



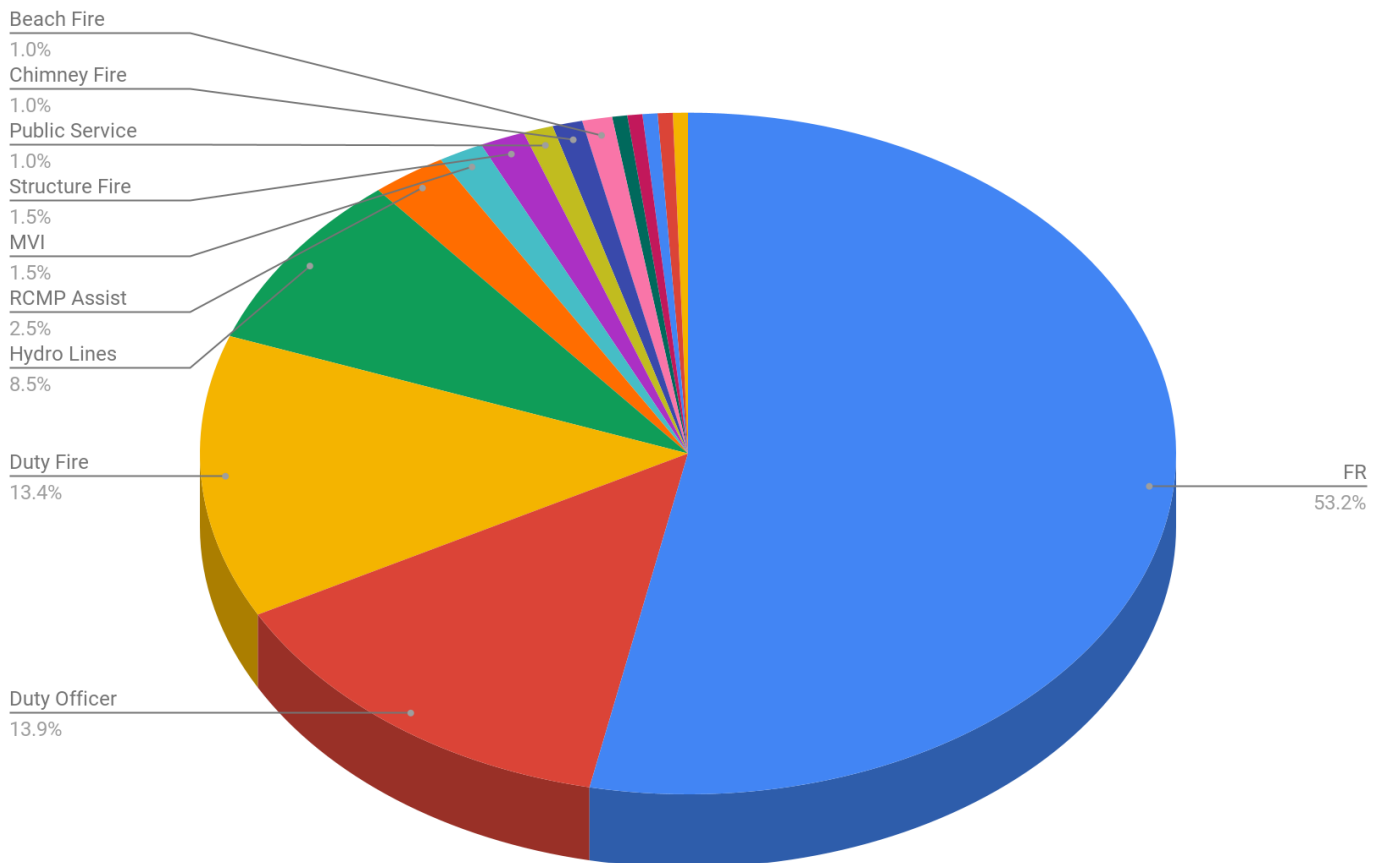
# Annual Report 2021

2021 was a busy year for Hornby Island Fire Rescue with us doing the most calls of any year in our history. Like the previous year, planning was difficult due to the on-again/off-again nature of practices, training, and events.

## Callouts and activities

2021 was the busiest year in our history for the number of incidents that we attended. We recorded the following summary of volunteer time for regular training and incidents for 2021. This summary doesn't account for informal time in unrecorded training and home study:

	Practices(hrs)	Incidents(hrs)	Courses(hrs)	Total(hrs)	Incident #
2021	2129	960	465	3,554	201
2020	2037	972	286	3,295	171
2019	2465	1132	130	3,802	193
2018	2943	1069	293	4,305	163
2017	1844	1025	140	3,009	179
2016	2499	898	472	3,869	140
2015	2164	824	275	3,263	129



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Our incident breakdown for 2021 with a total of 201 calls:

FR	106		MVI	3		Burn Pile	1
Duty Officer	28		Structure Fire	3		Wellness Check	1
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Investigation	27		Public Service	2		Abandoned 911	1
Hydro Lines	17		Chimney Fire	2		Walk-in First Aid	1
RCMP Assist	5		Beach Fire	2		Vehicle Fire	1
						Trail Rescue	1

Medical calls rose slightly from 2020 to 53% of our incidents in 2021. This percentage remains significantly down from historical levels and appears to be due to BCAS doing more non-emergency calls to the clinic and to patients' homes. The increase in propane fire pits means that during a total fire ban, our duty officers are getting called much more frequently to investigate.

### **Major Events:**

- Structure fire at Ford Cove Hill
- Cardiac Arrest on the hill
- Sandpiper MVI
- Sandpiper vehicle fire

### **Recruitment and Retention**

Three new members began their training this year. We officially lost Felix to Oyster River Fire, Ellie moved back to Salt Spring, Jeremy Payne retired, and Ben Marsh moved to Revelstoke, leaving us with 13 firefighters and 12 rookies. Three of those rookies are (hopefully) only a few weeks away from becoming in-house firefighters.

Our "service level" breakdown is:

- 3 Full-Service Firefighters
- 11 Interior Firefighters (5 in training)
- 6 Exterior Firefighters (3 in training)
- 3 Suppression Rookies
- 1 Medical Rookie
- 2 Auxilliary/Support

There is a second batch of rookies who are close to being able to challenge the in-house test, including two in the support stream.

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### **Training**

Lt. Rob Lewis continues the excellent work in keeping our training program constantly moving forward and also in keeping our trainees engaged in the process.

We have already made good use of our new training facility and there are several items remaining to be completed in 2022. The burn can is in place and I am hoping to be able to do live burns in it before having to shut down for the summer. A forced entry prop will be installed, an auto extrication pad built, and several other smaller improvements are scheduled.

Jac and Jasper have begun their officer training and are hoping to take on some duty officer shifts in 2022.

The extra training courses that our members took part in this past year are:

BC Hydro Electrical Safety - 14 members	EMR – 1 member
First Responder Instruction – 7 members	FR License - 8 members
Emergency Scene Management 1 - 2 members	FireSmart 101 - 20 members
Fire Officer 1 – 2 members	Low Angle Rope Rescue - 2 members
SCBA Technician - 2 members	NFPA 1001 Level 2 - 2 members

### **Fire Prevention and Community Engagement**

All of our community outreach programs, like cadet camp, extinguisher courses, naloxone training, and community first aid programs all suffered, although we were able to do a few more in 2021 than in the previous year. We continue to provide several successful initiatives such as the free smoke alarm program, carbon monoxide detector program, and school visits.

### **Finance**

The operations grant for 2021 was \$207,738. HIFR closed out 2021 with a projected surplus of \$8000. Additional capital requisitions were:

- \$5,000 protective equipment
- \$52,000 Training Facility
- \$4800 SCBA cylinders

We have been approved for a \$15,000 Red Cross Grant to buy a trailer to store our structure protection equipment. I was hoping to have that project completed by now but supply chain problems have meant serious delays in the trailer supply.

### **Significant Accomplishments**

Here are some of our accomplishments in 2021:

- We took part in a multi-agency wildfire exercise on Denman
- Completed another successful program of chipping yard waste
- Landscaping fencing project should pay off this year.
- Ben Marsh went on wildfire deployment to the interior
- Duncan has done great work to solve longstanding SCBA problems

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- Two of our members had babies

### **In Conclusion**

Thank you to everyone for your hard work and long hours of community service. Each and every one of you is making a positive difference in our community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Doug Chinnery', is written over a light green rectangular background.

Doug Chinnery  
Fire Chief