

# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

## Fire Chief's Report

### January 2017



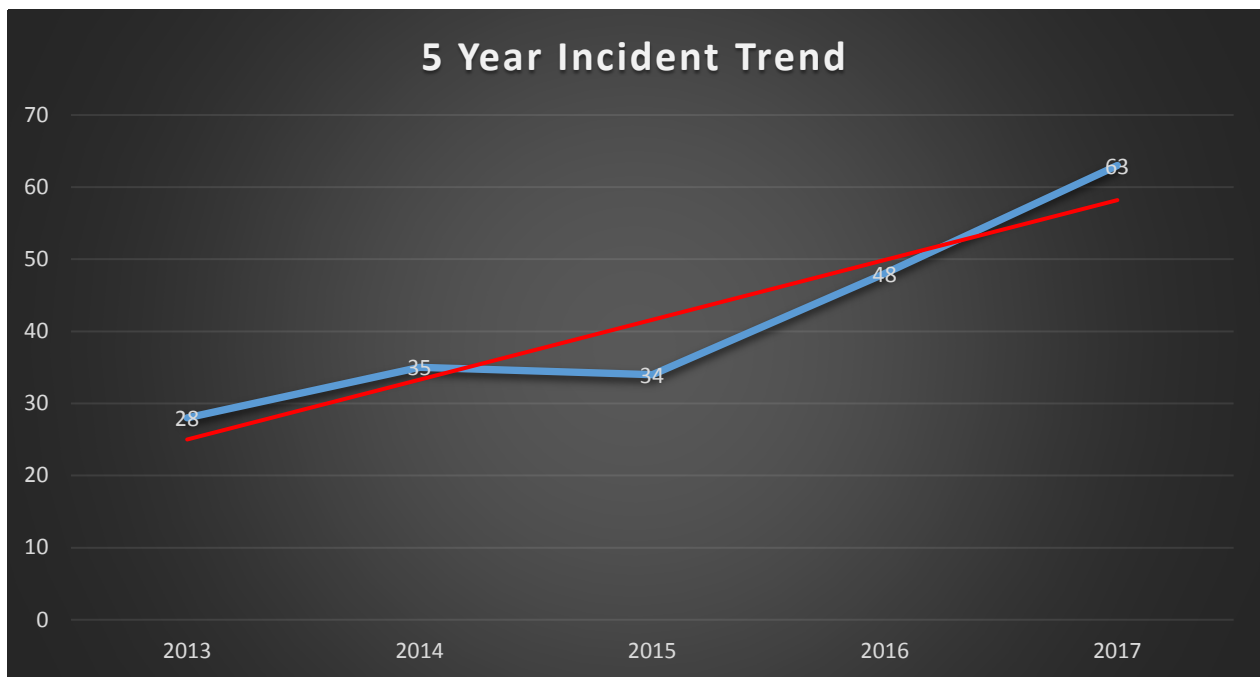
#### Message from the Fire Chief

As we enter into a new year, I look forward working alongside our new Board of Trustees, staff, and our firefighters serving our community.

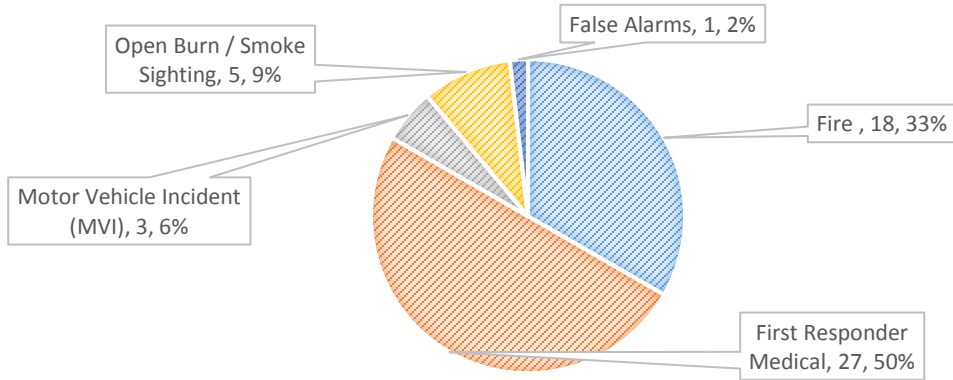
I would like to welcome the new board of trustees and look forward to working with you on a number of projects in the coming year.

#### Response Report

January 2017 was a very busy month with a total of 63 incident responses. The increase of calls from previous years can be attributed to the extreme weather we faced. Chimney Fires, to Motor Vehicle Incidents (MVI) to hydro fires, SSIFR was kept very busy.



# JANUARY RESPONSE CHART



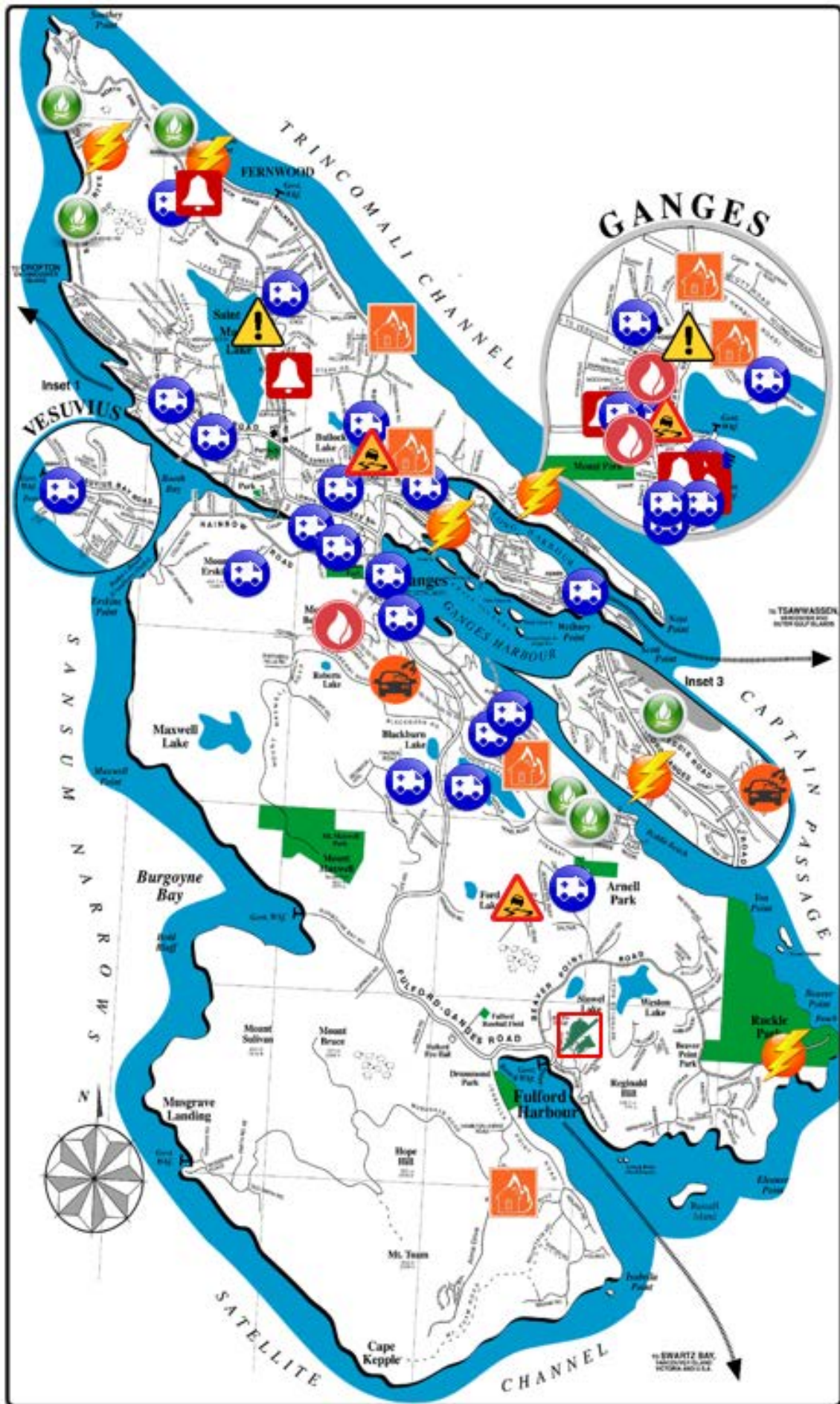
## Fire Calls in Detail















SALT SPRING ISLAND FIRE RESCUE      RESPONSE STATS # 17-00005- # 17-00463      January 2017      Total **63**

FULL PAGE (3998)		FIRST RESPONSE PAGE (3966)		DUTY PAGE (3967)		NOT PAGED OUT	
DAY (0700-1700)	NIGHT	DAY (0700-1700)	NIGHT	DAY (0700-1700)	NIGHT	DAY (0700-1700)	NIGHT
<b>12</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>3</b>

<b>Aircraft</b>	Aircraft - crash		<b>Hydro</b>	Fire	<b>1</b>	
<b>Alarm Bells</b>	CO		<b>Medical</b>	Lines Down	<b>2</b>	
	Commercial	<b>5</b>		Tree on Lines	<b>3</b>	
	Intrusion			A/B		
	Residential	<b>2</b>		C	<b>1</b>	
<b>Assistance</b>	BCAS	<b>3</b>	<b>MVI</b>	D	<b>20</b>	
	Flooding			E	<b>3</b>	
	General Public	<b>2</b>		MVI	<b>3</b>	
	Misc. Complaint			<b>Open Burn</b>	Campfire	
	Public Works				General	<b>5</b>
<b>Smoke smell/sighting</b>	RCMP	<b>1</b>	<b>Rescue</b>	Animal		
				Elevator		
<b>Brush/Grass/Beach</b>	Bark Mulch			Rope/High/Confined		
	Fire			Search		
	Beach			Water/Ice/Drowning		
<b>False Alarm</b>	CO		<b>Rubbish</b>	Rubbish/Dumpster		
	Commercial	<b>1</b>		<b>Structure Fire</b>	Commercial	
	Residential				Comm. Smoke/smell in structure	
					Residential	<b>1</b>
<b>Fire-Misc.</b>	Misc. Fire	<b>3</b>	Chimney		<b>5</b>	
			Mobile home/trailer			
<b>HAZMAT</b>	Chlorine		<b>Vehicle Fire/Boat</b>	Res. smoke/smell in struc		
	Chemical/unknown spill/leak			Vehicle	<b>2</b>	
	Petroleum Spill/Fire					
	Propane					
				<b>MEDICAL - 1<sup>ST</sup> ON SCENE</b>	<b>11/24</b>	<b>46%</b>

For a more accurate monthly report we have adjusted all the incident types to be reported exactly how they are received from our Fire Dispatch. This adds some more categories, but will also help build better data and reporting of incidents. Along with this we have added a new updated icon key for plotting incident locations.



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	Commercial			Tree on Lines	
	Intrusion		<b>Medical</b>	A/B	
	Residential			C	
<b>Assistance</b> 	BCAS			D	
	Flooding			E	
	Public		<b>MVI</b>	MVI	
	Misc. Complaint				
	Public Works		<b>Open Burn</b>	Campfire	
	RCMP			General	
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				Elevator	
				Rope/High/Confined	
				Search	
<b>Brush/Grass/Beach</b> 	Bark Mulch		<b>Rubbish</b>	Water/Ice/Drowning	
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	Beach		<b>Structure Fire</b>	Commercial	
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	Commercial			Chimney	
	Residential			Mobile home/trailer	
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### Operations Update

Trustee and Facilities and Physical Plant committee member Per Svendsen and Chief George visited the manufacturing plant in Luverne Minnesota to conduct the final inspection of the new Tender. This unit will replace the 21-year-old Freightliner stationed at Fire Hall #1. This new unit carries double the water capacity of our current apparatus.



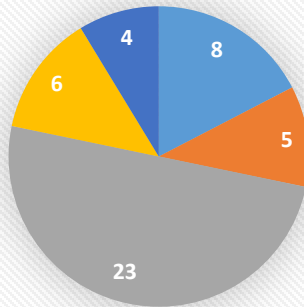
## Incident Spotlight

January was a busy storm season with multiple snow falls and wind events causing numerous weather related incidents.



## Membership

### Membership YTD



■ Career Staff ■ POC Officers ■ POC Firefighters ■ FIT ■ Recruits 2017

Our Membership has grown to 45. Our new recruits began their basic training starting January. We have three front line Paid On Call Recruits, and three Paid On Call Recruit Field Incident Technicians (FIT's).

We have applied to the Federal Summer Student Program once again with a request for two summer positions. One position being a casual employee, and another to conduct Pre-Incident Planning for our department. Both applications have been received but not yet approved.



Captain Kurt Irwin hung up his turn out coat after serving our community for 27 years. Capt Irwin's knowledge and leadership will be missed by all of us but we wish him all the best in his next chapter. Thank You for your service Captain Kurt Irwin.



#### **Inspection and Public Education Division**

We conducted six (6) Commercial Fire Inspections in January with ten (10) re inspections required. We also inspected two (2) driveway's and six (6) re inspections for driveways. We also reviewed and updated two (2) Pre-Fire Plans.

We hosted our annual Christmas Tree chipping again this year at Fire Hall 3. We collected \$285.85 for our local food bank. We received 35 trees that were shredded versus burning.

Respectfully Submitted



Arjuna George

Fire Chief