



Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Chiefs Report to the Board

06 April 2026

Call-outs

- Since last SPID report on 06 Mar 2025, we have had two (2) first responder (FR) page-out calls

Practices

- Normal Tuesday training & Wednesday knowledge briefs / exams ongoing, with periodic weekend training events scheduled as time / requirements permit
- Weekend training will likely increase as we attempt to train our new members in an expeditious manner

Purchasing

- Minor purchases only

New Items for Info/Discussion

- We've had a change to our organizational structure, Rob Vreugde has taken over as Deputy Fire Chief while Leesa Vreugde has volunteered to take over as Assistant Fire Chief
 - Change of Command Authority letter was submitted to the Board for file & for stipend payment purposes
- Another new member has joined the dept, Dave Veenstra
- Dept remains on a recruitment drive to increase our membership numbers
- Burn permits will once again be required for back yard burning effective 15 April 2026
 - Reminder that permits can be issued by any member of the department
- Currently in the process of updating department operational guidelines (OG's) to reflect changes in the Office of the Fire Commissioner (OFC) training directive & in our training/operational response protocols
- Association is selling WASP home sprinkler systems to increase community safety & as a fund raiser
- Association is once again planning a chipping event on 13-14 May in a continuing effort to reduce smoke in the community & to reduce the fire loading risk on local properties