

Pender Island Fire Rescue



Fire Chief's Report October 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
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	1			15
7	First Response	10	12	13	4	8	8	11	9	8	12			95
8	Ambulance Assist	7	10	6	1	6	4	3	2	5	4			48
9	RCMP Assist	1								1				2
10	Smoke Sighting			1			2	1	3	1	2			10
11	Chemical Spill	0									1			1
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	3			27
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	7			19
23	Public Assist / Good Samaritan	1			2	4	6	2	1	1	1			18
24	Rope /Embankment Rescue	0												0
25	Illegal Burn / Illegal Equipment Use		1		1		3	5	2	3	2			17
All	Calls to Date	28	29	24	15	29	30	34	24	26	34			273
All	Calls from Previous Year	22	17	24	23	13	23	46	47	14	29	25	23	306

1. Administration:

CRD

- Fire Prevention Bylaw 3452 final revision received. (Met with Chris Vrabel to discuss this in person)
- 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.

- 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.
- Working meeting has been set to review the implementation process.
- Met with Chris Vrabel to discuss implementation of all module right away

2. OPERATIONS:

BCAS: Medical calls are tracking at 52% 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

- We have been starting practice with the reading of the operational guidelines to assist member that are behind in completing them.
- Salt Spring Fire attended a successful live fire weekend at the training ground in October 22 & 23.
- Requests for live fire training and refresher training for the up and coming year.

3. FIRE PREVENTION

Commercial Inspections

- Continuing on schedule.
- Pre-plans are being reviewed and updated as inspections are completed.
- Meeting has been set up for a discussion about the Driftwood and how to help them with their shortfalls

Short and Long Term Stay Fire Safety Self- Assessment Program

Compiling data base

Events / Public Education

- Fire Prevention week will be in October was very successful! PIFR provided demonstrations and inspection, with a pancake breakfast for the public on Oct 15, 2022
- Pender Fire handed out hotdogs and popcorn for the spooky walk that was held at Valley Home Farms and extended our thanks to the community for their continuing support.
- Pender Fire, with RCMP showed a presence and a reminder to drivers during trick or treating that took place on the Rum Rd/Privateers Rd loop, to help keep the children that were out safe.

Media

Lt. Bulled continues to keep the public updated and educated and has started an Instagram account to reach a new demographic with great success. He has also spearheaded an aggressive recruiting campaign in October for 2023 year.

4. FINANCE

Budget: 2022 Budget on track

5. 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

6. 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 is 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, there for the committee positions have been re-elected and the 2 committee's combine to better serve the membership.

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