



Central Saanich Volunteer Fire Department



Summary of Activities Status Report

Department Activity Report 2010

January 01 – June 30

Emergency & Non-Emergency Responses

Month	Calls for Service	Fire	Medical
January	83	32	51
February	54	13	41
March	71	25	46
April	74	30	44
May	75	19	56
June	80	21	59
TOTAL CALLS	437	140	297

Total Fire Loss to Date (2010)..... \$24,000.00

Average Fire Fighter Response to Emergency Calls

Month	Fire	Medical
January	7 ff	4 ff
February	10 ff	3 ff
March	7 ff	3 ff
April	9 ff	4 ff
May	6 ff	4 ff
June	9 ff	3 ff

ff = fighter fighters

Fire Department Training

Assistant Chief / Training Officer, John Robertson

Training Hours

Period	This period	This period Last Year
January - June	2,281	2,178

- 5 Firefighters attended START (*Survival Training & Rescue Techniques*)
- 9 Firefighters completed Hazardous Materials Operations
- 3 Firefighters completed Hazardous Materials Technician Training
- 8 Firefighters completed 3 days of Hazardous Materials refresher training
- 2 Firefighters attended a CRD Hazardous materials exercise at the water treatment facility at Japan Gulch
- 1 Firefighter attended 4 days of educational workshops sponsored by the BC Fire Training Officers Association in Kelowna BC
- 5 Firefighters completed training and licensing as Emergency Medical Assistant-First Responder
- 3 Firefighters completed re-training and license renewal requirements for Emergency Medical Assistant-First Responder
- 5 Firefighters completed Live Fire Level 1 training at the Justice Institute's Maple Ridge Campus

Fire Inspections

Assistant Chief Forrest Owens
 Inspector Rob Syverson
 Child Seat Safety Technician, Brennan Gummer

Type	2010 Totals
<i>Routine Fire Safety Requests (New & Home Business Licenses / Public Buildings)</i>	46
<i>Commercial Inspections</i>	394
<i>Commercial Development Plan Review</i>	48
<i>New Smoke Alarm Program</i>	6
<i>Car Seat Safety</i>	50

Car Seat Safety

Central Saanich Volunteer Fire Department has successfully educated 50 families that live in and around the District on child car seat safety and the correct installation of child car seats. CSVFD is the only Fire Department on the Peninsula area that delivers this program.

Fire Department Permits

Appliance Permits

Type	2010 Totals (January – June)
<i>Wood Stove & Insert Inspections</i>	7
<i>Oil Tank Inspections</i>	9
<i>Furnace Inspections</i>	2

Burning Permits

Type	2010 Totals (January – April) <i>No burning May through October</i>
<i>Open Air</i>	18
<i>Incinerator</i>	1

Fire Education and Prevention Programs

Assistant Chief Forrest Owens
 Inspector Rob Syverson

Type	Number of Sessions	Number of Individuals
<i>Fire Safety House / Presentations</i>	5	406
<i>Emergency Preparedness Week</i>	1	54
<i>Fire Extinguisher Training</i>	3	99
<i>CPR</i>	2	32

CPR Training – Stelly’s Grade 12

This program started in 2008. Since it started the CSVFD has certified 146 grade 12 students in CPR Level ‘A’.

Fire Safety House / Fire Safety Talks

Hands on training regarding “get out alive” techniques. Upstairs they learn to crawl out of a second story window. Downstairs they learn about crawling low under smoke. Once they are out of the house they meet at a designated meeting spot and call 911. The Fire Safety House is a great tool for young children; they pay attention and learn the entire time they are in the house.

Feedback from teachers, parents and students is always very positive.

Fire Behavior / Warden Training – Saanich Peninsula Hospital

This training was done in partnership with VIHA Fire Protection Officers. The goal of this training was to go over what we as a Fire Department expect when there is a fire in the hospital. Staff were also involved in Fire Extinguisher Training.

Fire Extinguisher Training & Evacuation Drills – Seamount Home

Theory on when and how Fire Extinguishers work. Everybody receives live fire training so everyone uses a fire extinguisher. Staff are also shown evacuation techniques for the residents using blanket drags.

Tsartlip Infant Care / Capital Regional Toddler Group

Importance of working smoke alarms and home escape planning. CSVFD will install them free of charge through our smoke alarm program.

Also discussed is the importance of keeping a clean home. Infant choking – How easily it can happen, shown infant CPR. Not certified – awareness only

Special Projects in 2010

Fire Chief, Ron French

- Call out procedure developed for HAZMAT firefighters from the Capital Region Fire Departments
- CRD HAZMAT Trailer re-designed and in service
- Development of Operational Guidelines and team structure for Regional HAZMAT team. (ongoing)
- 16 new members trained as CRD HAZMAT Technicians
- Schematic Design of New Fire Station completed
- Final design work completed for new fire apparatus Rescue/Engine
- Establishing "Fire Service Agreement" between James Island and Central Saanich Fire dept. (ongoing)
- Four members sent to FDIC training conference
- 2010 Fire Department budget process completed
- PEMO Communication Bus replaced with used vehicle (ongoing)
- Renewal of Mutual Aid Agreement between North Saanich, Sidney and Central Saanich Fire Departments (ongoing)
- Design work for the Fire Department Public Open Houses for the new fire station (ongoing)
- ESS Emergency Exercise completed at the Saanich Fairgrounds
- Completion of Stage 2 Site Investigation of proposed Fire Hall Site
- Attended North Saanich Fire Department Park Dedication & Sidney Fire Department Annual Banquet
- The Fire Department participated the Brentwood Bay Days parade and also provided a Fire Education and Prevention Booth at the market