



## Annual Report 2016

### Callouts and activities

The Department recorded the following summary of volunteer time for regular training and incidents for 2016. This summary doesn't account for informal time in unrecorded training and home study:

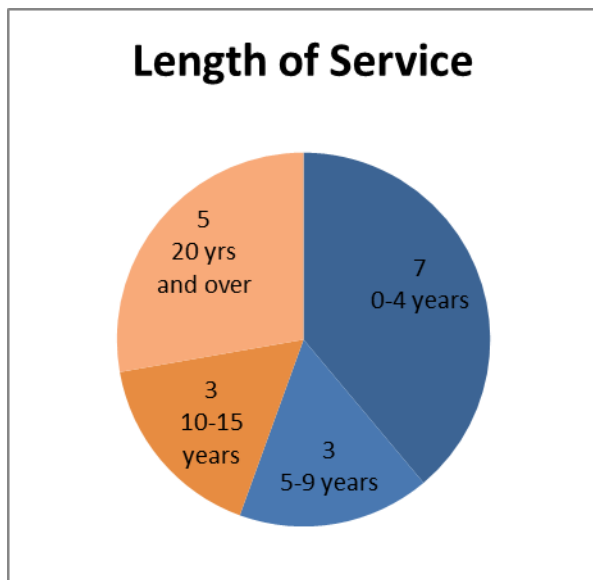
	Practices(hrs)	Incidents(hrs)	Courses(hrs)	Total(hrs)	Incident #
2016	2499	898	472	3,869	140
2015	2164	824	275	3,263	129
2014	2171	918	236	3,325	130
2013	1790	585	220	2,595	102
2012	2197	983	576	3,755	130
2011	1922	1018	390	3,330	114

Our incident breakdown for 2016 with a total of 140 calls:

- 92 medical
- 18 Duty Officer
- 1 structure fire
- 1 brush/beach fire
- 1 vehicle fire
- 4 MVI
- 5 hydro lines down
- 1 chimney fires
- 2 RCMP assist
- 1 Rescue & Safety
- 1 missing person
- 8 false alarm
- 5 Public Service

Medical calls accounted for 66% of our incidents in 2016. We have come to expect that medical calls (First Responder) form the majority of our responses. In 2015 we had a total of 129 calls.

Recruiting new members is a challenge in a dwindling, ageing population and remains one of our priorities. Our roster at the end of 2016 included 13 fire fighters 4 recruits undergoing training and 5 auxiliaries. (welcome our new recruits!)



The graph shows the distribution of years of service for our members. The Auxiliaries are included in the graph which may show a higher number in the 0-4 years of service.

Recruiting new members is essential to build up the future of the department. We have to think about who will replace the aging volunteers.

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## Training

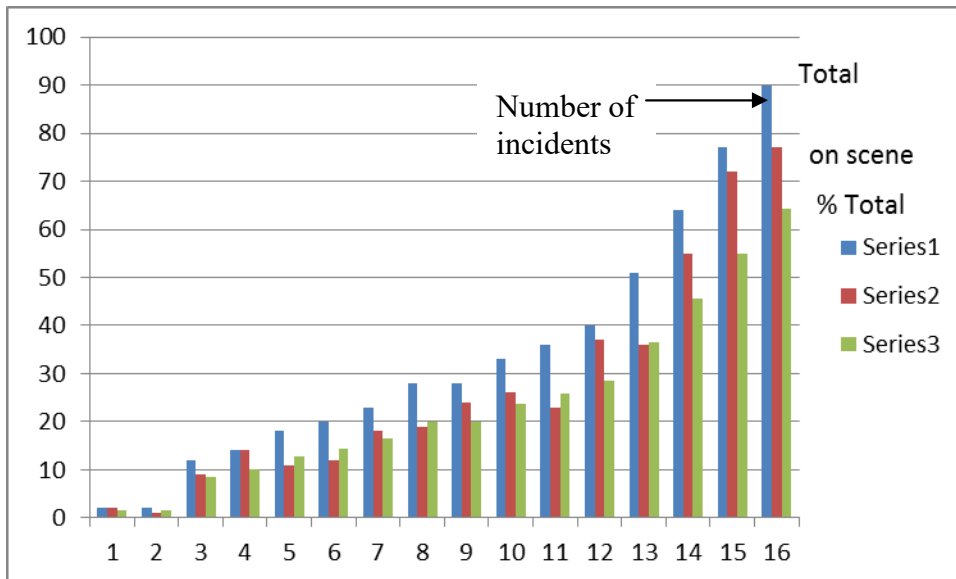
It has been a challenging year for the training team of Quana Parker as Training Officer and Faroe Des Roches as Assistant in trying to figure out the application of the new Playbook through the JIBC program and to turn this into a sensible program for our recruits. Always a challenge working with the JI.

The majority of the fire fighters have completed their FF1 level which is great and work continues on organizing regular practices and trying to fit in all the required skills that need to be covered on a regular basis.

This year, members attended the following off Island courses:

Training Officers' conference – 1 member	Emergency Scene Management – 2 members
Fire Chiefs' conference – 1 member	Incident Safety Officer – 1 member
Class 4 drivers license – 3 members	Crisis Management course – 2 members
Hazmat Operations – 3 members	Draeger Service Technician – 1 member
Live Fire 1 – 3 members	
Team Leader course – 3 members	

The following graph shows the distribution of incident response among the members by number and percent of total calls. The graph shows a real improvement over 2015 in that more members are responding, which helps spread the load. The Class 4 drivers licences and more First Responder licences have made a real difference.



## Fire Prevention

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Community building and private business fire safety inspections continued in 2016 and more has to be done to improve the continuity of this public service next year.

The Department annual Fire Cadet Camp was well attended during Spring Break, with 18 children attending. This has proven to be a popular program which raises fire safety awareness for the children as well as their parents.

The Department continues to provide several successful initiatives such as the free smoke alarm program and school visits.

Our web site is a useful tool in reaching more people with information on the latest activities in the Department. ([www.hifd.org](http://www.hifd.org)) Hornby Island Word of Mouth on Facebook has also proven to be useful in getting information out to the public. Thanks to Doug for ensuring our site keeps working and in getting the word out when needed.

## Finance

The Operations budget for 2016 was \$190,765 with a Protective Gear and Equipment budget of \$8,500. The Department ended the year with a deficit of approximately \$2,000. The total budget amount for the Regional District was \$524,059 and represented a tax requisition of ±\$1.015 per \$1,000 assessed value.

## Fire Hall Construction

2016 was the year for the construction of the new fire hall. The last bit of work will be completed in early 2017.

The two person building committee of Rob and Giff spent many hours in meetings and going over details to ensure the final building will provide the facilities the department needs for the next 50 years. (more or less!)

This has been a difficult process in balancing the needs and costs for the building and some things like a training area and fully sized generator have to be left for the future.

## Community Water Tank Program

The tank program for providing water storage around the Island in preparation for Superior Tanker Shuttle included the installation of two large poly tanks on Strachan Road. The completion of this installation was delayed due to the snow and will be completed in early 2017.

The new tanker (tender) was ordered and delivery is expected in July/August of 2017. This new truck will be a purpose built truck specifically to move the most water on a single axle in the fastest time possible. Training for the accreditation challenge should occur in the last part of 2017.

Giff  
Fire Chief