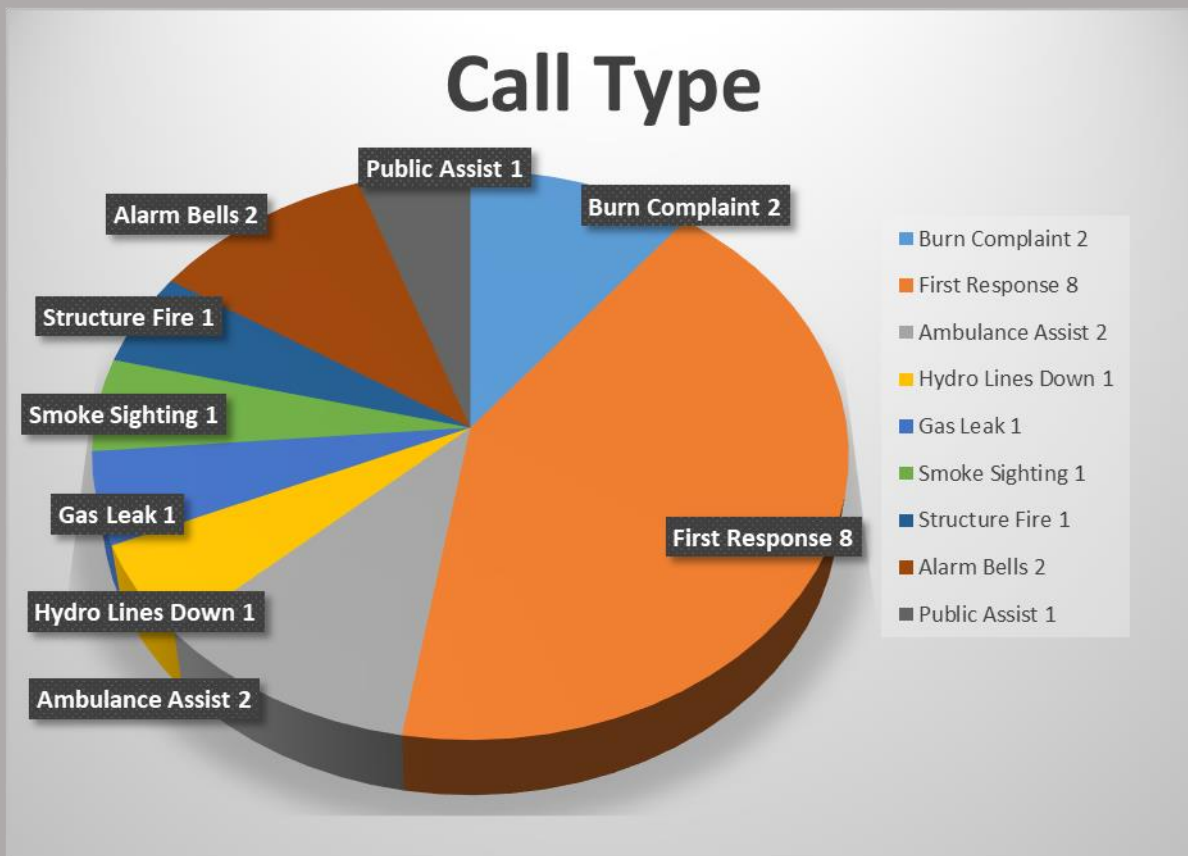


CHIEF'S REPORT

MARCH 2024





Annual call totals located on last page

Service Delivery

- The month of March provided for a variety of serious calls. Pender Fire attended a structure fire and a significant propane leak. Both events are detailed below. The drone system was also deployed to investigate a fire/explosion sighting.
- We have developed and implemented primary and alternate plans to respond to emergencies on South Pender Island during the Canal road closures. This will allow for a timely response and ensures the safety of our residents and visitors on South Pender Island.

Apparatus and Equipment Inspections and Maintenance

- Annual fire pump testing of all fire trucks has been completed.

Training

- 2024 recruits are now doing their initial fire training and attending weekly practice nights.
- The 2023 class is undergoing their emergency vehicle driver training meaning they can now respond code three (lights and sirens) for calls. This adds them to our crew complement as full responding members and no longer as probationary members.
- Our members also underwent an evening of firefighter rescue training. This training equips our team to provide rescue to one of our own firefighters in the event they are injured while inside a structure fire.

Administration

CRD

- Phase 1 implementation of the records management software is complete. Weekly and monthly vehicle inspections using mobile devices have proved successful. Next phase will be to completely migrate over to completing these inspections electronically and phase out paper copies.

Community Risk Reduction

Fire and Life Safety Inspections

- Otter Bay Marina

- Hope Bay Bible Camp

Events and Public Education

- Here is a recap of the utility building fire we responded to.



- Here's a video of the recent propane leak call.

Finance

- Nothing to report.

Capital Equipment & Facilities

Capital and Infrastructure

- Applications are underway for temporary dorms at both Hall 1 and 2. This means a crew will be in station at night which will allow for an improved response time.

Personnel

Staffing

- Firefighter Gemma Kozak has been selected by Creston Fire Rescue to participate in their year long work experience program. Firefighter Kozak will depart mid April, we wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

Submitted by,



Fire Chief, Michael Dine

Pender Island Fire Rescue

Code Number	2024 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
3	Vehicle Fire													0
4	Grass Fire													0
5	Forest Fire													0
6	Burn Complaint		1	2										3
7	First Response	7	10	8										25
8	Ambulance Assist	1	2	2										5
9	RCMP Assist													0
10	Smoke Sighting			1										1
11	Chemical Spill													0
12	Oil Spill		1											1
13	Fuel Spill													0
14	Gas Leak			1										1
15	Appliance Fire													0
16	Hydro Lines Down/Incidents	7	1	1										9
17	Smoke Smell													0
18	Motor Vehicle Incident													0
19	Miscellaneous	1												1
20	Plane Crash													0
21	Search & Rescue	1												1
22	Alarm Bells		3	2										5
23	Public Assist / Good Samaritan	3		1										4
24	Rope /Embankment Rescue													0
25	Illegal Burn / Illegal Equipment Use		2											2
All	Calls to Date	21	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	60
All	Calls from Previous Year	23	19	15	21	18	25	28	40	32	28	24	17	290