

To: Chairperson Schubart and Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: July 21st / 2014
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (June / 2014)



- The SSIFR membership responded to 50 calls for assistance.

Response types were:

First Responder	10
Miscellaneous	19
Alarms	5
Motor Vehicle Incidents	8
Hydro	3
Brush / Grass Fire	2
Public Assist	2
Water Rescue	1

Training Division Report: Captain Jamie Holmes

- Our monthly training continues to cover many different aspects of our service.
- Our Fulford training ground continues to be in high usage with all fire service personnel spending time at the facility.
- SSIFR recruits continue to advance in their training and skills, learning, communicating and becoming part of the team.
- Our annual Platoon Challenge was held for the first time at the training ground with family and friends looking on. It was a very positive success with a high participation from our members. Congratulations to Platoon C lead by Captain Brian Hartley & Lieutenant Dom Gaudet who were this year's overall winners.
- Enhanced work began on the Training in Paradise upcoming event.

➤ **Fire Inspection / Prevention Division Report: Captain Dale Lundy & Lieutenant Mitchell Sherrin**

Commercial Inspections	22
Re-inspections	0
Fire Safety Plan Reviews	1
Subdivision Reviews	0
Driveway Reviews	2
Smoke Alarms	1
Water Storage Review(Fire Suppression)	1
Burning Permits	1636 (for 2014)
Paperwork / Administration	Endless



- SSIFR hosted visits from Little Blue Preschool with 20 students, 18 parents and two teachers on June 10 as well as the Little Red Preschool on June 12 with 12 students and three adults in attendance.
- Provided volunteer drivers for the Gulf Islands Secondary School Safe Grad event on June 7 to educate youth about party planning and ensure safe transportation options during a high-risk event.
- Provided a Staff Report to the Chief for proposed changes to the SSIFPD Open Burning Regulations
- Provided regular press releases for the Gulf Islands Driftwood regarding emergency incidents.
- Continued to issue fire permits and host informal fire-truck and fire-hall tours.
- Started preliminary Training In Paradise planning for the event in July
- The Rotary Smoke Alarm program is still active. We continue to remind residents it is the law that all single family dwellings require working smoke alarms.
- Burning permits are required effective April 15th each year until October 15th each year. They are good until April 15th of the following year before renewal is required for all classes of burning except Class 3. Permits can be obtained (for free) at the Ganges Fire Station during regular office hours. **Currently all classifications of fires are prohibited until further notice.**
- To report poachers and polluters (which include poor venting smoke complaints), please call the Ministry of Environment RAPP line @ 1-877-952.7277 for assistance.