

To: Chairperson Patterson and Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: April 28th / 2014
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (March / 2014)



➤ Congratulations to the Mike Garside on his re-appointment and Michelle Severn for becoming a new Trustee, we look forward to working with you.

➤ The SSIFR membership responded to **50 calls for assistance.**

Response types were:

First Responder	30
Hydro	2
Motor Vehicle Incidents	4
Miscellaneous	4
Chimney Fires	2
Alarms	3
Hazmat	2
Public Assist	2
Structure Fire	1

➤ Office space reno's have been completed to three different area's within the Ganges station to allow staff space to function and reassemble within one building.

➤ Reminder and requesting consideration of the process in the planned scheduling to replace a Mini pumper and Tender within this year as well as the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Local IAFF to hire two more staff

➤ Copies of the Ventilation report, subsequent SSIFR internal directives & process timeframe are available this evening at the back table.

Training Division Report: Captain Jamie Holmes

➤ Recruit firefighters were issued personal protective equipment this month and started adding practical skills to their theory sessions. They were educated relating to fire behavior, how it grows and what to expect, along with the finer physical details and how to stay safe. They also started their medical training certification in CPR with AED and a weekend of their First Responder training.

➤ Our regular members took part in firefighter rescue drills working on procedures for lost or trapped firefighters and auto extrication, specifically stability using struts for vehicles balancing in ditches, over banks, or on their sides.

➤ We also continue to revisit our Superior Tanker Shuttle Service Accreditation, which lowers homeowner's fire insurance within the coverage zones. Members practiced the drop tank and drafting set-up to keep their skills in place for future retests and emergency situations.

- Special operations, the Rope Rescue and the Auto X team held training sessions this month reviewing core skills in both disciplines.

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

Commercial Inspections	30
Re-inspections	4
Responses to Emergencies	28
Fire Safety Plan Reviews	2
Car seat Installs	2
Burning Permits	111 (for 2014)
Paperwork / Administration	Endless



- SSIFR members delivered the P.A.R.T.Y (Prevent Alcohol and Risk-Related Trauma in Youth) Programme to 95 Grade-10 students from GISS on March 3-4 in conjunction with staff and volunteers from RCMP, BCAS, VIHA, GISS PAC, Lady Minto Hospital and local doctors and physical therapists.
- Conducted fire-extinguisher training on March 13 at SSI Public Library for 12 librarian volunteers.
- Held a Car-Seat clinic on March 31 for eight new and expecting parents at SSI Babies (with another five infants). We are pleased to announce that Seafirst Insurance donated a new car seat to SSI Babies to assist with this programme. We also facilitated another family with a Car-Seat Installation on March 30.
- SSIFR worked with SSI Welcome Wagon to provide safety brochures as part of their programme.
- Lt. Sherrin attended a two-day workshop on Commercial Kitchen Inspections and a three-day instructional workshop for the First Responder medical assistance programme.
- Inspection / Prevention Vehicle # 507 (2007 Jeep 4wd Patriot) has been equipped with First Responder supplies and enhanced to respond to emergencies as well as Captain Lundy & Lt Sherrin relocated their offices from Hall 3 to Hall 1.
- 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. All classifications of burning are currently open
- 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.