



To: Chairperson Schubart & Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: November 17th / 2014
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (October / 2014)

SSIFR membership responded to **31 calls for assistance**

Response types were:

First Responder	13
Miscellaneous	2
Alarms	9
Motor Vehicle Incidents	3
Chimney Fire	1
Police Assist	1
Public Assist	2

Training Division Report Captain Jamie Holmes

Training is a critical part to our firefighter safety, suppression education and response readiness. We conducted several Medical First Responder training sessions during the month. Members continue to make full use of the training facility and are very appreciative to have this location and on island opportunity. Captain Holmes met with the Fire Service Review Study consultants in providing information

Operational Activities; Chief Tom Bremner / D/C Arjuna George

Hall #1 Roof top leakage / repairs, we are continually monitoring the station roof top due to sagging and drainage malfunctions. Front apparatus apron continues to decay and sink; we have filled in several of the deepest grooves and are now looking into the options for repairs and ongoing maintenance.

Ventilation System installs to commence late November.

Fire Hydrants – Chief Bremner continues to work with various resources to gain insight and collective methods of progressing onward to the next phase of this item.

SSIFPD Civic Number Boundaries - Chief Bremner continues to meet with resource persons to review the documents which hopefully will lead to an accurate outcome of all boundary locations for SSIFPD on SSI

We continue to receive public input and comments relating to the revisions to By- Law # 125; this is a working document and will take time to process.

The replacement utility truck for our fire loss utility unit is being processed for purchase from the Langford Fire Service and should be in service shortly once retrofitted.

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

Commercial Inspections	28
Re-inspections	2
Child car seat Installs	3
Class #3 Burn Pile Inspections	2
Subdivision Inspections	2
Responses to call outs	20
Burning Permits	1949 (for 2014)
Paperwork / Administration	Endless



Captain Lundy continues to address inspection and daily task assignments which included a meeting with the Fire Service Review Study consultants in providing information.

Lt Sherrin along with a team of Paid On-Call members assisted in conducting five elementary school visits (SSE, Fernwood, Fulford, Phoenix and SSCS) to discuss fire prevention with over 500 students. Visited Heritage Place and chatted with 30 seniors about Fall & Fire Prevention. Held three events in conjunction with; the Salt Spring Library (Fall & Fire prevention for seniors, Child-Car-Seat Safety and provided Story time reading as volunteers. Went door-to-door in the Maliview neighborhood & checked smoke alarms at 110 homes. Thanks to donations from the SSI Rotary Club, we replaced batteries & handed out 15 battery-powered smoke alarms. SSIFR hosted an open house attended by over 100 guests with fire-extinguisher training; static displays an auto-extrication demonstration and provided regular press releases to the Driftwood & Social media regarding emergency incidents.

Members of the SSIFFA (outside SSIFR duties), & with financial support from the SSI Rotary Club, the SSI Chamber of Commerce & the SSI Harbour Authority, provided an excellent Halloween fireworks display. We continue to issue fire permits and host informal fire-truck and fire-hall tours.

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. Please go to our website www.saltspringfire.com to review current fire bans and or conditions.

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. To report Chainsaw usage relating to early shift or forestry shutdown please contact BC Forestry @ 250.731.3054