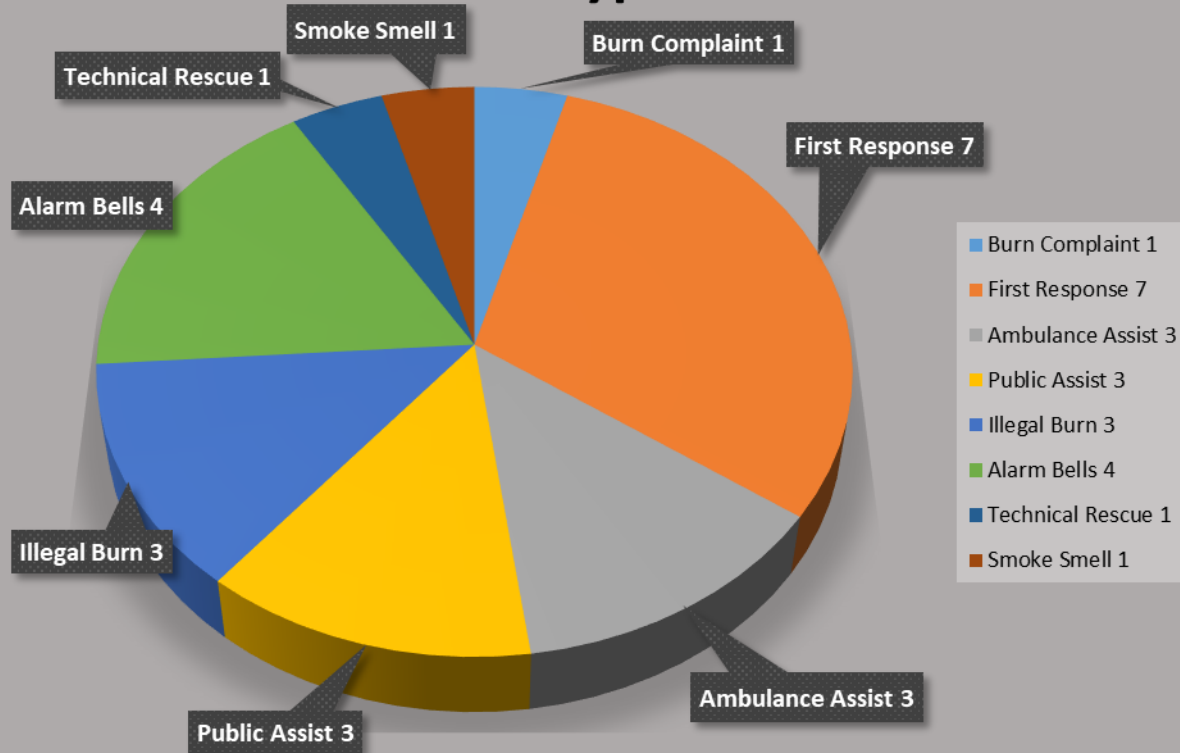


# CHIEF'S REPORT

September 2024



# Call Type



Annual call totals located on last page

## Service Delivery

- PIFR had a fairly typical month for call response. We deployed our big wheel system to perform a rescue of an injured hiker. The patient was hiking on the trail system located at the end of Hooson road when they rolled their ankle. Unable to walk they called 911 for assistance. In the past this rescue would require many firefighters in order to carry the stretcher and patient. Now with our system that connects a large wheel to the stretcher we can safely perform these rescues with less personnel.

## **Apparatus and Equipment Inspections and Maintenance**

- **Our six month commercial vehicle inspections have been completed on our fleet.**

## **Training**

- **Members hit the ground running this September getting right back into things with a weekend of live fire training. Joined by recruits from Salt Spring Fire it was a challenging and strenuous weekend but we're so proud of their accomplishment.**

## **Administration**

### **CRD**

- **The records management software implementation continues. The scheduling module has now been configured and is being tested by the members. This module automates many of the functions needed to manage the fire department personnel. CRD has also used PIFR's training layout as the region wide template for all departments.**

## **Community Risk Reduction**

### **Fire and Life Safety Inspections**

- **Pender Island Recycling Depot**
- **Driftwood which total 22 individual inspections**

## Events and Public Education



- We created a video to highlight how challenging the firefighting training can be. In particular our entanglement prop which simulates making your way through house wire and cable during a collapse. Many new firefighters find this training some of the most claustrophobic and physically challenging.

- We also opened up the intake for the cadet camp. We received nearly 90 applicants. Each is carefully screened and interviewed. Salt Spring Fire joined us in interviewing the potential cadets, in the end selecting the best 16 of the group.

[Click on the image to watch](#)

## Finance

- Nothing to report

## Capital Equipment & Facilities

### Capital and Infrastructure

- The main generator for Hall 1 needs a head gasket replacement.

## Personnel

### Staffing

- Applications for the part-time firefighter positions are now closed. We had several applicants, during the process it was narrowed down to two who meet all the qualifications. They underwent a knowledge and physical abilities test and a panel interview. The final successful applicants are Devan Hanson and Scott Elliott. They will start in their new roles mid October.

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
2	Chimney Fire	1												1
3	Vehicle Fire													0
4	Grass Fire				1	1		1						3
5	Forest Fire													0
6	Burn Complaint		1	2	2	4	2	1	1	1				14
7	First Response	7	10	8	9	9	6	13	21	7				90
8	Ambulance Assist	1	2	2	2	4	4	5	3	3				26
9	RCMP Assist							1						1
10	Smoke Sighting			1	1	2		1	4					9
11	Chemical Spill								1					1
12	Oil Spill		1						1					2
13	Fuel Spill													0
14	Gas Leak			1	1			1						3
15	Appliance Fire				1									1
16	Hydro Lines Down/Incidents	7	1	1		2		2	2					15
17	Smoke Smell				1	1		3		1				6
18	Motor Vehicle Incident							1	1					2
19	Miscellaneous	1												1
20	Plane Crash													0
21	Search & Rescue	1					1							2
22	Alarm Bells		3	2		1	1	1	2	4				14
23	Public Assist / Good Samaritan	3		1	3	3	1	3	1	3				18
24	Rope /Embankment Rescue					1				1				2
25	Illegal Burn / Illegal Equipment Use		2			6	3	5	3	3				22
<b>All</b>	<b>Calls to Date</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>235</b>
All	Calls from Previous Year	23	19	15	21	18	25	28	40	32	28	24	17	290