

Mayne Island Fire/ Rescue

Annual Fire Chief's Report on 2010

April 16, 2011

Good afternoon,

2010 saw a slight decrease in the number of calls from 2009, however the duration of these calls has increased. In 2009, 584 person hours were spent on calls this increased in 2010 to 845.5 person hours even though the number of calls decreased.

I have put all of our calls under six headings. Each one of these headings has more than one type of callout for example Public Safety has, open burn complaints, equipment restriction complaints, address & driveway verifications, as one example.

<u>MAYNE ISLAND FIRE/RESCUE</u>							
2005-2010 SUMMARY OF CALL OUTS							
Year	Fire Suppression	Medical	Public Safety	Search / Rescue	Fire Prevention & Public Education	Hazmat	Total Call Out's
2010	26	35	98	4	27	4	194
2009	8	53	128	6	29	0	224
2008	10	49	71	3	15	0	148
2007	14	70	50	7	16	0	157
2006	22	61	38	5	2	0	128
2005	10	31	25	4	1	0	71

Equipment & Apparatus

2010 saw no major capital purchases of equipment or apparatus.

Training

2010 saw another busy year for fire fighter training. The fire fighters participated in 2384 person hours of training for the year 2010. In 2010 two firefighters completed their NFPA 1001 Firefighter 1 & 2 accredited training, 9 firefighters completed the Basic firefighter program. Five firefighters attended the Salt Spring Island Fire Rescue Annual Training weekend in July. All of this training proved worthwhile on a couple of occasions in 2010 and in particular July 18 when we had a structure fire which could have been a lot worse if it was not for the quick response by our well trained and dedicated volunteer firefighters.

What a lot of you don't know is that when we respond to structure fires or any other serious incident we are supported by the Mayne Island Emergency Program and Southern Gulf Island Emergency Program. I would like to thank our Island Coordinator Gerrie Wise and our Emergency Support Services Director Renate Morell. These two ladies put in countless volunteer hours providing Mayne Island with an emergency program second to none. Thank you Gerrie and Renate.

Mayne Island Volunteer Fire Fighters & Families

I cannot say enough to thank the families of the firefighters. In this day and age of rules and regulations it is very difficult to juggle family time and fire department time but they seem to find a way, and I thank everyone for that. To the firefighters, I hope you all know how much I appreciate your efforts and look forward to working with you all in the coming year. Thank you to my Deputy Chief Steve De Rousie, you are doing an excellent job, keep up the good work.

Conclusion

I would like to thank our Administrator Moira McCulloch for the time she has given to better Mayne Island Fire/Rescue over the last year. I would like to thank the Board of Trustees. It has been a pleasure to work with each and every one of you over the last year in our common goal of providing Fire/Rescue Services to the residents of Mayne Island and I look forward to the year ahead. My last thank you is to Jim Marlon-Lambert who I have had the pleasure of working with for the past 7 years. Jim gave thousands of hours to better the Improvement District and Fire Service on Mayne Island and I thank him for that, you will be missed. Thank you Jim.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Francis
Mayne Island Fire Chief
April 16th 2011