# Fire Chiefs Report to the Board

09 Oct 20

**Call-outs**

* Since last SPID report on 03 Sep 20 we've had four (4) FD call-outs: two FR call-outs; one alarm call-out; & one Duty Officer fire call-out for a backyard burn

**Practices**

* Meetings continue to be held using combination of open air meetings & Zoom conference service in order to remain compliant with provincial guidelines
* Hands on practices continue using a combination of small team protocols, physical separation, personal safety masks & prepositioned equipment to ensure compliance with provincial directives/restrictions

**Purchasing**

* Minor purchases only

**New Items for Info/Discussion**

* Update on BC OFC ‘Structure Firefighters Competency & Training Playbook’
  + - No change, currently compliant with provincial requirements for Interior Level FF training competencies
* Fire Danger Rating currently at Low
  + - Backyard burning allowed with a permit
    - No permits will be required to burn after 15 Oct 20
* COV-19 operations update
  + - Fire Dept response to FR call-outs have resumed normal operations
    - Dept will conduct a doorway assessment of Influenza Like Indicators (ILI) risk to determine the level of Personnel Protective Eqpt (PPE) that will be utilised
* All fall Fire Prevention Week (FPW) & Halloween activities have been severely curtailed &/or cancelled due to both Covid concerns & best practice protocols
  + - FPW was last week, 04-10 Oct 20
    - FD assisting the Hall with handout of the kids Halloween packs if it’s requested
* Mutual Aid Agreement between Comox Valley FDs, Campbell River FD & 19 Wing due for renewal
  + - Latest draft has been reviewed by SPID with minor comments/observations
      * Plan remains for a fall signing
    - Mutual Aid continues to be covered by extension clause
* Mutual Aid Agreement between SPVFD, Fanny Fay FD & Deep Bay FD due for renewal
  + - CVRD is undertaking a rewrite in order to clean up document
      * Plan is for a fall signing
    - Mutual Aid continues to be covered by month to month automatic extension clause
* SPID employer/employee Safety Board has fallen silent with COV-19 impact
  + - Fire Dept continues to cover FD safety aspects during our weekly FD meeting
    - Joint meeting needs to be resumed to ensure WSBC compliance
* CVEP/NEPP Update
  + - No change on dyke access road or wildlife viewing platform status