



Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department

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Fire Chiefs Report to the Board

06 Oct 2024

Call-outs

- Since last SPID report on 10 September 2024 there has been three (3) First Responder (FR) callouts & one (1) Duty Officer callout for an illegal backyard burn

Practices

- Normal Tuesday training is ongoing, Wednesday knowledge briefs & exams have restarted, & periodic weekend training events are being scheduled
- Live Fire training for new members & Live Fire Team Lead upgrade training is ongoing at the Comox Fire Training Center
- Annual ladder testing completed with no issues found

Purchasing

- Exhaust fan for the Training Center Sea Containers
- Minor equipment & supplies

New Items for Info/Discussion

- Budget discussions for next year's budget planning is ongoing
- Paperwork is being generated for submission ref the 2024 UBCM/CEPF Volunteer & Composite Fire Departments Equipment & Training Grant
 - Working on costs for eqpt line items
 - Deadline for submission is 18 Oct 2024, may require a quick turnaround by SPID for the covering letter
- Backyard burn permits are once again required until 15 Oct 24
- Construction on the Training Center Sea containers is approaching completion, use of the facility for dept training has commenced
- Fire Prevention week (FPW) is 06-12 Oct 2024
 - This year's theme is 'Smoke alarms: Make them work for you!'
 - Will be doing community walkabout during the week
 - Fire Dept open house is being hosted on Sat, 12 Oct 2024 from 1130-1430(L)
 - Hot dogs & refreshments will be provided
 - Training Center & fire dept equipment will be available for viewing & tours
 - Will also include an information desk manned by Neighbourhood Emergency Prep (NEPP) & the SPVFF's Association
- The Association is selling WASP home sprinkler systems to increase community awareness & as a fund raiser, selling price \$200
- Training has commenced on upgrading all FRs on the EMA increased scope of practice
 - Increased protocols will allow us to better serve the community on an FR callout