

Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Chiefs Report to the Board

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Call-outs

• Since last SPID report on 04 Jul 2025, we have had eight (8) first responder call-outs & two (2) Duty Officer callouts for suspected backyard fires

Practices

- Normal Tuesday training & Wednesday knowledge briefs / exams has re-commenced with periodic weekend training events scheduled as time / requirements permit
- As per previous years, training / practices were shut down for the month of July to give all members a break, we still responded to callouts
- Two members attended extrication training with Oyster River Fire
- Mutual Aid practice carried out with Fanny Bay & Deep Bay FDs at Deep Bay fire hall

Purchasing

- Interior roof of upper sea container treated with spray foam insulation to minimize winter water condensation issues
- Working decks on sea containers repainted to repair peeling
 - Most of the paint provided at no charge by Industrial Plastics
- New front tires ordered for E75, while current tires are still in good shape they are over 10 years old

New Items for Info/Discussion

- Burn ban remains in effect for all of Vancouver Island
- Annual ladder testing completed with no issues found
- E75 annual commercial vehicle inspection & annual pumper checks completed with no major issues found, recommendation made to replace front tires for safety
- Question was raised as to restrictions on high risk activities during Extreme Fire Danger Ratings
 - Currently no SPID Bylaw in place to address high risk activities
 - CVRD has a bylaw in place, copy of wording in bylaw provided to Rob Vreugde
- FB Seniors Society (FCSS) sponsoring a community brief on Advanced Care Planning Workshop on Sunday, 14 Sept at FB Community Centre
 - Hospice Society is making volunteers available to provide briefings
 - SPVFD members are acting as coordinators for event
- Association is selling fire safety equipment to increase community safety & as a fund raiser
 - WASP home sprinkler systems & Fire Blankets