1
		Misc Complaint	1
		Public Works	1
		RCMP	
	Beach	Beach Fire	
	Boat	Distress/Fire	
	Brush/Grass	Bark Mulch	
		Fire	
		Smoke Smell/Sighting	1
	False Alarm	CO	
		Commercial	
		Residential	
	Fire-Misc	Misc Fire	1
	HazMat	Chlorine	
		Petroleum Spill/Fire	
		Propane	
		Chemical/inknown spill/leak	
	Hydro	Fire	1
		Lines Down	5
		Tree on Lines	4
	Medical	Medical A/B	
		Medical C	
		Medical D	10
		Medical E	1
	MVI	MVI	1
	Open Burn	Campfire	2
		General	9
	Rescue	Animal	
		Elevator	
		Rope/High/Confined	
		Search	
		Water/Ice/Drowning	
	Rubbish	Rubbish/Dumpster Fire	
	Structure Fire	SFComm - Smoke/Smell	2
		SFComm (Structure Fire)	
		SFRes - Chimney	
		SFRes - Mob Home/Trailer	
		SFRes - Smoke/Smell	
		SFRes - (Structure Fire)	1
	Vehicle Fire	Vehicle Fire	
			Total Calls for the month: 43
This month::		FIRE	28
		RESCUE	1
		MEDICAL	11
		ASSISTANCE	3
			43
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Operations

We are still working under Covid-19 protocols and orders from the Provincial Health Officer. We continue to update our Workplace Safety Plan and look to make things simpler and streamlined for our membership. A copy of our plan can be found at <https://saltspringfire.com/wp-content/uploads/SSIFR-Safe-Work-Plan.pdf>

2021 portfolios have been assigned to career staff with the corresponding budget lines.

A/C Lundy	Training / Prevention & Public Education / Operations
Admin Purssell	Office Supplies & Equipment / Clothing (career and POC)
Capt. Sherrin	Radio Equipment Repair & Supplies / SCBA
Capt. K. Akerman	Clothing - Protective / Health & Wellness
Capt. Hunsberger	Foam / Fire Station Repair & Maintenance (under A/C Lundy)
Capt. Nuyens	Supplies & Sundries / First Responder (stocks)
FF C. Akerman	Equipment Maintenance (under A/C Lundy)

Our office remodel is progressing nicely, and with minimal expenses. The Captains' and Firefighters' offices have been completed and A/C Lundy also has a more private space to work in by adding a door and moving some bookshelves around.

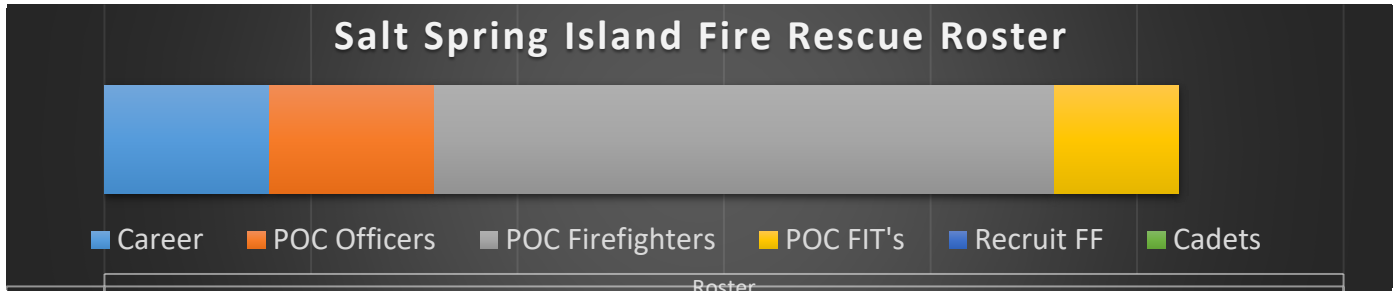


Training



After another halt of in person training, it was nice to get to face to face training sessions in January. The crews started off with three weeks of familiarization on trucks and equipment, along with an intensive First Responder review.

Membership



There was no change in membership numbers for January, but both Ella Baker and Lexi Wesley-Plambeck were issued pagers and are now responding to emergency calls.

Health and Wellbeing:

Now more than ever, I feel it is important to highlight the importance of our members taking care of their physical, emotional, mental, spiritual well being.

To support that, a small space has now been allotted at all three halls for fitness equipment, purchased by the firefighters' associations. Working within Covid protocols members using the fitness equipment will practice physical distancing, and good hand and equipment hygiene procedures.



Respectfully submitted,

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