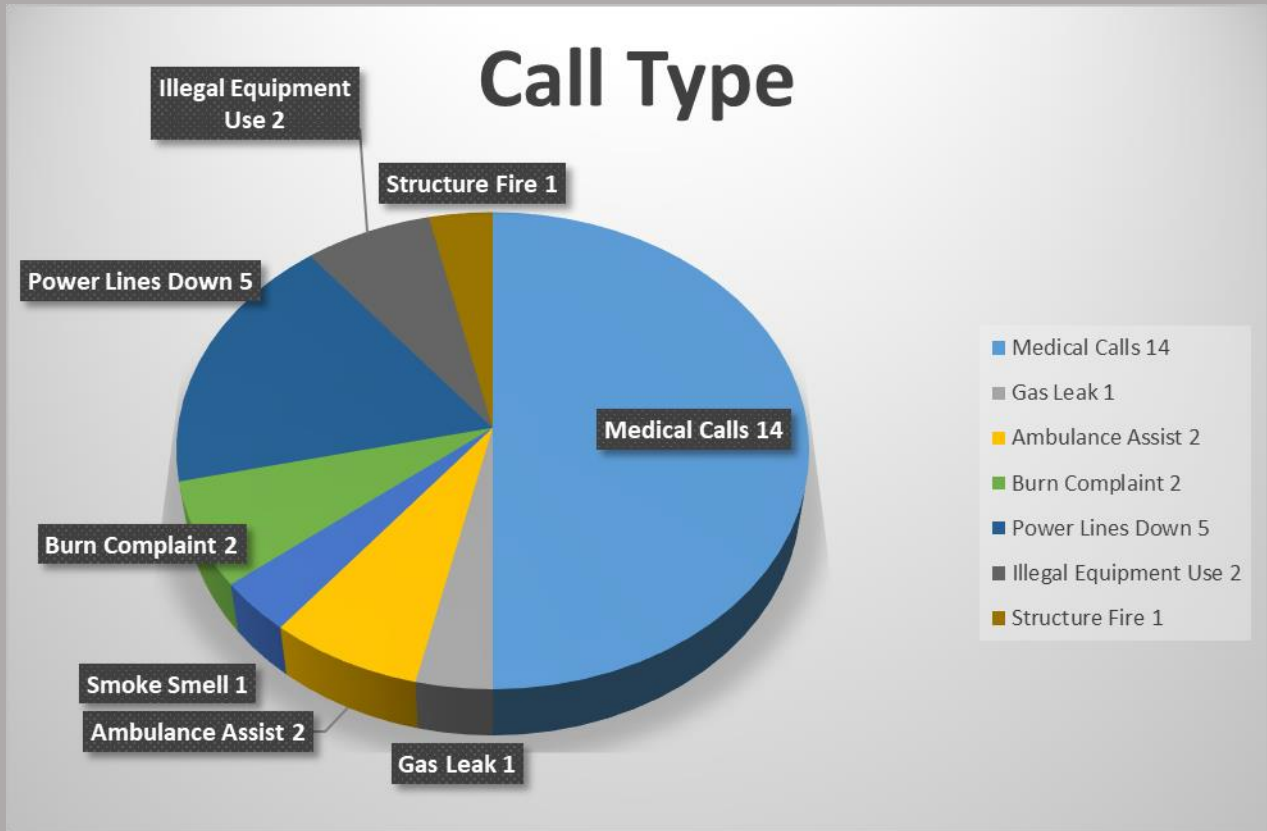


CHIEF'S REPORT

OCTOBER 2023





Annual call totals located on last page

Service Delivery

- A brief but intense windstorm towards the end of the month caused multiple electrical lines down incidents in a very short period of time throughout the island.

Administration

CRD

- The draft report for the governance review has been circulated for review. This review of the report by PIFPS board members is now underway.

Operations

- Our 2023 recruits continue to shadow the experienced duty crews. As they gain experience responding to incidents the next stage will be to train them to operate our emergency vehicles.

Apparatus and Equipment Inspections and Maintenance

- Nothing to report.

Training

- Due to the popularity of the previous fire pump operator course a second course was held. Now the majority of our members have completed this valuable training giving our crews the knowledge and skills needed to battle house and structure fires in our region.
- Our partners from Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue utilized our live fire training facility to complete their annual training.



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Community Risk Reduction

Commercial Inspections

- Community Hall
- Nu-To-Yu
- Pender Island Seniors Housing

Events / Public Education

- We held our annual Fire prevention week. This included our famous pancake breakfast, tour the station, learn fire safety tips and bring your extinguishers down to have them checked.
- The theme for this year's fire prevention week was "Cooking safety starts with YOU. Pay attention to fire prevention", the goal was to educate everyone about simple but important actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe when cooking. We shared a variety of safety tips throughout the week on our social media platforms.
- Chief Dine delivered a presentation on fire service delivery to local members of the Emergency Management program. Topics included large scale incidents, evacuations and climate related emergencies.



2022 Great Canadian Fire Census Graphic Illustration

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- The Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC), in collaboration with the National Advisory Council (NAC), the Answer the Call committee and the Data committee, have released their latest Fire Service census. This informative video contains important information on the challenges fire departments are facing throughout Canada.

Finance

- Nothing to report.

Capital Equipment & Facilities

Capital and Infrastructure

- The new Rosenbauer truck is here. Equipment will be transferred from the soon to be retired truck at Hall 1. The new truck will then be placed into service.



Personnel

Staffing

- Our recruiting drive is well underway. This year we have sent out flyers, put out sandwich boards and launched a social media campaign.

Pender Fire Rescue **Pender Fire Rescue**
now recruiting *now recruiting*

Paid On Call Firefighters **Paid On Call First Responders**

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If you have any questions or need assistance with your application, please contact:
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Download and fill out the application form:

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PENDER ISLAND FIRE/RESCUE IS HIRING!

ANSWER THE CALL
Become a Paid On-Call Firefighter

- Medical + Dentals benefits*
- All professional training paid for and provided (worth approximately \$15,000)
- Paid for ongoing training and for responding to calls*

*benefits and compensation based on successful completion of the probationary period

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										1			1
2	Chimney Fire													0
3	Vehicle Fire			1		1								2
4	Grass Fire			1										1
5	Forest Fire								1					1
6	Burn Complaint	1	2	1	1	2			2	1	2			12
7	First Response	9	8	7	17	5	11	14	18	24	14			127
8	Ambulance Assist	5	3	3		3	1	3	7	2	2			29
9	RCMP Assist	1												1
10	Smoke Sighting			2	1	1	2	2						8
11	Chemical Spill													0
12	Oil Spill													0
13	Fuel Spill													0
14	Gas Leak										1			1
15	Appliance Fire													0
16	Hydro Lines Down/Incidents	2	2				4		1	1	5			15
17	Smoke Smell						1		3		1			5
18	Motor Vehicle Incident							1	1					2
19	Miscellaneous													0
20	Plane Crash													0
21	Search & Rescue													0
22	Alarm Bells	1	3		1		2	1	2					10
23	Public Assist / Good Samaritan	3	1		1	1		3	2	2				13
24	Rope /Embankment Rescue						1			1				2
25	Illegal Burn / Illegal Equipment Use	1				5	3	4	3	1	2			19
All	Calls to Date	23	19	15	21	18	25	28	40	32	28	0	0	249
All	Calls from Previous Year	28	29	24	15	29	30	34	24	26	34	23	19	315