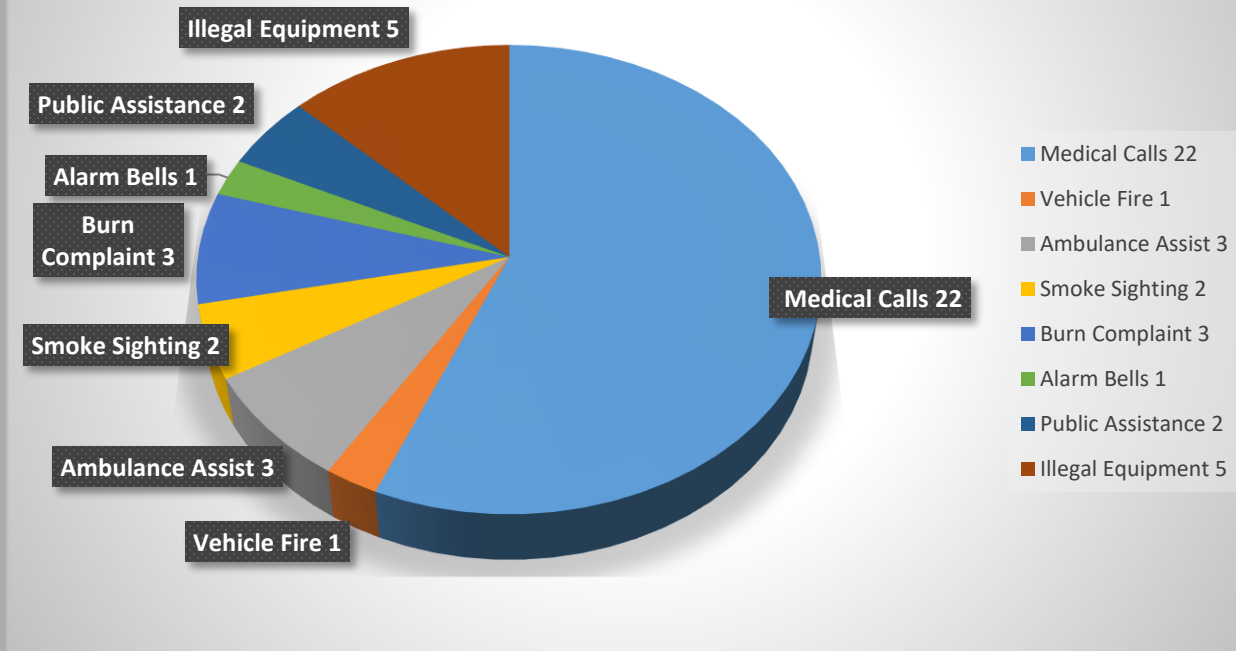


CHIEF'S REPORT

APRIL - MAY 2023



Call Type



Annual call totals located on last page

Service Delivery

- April and Mays' calls for service really highlighted the all-hazards response we provide. Boats fires, home floods and cats in trees added to our "regular" calls for service show the variety of requests residents make of the department.

Administration

CRD

- The implementation of the Fire Department Records Management System is underway. Two-factor authentication is now being configured to ensure the stored data is secure.

Operations



- This time of year there is a predictable shift towards calls involving illegal burning or equipment use outside permitted times. This allows members to attend and educate residents about fire conditions on the island.

- Of note, PIFR members responded to a call to assist RCMSAR and Canadian Coast Guard with a reported boat fire. All three agencies worked together to ensure the vessel was safe to re-board.

[Multi Agency Response](#)

Apparatus and Equipment Inspections and Maintenance

- The emergency vehicle technician from Fire Power serviced the fire pumps and electrical systems on our fleet.
- All of the department's self-contained breathing air packs underwent their annual servicing.

Training

- Our 2023 recruits have now written their medical licensing exams and should be receiving their pagers in the near future.
- Members participated in a landing zone training workshop put on by BC Emergency Health Services Air Ambulance pilots. Portable pumps and wildfire equipment were also covered on our training nights.
- 2022 recruits had their yellow helmet ceremony. They graduated from the black helmets identifying them as recruits and proudly received the yellow helmet showing they are full firefighters watch here: [Yellow Helmets](#)



Community Risk Reduction

Commercial Inspections

- New Moon Lodge Bed and Breakfast
- Cheesecake Kitchen

Events / Public Education

- PIFR participated in the Pender Reconciliation Circle and the ƧƧƧƧ Revitalization Project's Blanket Exercise. The exercise uses Indigenous methodologies with the goal of building an understanding of our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization and resistance.
- PIFR sent two members to the Pender School to speak with students obtaining their boating licenses. The lecture involved safe boating tips and the emergency response system in our region.



Finance

- Ongoing

Capital Equipment & Facilities

Capital and Infrastructure

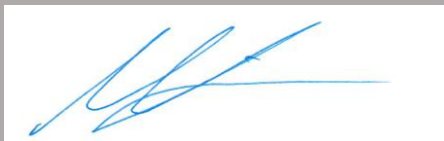
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Personnel

Staffing

- We've had several retirements Anna Herlitz (member since 2010), Mike van Bakel (member since 1995), Paul Sledzinski (member since 2011), Stuart Schofield (member since 2003), and Richard Lamy (member since 2007). Collectively this is a tremendous wealth of experience that can't be easily replaced. We wish them all the best in their retirement.

Submitted by,



Fire Chief, Michael Dine

Pender Island Fire Rescue

Code Number	2023 Call Description	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Quantity
1	Structure Fire													0
2	Chimney Fire													0
3	Vehicle Fire			1		1								2
4	Grass Fire			1										1
5	Forest Fire													0
6	Burn Complaint	1	2	1	1	2								7
7	First Response	9	8	7	17	5								46
8	Ambulance Assist	5	3	3		3								14
9	RCMP Assist	1												1
10	Smoke Sighting			2	1	1								4
11	Chemical Spill													0
12	Oil Spill													0
13	Fuel Spill													0
14	Gas Leak													0
15	Appliance Fire													0
16	Hydro Lines Down/Incidents	2	2											4
17	Smoke Smell													0
18	Motor Vehicle Incident													0
19	Miscellaneous													0
20	Plane Crash													0
21	Search & Rescue													0
22	Alarm Bells	1	3		1									5
23	Public Assist / Good Samaritan	3	1		1	1								6
24	Rope /Embankment Rescue													0
25	Illegal Burn / Illegal Equipment Use	1				5								6
All	Calls to Date	23	19	15	21	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	96
All	Calls from Previous Year	28	29	24	15	29	30	34	24	26	34	23	19	315