



# Ships Point Volunteer Fire Department

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## Fire Chiefs Report to the Board

10 May 2025

### Call-outs

- Since last SPID report on 04 Apr 2025, we have not had any callouts; unusual considering how busy the first three months of the year were

### Practices

- Normal Tuesday training & Wednesday knowledge briefs / exams ongoing with periodic weekend training events scheduled as time / requirements permit

### Purchasing

- Equipment & supplies ordered under UBCM grant funding have been received, still waiting on a couple of back-order items

### New Items for Info/Discussion

- Final report, to access second half of Fall 24 UBCM Grant funding, will be drafted for Board signature
  - Invoice has just been received, will work on the final report this week
  - Forestry trailer is stocked, has been repositioned for easy access, & is ready to support any emergencies that may arise
- Burn permits are required for all backyard fires
  - With the warm & dry April, Coastal Fire Centre may enact a burn ban earlier than normal this year, will keep everyone advised of any changes
  - CVRD discussing going to back yard burn ban effective 01 Jun 2025, with campfires still allowed; our plan is to match any CVRD restrictions in order to minimise confusion in community
  - Residents need to be aware that anyone burning, in contradiction to an OFC Total Burn Ban, will be liable for a hefty fine
- Training is ongoing on upgrading all FRs on the EMA increased scope of practice
- FireSmart community chipping event will be occurring 14 & 15 May 2025, organised & supported by the Association
- Association is selling fire safety equipment to increase community safety & as a fund raiser
  - WASP home sprinkler systems & Fire Blankets