

To: Chairperson Schubart & Trustees
From: Chief Tom Bremner
Date: October 20th / 2014
Sub: SSIFR Monthly Report (September / 2014)



SSIFR membership responded to 48 calls for assistance

Response types were:

First Responder	18
Miscellaneous	11
Alarms	11
Motor Vehicle Incidents	2
Structure Fire	1
Vehicle / Boat Fire	1
Hazmat	1
Brush / Grass Fire	1
Public Assist	1
Rescue	1

Training Division Report Captain Jamie Holmes

Training is critical part to our firefighter safety, suppression education and response readiness. Members continue to make full use of the training facility and are very appreciative to have this opportunity on SSI.

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

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.

Chief Bremner & D/C George attended the Canadian Association of Fire Chief’s annual convention in Ottawa, September 13th to 18th. Many keys components of the fire service were discussed & networked. The value of this opportunity is; leadership, education, networking and future transformation which is critical for keeping modern, providing mentorship and constructive leadership. Thank you to the Trustees for providing positive value to staff and the SSIFR organization by means of education.

Paid on – Call F\F Warren Nuyens was the successful applicant for the permanent fill-in position as of September 18 - 2014

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

Commercial Inspections	23
Re-inspections	2
Child car seat Installs	2
Fire Alarm Tests	1
Pub Ed Tours	6
Fire Investigations	2
Responses to call outs	30
Burning Permits	1704 (for 2014)
Paperwork / Administration	Endless



Captain Lundy aside from the above mentioned, other projects include working on; Sweat lodge burning Guidelines, Burning Bylaw, Fireworks display, walk in pub ed tours, staff meetings, career training and providing support with Chris Joynson

Lt Sherrin communicated with numerous community groups and educational facilities in prep for Fire Prevention Week, provided media articles, several station tours, handled staff assignments as well as his regular prevention responsibilities.

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