

# **Pender Island Fire Rescue**



## **Fire Chief's Report September 2022**

# Service Delivery

Code Number	2022 Call Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Quantity
1	Structure Fire			1										1
2	Chimney Fire		1		1									2
3	Vehicle Fire	0												0
4	Grass Fire	0												0
5	Forest Fire	0												0
6	Burn Complaint		2		4	2	2	1	1	2				14
7	First Response	10	12	13	4	8	8	11	9	8				83
8	Ambulance Assist	7	10	6	1	6	4	3	2	5				44
9	RCMP Assist	1								1				2
10	Smoke Sighting			1			2	1	3	1				8
11	Chemical Spill	0												0
12	Oil Spill	0												0
13	Fuel Spill	0					2	1						3
14	Gas Leak			1			1							2
15	Appliance Fire	1		1										2
16	Hydro Lines Down/Incidents	7	1	1	1	7		5	1	1				24
17	Smoke Smell	0				1		1	3	1				6
18	Motor Vehicle Incident		1		1		1							3
19	Miscellaneous	0												0
20	Plane Crash	0												0
21	Search & Rescue	0							1					1
22	Alarm Bells	1	1			1	1	4	1	3				12
23	Public Assist / Good Samaritan	1			2	4	6	2	1	1				17
24	Rope /Embankment Rescue	0												0
25	Illegal Burn / Illegal Equipment Use		1		1		3	5	2	3				15
<b>All</b>	<b>Calls to Date</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>26</b>				<b>239</b>
All	Calls from Previous Year	22	17	24	23	13	23	46	47	14				231

## 1. ADMINISTRATION:

### CRD

- Fire Prevention Bylaw 3452 final revision received. None of Pender Fire's recommendations were adopted.
- Work has commenced on the requisite changes to Pender Island Open Burning requirements in anticipation of the 2023 Fire Season.
- A working meeting set for final review of the new Bylaw.

### Fire Department Management Program

- CRD has indicated that they will start the implementation of the program in January 2023. A working meeting has been set to review the implementation process.

## **OPERATIONS:**

**BCAS:** Medical calls are tracking at 53% of total call outs.

**Apparatus and Equipment Inspections and Maintenance:** Weekly and Monthly Truck Checks at Hall #1 are being completed by Career Staff. Weekly and Monthly Truck checks for Hall #2 and #3 successfully completed by POC Fire Fighter.

## **TRAINING**

- OFC has announced the new Structure Firefighter Minimum Training Standards for BC.
- Pender Fire does not require any modifications to Fire Fighter Training regime.
- Salt Spring Fire will be attending a live-fire weekend at the training ground in October.

## **2. FIRE PREVENTION:**

### **Commercial Inspections**

- Continuing on schedule. Pre-plans are being reviewed and updated as inspections are completed.

### **Short and Long Term Stay Fire Safety Self- Assessment Program**

- Compiling data base.

### **Events / Public Education**

- Fire Prevention week will be in October. PIFR is gearing up for our Saturday Demo and Inspection Day with a pancake breakfast for the public on Oct 15, 2022.

### **Media**

- Lt. Bulled continues to keep the public updated and educated and has started an Instagram account to reach a new demographic.

## **3. FINANCE**

**Budget:** 2022 Budget is on track.

## **4. CAPITAL EQUIPMENT & FACILITIES**

### **Fire Truck Purchase**

- Purchase order has been signed and the cab and chassis is slated for order so that the build may start.

### **Fire Halls #1, #2 and #3 Improvements**

- Starting to prepare for the winter at the halls.

## **5. PERSONNEL**

- Final drafts completed of employee contracts.
- Duty Scheduling continues to be a challenge but remains successful.

### **Health, Wellness and OH&S**

- Health and wellness continues to be focused on COVID19 prevention and operational procedures. With the opening of businesses and the increase in numbers, we will continue to do our best to keep our members safe while they keep the community safe.
- It has become obvious that there is a big crossover with the wellness committee and the OHS committee, therefore the committee positions have been re-elected and the two committees combined to better serve the membership.

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