

## Andrew Peat

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**From:** Ron Hawkins  
**Sent:** July-19-17 16:34  
**To:** Andrew Peat  
**Subject:** Reporting & Tracking of Monthly Activity Information

SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE DEPT. TRUSTEES

Dear Trustees,

I appreciate your consideration to my earlier suggestion yet find the existing monthly report as I read it here falls short of my suggestion as follows:

-as an online reference is likely to have very limited readership/public understanding, as opposed to the modified format I proposed for monthly reporting in the Driftwood and SS Exchange where far more eyes will see it, and comprehend it if synthesized in a more comprehensive manner.

-by designing a format which ranks callouts by descending order of frequency, with all the subparameters columned beside it, including manhours and cost expended, one can translate that into a better self understanding month over month of where our resources are expended. Specifically:

-the 5 year incident trend shows no monthly or even seasonal relationship to the nature of calls, hence no indication of leading & lowest issues /priority.

-lack of clarity: overlap (eg. grass fires 2% , grass/brush fires 2%, misc. fires 2%); use of unfamiliar acronym (MVI),

-lack of actual fire to non fire incident reporting. In June I interpolate this to be 17/83, but stand corrected even after attempting to understand it.

-I do find useful your incident legend and incident highlights but challenge you to synthesize this into a more comprehensive categorization for public digestion. The objective of public digestion is: awareness, understanding, prevention. Awareness includes ranked cost of each service type. I note for example that medical callouts (44%) and Assistance (?) (18%), and FR (assume this means First Responder) calls (50%) defined significant elements of June activity. I would like to see, perhaps separately, a discussion from the Board of the subject of First Responder, pros and cons, a rationale for same, perhaps invitation for public suggestion. The real cost of specific services where more than one responder shows up for the same call ... is it warranted, why, at what expense, all cumulatively to the taxpayer.

- in addition to accountability to the public, accountability & clear management support to the Board's planning and decision making.

For the above reasons I constructively invite you to re-think this matter.

Sincerely,

Ron Hawkins  
Salt Spring Island, BC

**From:** Andrew Peat  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 19, 2017 1:03 PM  
**To:** 'Ron Hawkins'  
**Subject:** Salt Spring Island Fire Protection District

Ron,

Trustees received your correspondence at last Monday's meeting and in the discussion it was suggested that most of the information you asked to be disseminated was included in Chief George's monthly report – a copy of his June report is attached.

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Corporate Administrator



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