

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



Union Bay / Fanny Bay Fire Rescue



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Message from the Fire Chief

A Momentous Year.....



I am proud to provide the inaugural edition of the Union Bay/ Fanny Bay Fire Rescue – 2023 Annual Report

This last year has seen some significant changes as Union Bay and Fanny Bay departments were integrated into a consolidated fire service area. This administrative change was initiated in July 2023. The Comox Valley Regional District implemented this initiative given Fire Chief recruitment challenges given the retirement of Chief Mike Smith. The consolidation was further recommended in the Comox Valley Regional District- 2023 Fire Service Review.

The amalgamation in its totality will take time to fully implement however priorities have been set to ensure continuity of emergency services. As with any large organizational change, there are always underlying challenges in developing effective new procedures, paying attention to individual department cultural differences, etc. Nevertheless, within the pursuing 5 months, I have seen so many examples of thoughtful collaboration and professionalism from the entire membership - both Union Bay and Fanny Bay Fire Rescue.

It is my opinion that the act of formally combining the membership has made us stronger -stronger fellowship (33 Members), more access to shared equipment/apparatus and greater diversity in training expertise.

The care and compassion that is shown to others through the work of the volunteer fire department has continued to be the driving goal across both communities and I look forward to building on this initiative.

This report serves to document some of the incredible accomplishments in 2023.

It continues to remain my privilege to serve.

Ian W Ham

Our Values and Our Mission

Union Bay/ Fanny Bay Fire Rescue respectfully acknowledges the land on which it operates is on the unceded traditional territory of the K'ómoks First Nation, the traditional keepers of this land.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The department is committed to providing professional, efficient, and effective services to all residents and visitors of Union Bay and Fanny Bay. Our mission will be accomplished through training, education, and fire prevention. When called upon; we will....

- Provide a rapid and professional response to a emergency
- Attempt to minimize loss of life and property from fire, or disaster
- Show compassion for those involved
- Be committed to protection of the environment

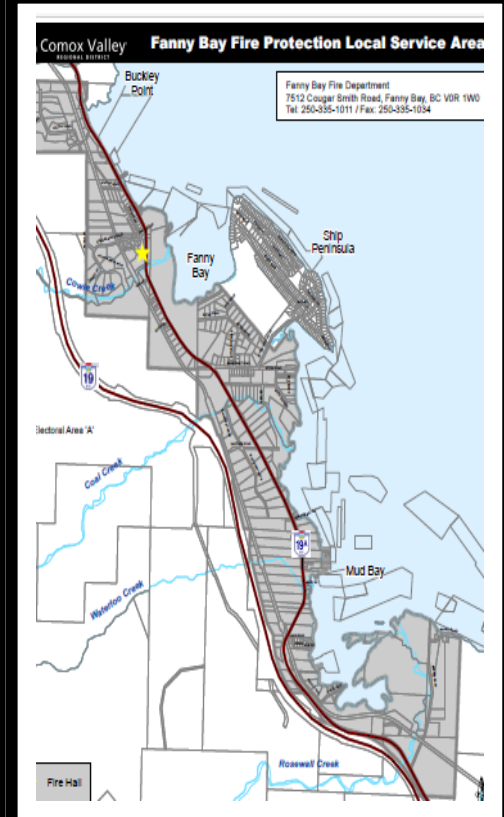
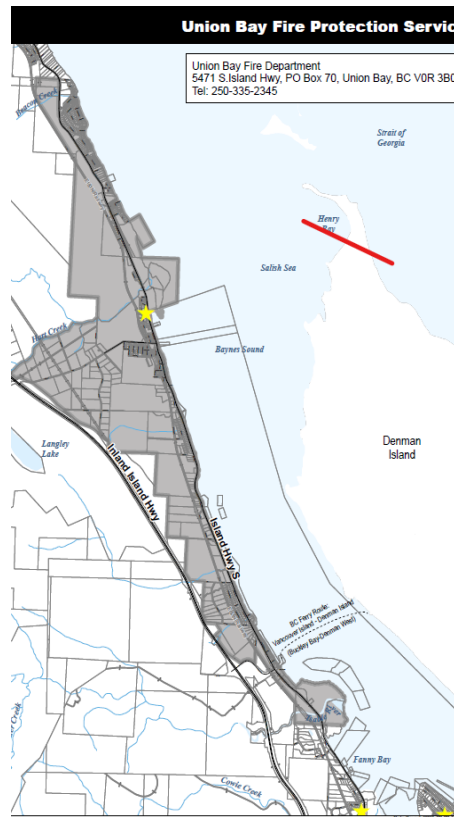
DEPARTMENT LOCATIONS:

*Union Bay Fire Rescue – 5471 Island Highway South, Union Bay

*Fanny Bay Fire Rescue - 7512 Cougar Smith Rd, Fanny Bay

SERVICE AREA:

The following tables frame the boundaries of the Union Bay / Fanny Bay Fire Protection Service areas as outlined in the CVRD Bylaw 658 and 283.



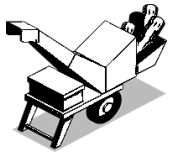
Some of the 2023 Highlights



Responded to 172 emergencies



Performed over 2000 hours of training



Facilitated community curbside yard debris chipper program.



Purchased \$90,000 SCBAs and Wildfire Structural Protection Equipment through the Community Emergency Preparedness Grant and Capital funding



Replaced Engine 24

Who We Are - Staff Organization

Administration

Comox Valley Regional District,
General Manager of Community Services – Doug DeMarzo

Comox Valley Regional District,
Regional Rural Fire Chief – Bruce Green

Union Bay/Fanny Bay Fire Chief – Ian W Ham

UBFR Assistant Chief
Operations –
Sandy Pridmore

UBFR Assistant Chief Training-
D’Arcy Rainey

FBFR Assistant Chief
Operations-
Max Mielke

Volunteer/Paid-On-Call Fire Fighters - Union Bay Fire Rescue

Captain – Martin McRae	Fire Fighter – Paul Hiebert
Captain – Alan Roberts	Fire Fighter – Rob Hollands
Lieutenant – Rikk Buijs	Fire Fighter – Rick Jeffery
Lieutenant – Travis Mephram	Fire Fighter – Robert Jeffery
Lieutenant – Mike Jager	Fire Fighter – James Maxwell
Lieutenant – Jo Tarnowski	Fire Fighter – Cristian Preuss
Fire Fighter- Brayden Cristiano	Fire Fighter – Alexis Royer
Fire Fighter- Cameron Duff	Fire Fighter – Matthew Tirrell
Fire Fighter – Susan Hargreaves	Fire Fighter – Peter Wharram
Fire Fighter – Jim Hargreaves	

Volunteer/Paid-On-Call Fire Fighters- Fanny Bay Fire Rescue

Captain – Ken Morgan	Fire Fighter – Robert Cambell
Captain – Steve Stachan	Fire Fighter – Michael Francetic
Captain – Jon Zand	Fire Fighter – Mark Schiml
Fire Fighter - Marty Adams	Fire Fighter – Mike Smith

Recognizing our Firefighters

Celebrating Award Recipients

Fire Fighter of the Year Award FBFR-

Max Mielke



Celebrating Award Recipients

Rookie of the Year Award UBFR –

Brayden Cristiano



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Rookie of the Year Award FBFR –

Mike Smith



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Fire Fighter of the Year Award UBFR -

Martin McRae



Celebrating Promotions

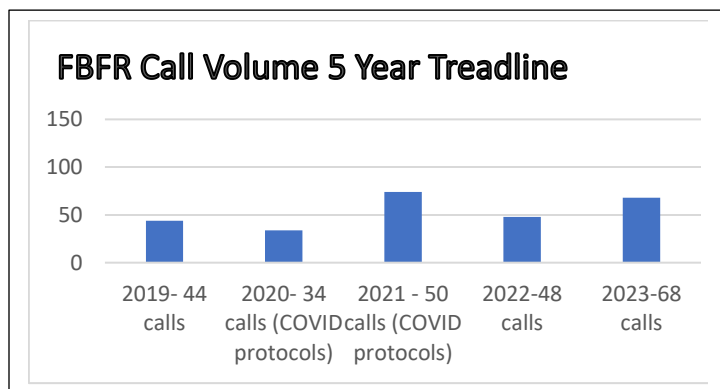
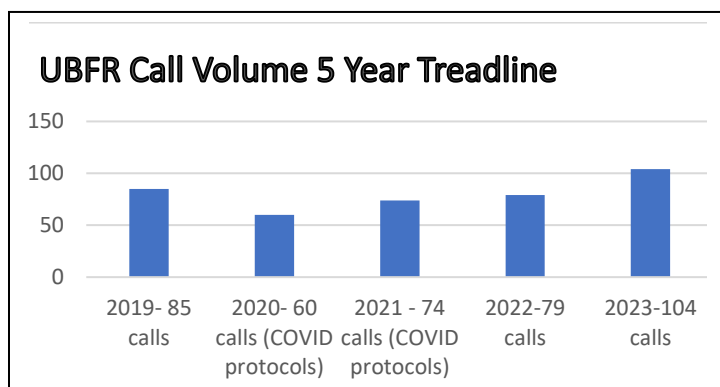
Al Roberts
was promoted
to Captain



Incidents We Responded To

Major Incident Classification- Union Bay Fire Rescue	2023	2022	% Change	Trending
Structure Fire / Fire Related	0	1	-100%	↓
Medical	59	55	7.2%	↑
Motor Vehicle Incident	9	4	80%	↑
Burning Complaint	5	8	-37.5%	↓
Duty Officer/Public Service/Alarms	14	9	55.5%	↑

Major Incident Classification- Fanny Bay Fire Rescue	2023	2022	% Change	Trending
Structure Fire/ Fire Related	2	4	-50%	↓
Medical	33	29	13.8%	↑
Motor Vehicle Incident	6	4	33%	↑
Burning Complaint	2	1	50%	↑
Duty Officer/Public Service/Alarms	8	4	50%	↑



Community Risk Reduction –Engaging with our Communities!

Fire Prevention and life safety is a hallmark for both Fanny Bay and Union Bay Fire Rescue. Promoting understanding and fire safe behaviours are the most effective methods for reducing accidental fires and ultimately reducing human injuries and fatalities.

Fanny Bay Fire Rescue-
Public Education/ Fire Prevention
Articles to Fanny Bay Flyer newsletter
Fire Smart community orientation meeting
Fire Permits
"help desk" support for a wide variety of community fire related inquiries
Yard waste removal via Comox Valley Regional District Chipper Program
Community Events
Wounded Warrior Run Escort
The River Never Sleeps
Celebrate Your Community
Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon
Remembrance Day Ceremony and Luncheon
Fanny Bay Holiday Parade
Meet Your Neighbour Event

Union Bay Fire Rescue -
Public Education/ Fire Prevention
Articles to Down By the Bay newsletter
Royston Elementary School Fire Hall Tour
Fire Permits
New construction plans reviews
Outreach support for fire related inquiries drop in, phone, email or website
Listserv updates via department email subscribers
Yard waste removal via Comox Valley Regional District Chipper Program
Fire safety posts to Website
Fire Prevention Open House event
Community Events
Bay Days Fair
Union Bay Craft Show
Union Bay Fall Supper
Remembrance Day Ceremony and Luncheon
Christmas Truck Tour and Food Drive

Moments from 2023



Fanny Bay/ Union Bay Auto Ex Training 1



Royston Elementary Hall Visit 1



Cook Creek Wildfire Mutual Aid



Bay Days Information Booth 1

