



# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue.

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## PRESS RELEASE

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### **New fresh SSIFR crew sent to Williams Lake to battle the wildfires.**

Last Wednesday July 12 2017 Salt Spring Island Firefighters Mitchell Sherrin, Colby Sawhcuk and Warren Nuyens were deployed by request of the Office of the Fire Commissioner to assist in the wildfire efforts in Williams Lake.

This morning July 18 2017 The Province confirmed that our Tender and members were still required to battle the massive super storms in the Williams Lake region. Two of our members Lieutenant Eric Taylor and Firefighter Simon Wells will leave first thing Wednesday on-route to Williams Lake to relieve the crews who have been putting in long days.

Lt Colby Sawhcuk reported that they were relocated to the Soda Creek Fire this morning. This is a change of duties from sprinkler protection and FireSmarting the mills within the city.

It is looking like the summer of 2017 will be a long hot season and we are only in the early stages of fire season. British Columbia could be facing more of these super fires for months.

Conditions here on Salt Spring Island are also starting to dry out, with extreme fire danger rating expected in the coming days.

I will continue to provide updates on our members progress as they develop. Our hearts and support go out to those that have been displaced throughout BC. If you would like to contribute to the relief efforts, our local grocery stores, Thrifty Foods and Country Grocer are matching all donations for the fire victims.

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