



# Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue

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Photo – Firefighters reload hose following Tender Shuttle training.

## Operations Division (Deputy Chief Arjuna George)

- Eight new recruits began their two-year introductory training as certified paid-on-call firefighters within SSIFR.



Photo – SSIFR Water Rescue Team drill

## January Emergency Calls **35**

- First Responder (17)
- Fire and Smoke Alarms (10)
- Motor Vehicle Incidents (3)
- Hydro Lines fire or down (2)
- Public Assistance (2)
- Structure Fires (1)

### Emergency Call – Emphasis

A dramatic crash into a utility pole on January 30 caused traffic delays for two hours. One patient was transported with no apparent injuries. Another crash on North End Road occurred on Jan. 1.

A chimney fire on Jan. 15 threatened to become a house fire when flaming embers developed in a hidden crawlspace.



Photo - FF McDougall and FF Gaffney working at a Chimney Fire

Paramedics, police and fire fighters assisted a struck pedestrian at Purvis Lane crosswalk on January 10.



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## Training Division (Captain Jamie Holmes)

- Recruits studied: safety, communications, accountability (personnel tracking at emergency scenes), fire detection and initiating devices (eg. smoke and heat detectors).
- Regular members did firefighter rescue drills (procedures for lost or trapped firefighters) and auto extrication: stabilizing vehicles in ditches and banks, or on their sides.
- Firefighters also revisited Superior Tanker Shuttle Service training (which lowers homeowner's fire insurance within the coverage zone). Members practiced equipment set-up of shuttle tools.
- All three special-operations teams (Rope Rescue, Water Rescue and the Auto-Extrication) held training sessions and reviewed core skills.



Photo – Superior Tender Shuttle Service training – which is much like a making an extra big bucket brigade.

## Fire Inspection and Prevention Division (Captain Dale Lundy and Lt. Mitchell Sherrin)

- A child car seat was installed with an expectant mother (due for inducement the day after installation) in January.
- SSIFR firefighters made fire safety presentations to students at Phoenix Elementary and for home learners from the School District 64 Distance Learners Partnership Program.
- SSIFR completed 24 commercial inspections, a subdivision review and a fire-safety plan review in January.
- SSIFR installed a smoke and CO detector for a senior with health problems via the SSI Rotary Club Smoke Alarm Program.
- Inspectors are reviewing SSIFR Open Burning Regulations to make suggestions for improvement prior to permits season, effective April 15. All classifications of burning are currently open.
- To report polluters and smoke complaints, please call the Ministry of Environment RAPP Line (1-877-952-7277).
- For more SSIFR fire-prevention information, check [www.saltspringfire.com](http://www.saltspringfire.com) and look for SSIFR on social media.

