



# Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department

7729 Vivian Way  
Fanny Bay, BC V0R 1W0

Phone: 250.335.0551 Fax: 250.335.0659  
Email: spvfd@shaw.ca

## Ships Point Improvement District Annual 2025 Fire Chief's Report

For the calendar year 2025 the department responded to 50 official emergency calls: 42 First Responder (FR) calls and eight (8) Fire / Alarm / Duty Officer calls.

Department training tempo remained high. The department continued to hold regular practices every Tuesday, as well as briefings on most Wednesday evenings along with periodic recruit training on weekends. Members attended live fire training at the Comox Fire Department Fire Training Centre and completed training on specialized firefighting techniques for interface fires, firefighter survival techniques and Rapid Intervention Team activities. Additional specialized medical FR training was completed and our members certified to allow increased diagnostic and treatment options resulting from changes to the Emergency Medical Authority (EMA) licensing scope of practice.

In 2025 the department was successful in receiving a Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) Grant for Fire Department Equipment and Training Resources. The funding was used to purchase equipment in support of wildland fire suppression and wildfire structural protection. The resources will go a long way to improving both our operational and training effectiveness.

One member retired from the department in 2025 and one member stepped back to Auxiliary status. We did not have any members join the department. On paper the department currently has 15 active members, 11 Firefighters and four Firefighter Auxiliary. We need new volunteers to fill the ranks. If you have a desire to contribute to your community's safety, you could look at becoming a member of the department. We need men and women fire fighters and first responders. Application forms for both regular and auxiliary volunteers are available online or at the SPID Office.

I would like to thank the Ships Point Volunteer Fire Fighters Association (SPVFA) who once again raised and donated a substantial amount of money towards both firefighting equipment and FR training and equipment. In addition, the Association continued to support a community chipping program in 2025 in order to reduce the level of back yard burning on the Point. Without the financial support of the SPVFA we would be unable to offer the level of support that we currently provide.

All residents are reminded to review local regulations as they pertain to back yard burning and fire permits. Please note that even if a burn permit is not required to burn back yard waste, all other burn restrictions still apply. Remember to always check the Vent Index before burning back yard waste. A link to the Environment Canada Vent Index is located on the SPID web page. Noxious smoke settling over the community is unpleasant, and every effort should be made to minimize the smoke from a yard burn. Also, a polite reminder that at no time are beach fires allowed on the Point.

And finally, I'd like to express my thanks to the volunteer fire fighters who have willingly given their time to provide Fire Protection and First Responder services to our community. A lot of time and effort has been expended to provide for your protection.

**Terry Hoffart / Fire Chief / Ships Point Fire Department**