

Cowichan Bay Improvement District

Fire Report

Date: May 14, 2025

To: Cowichan Bay Improvement District Board of Trustees

From: Dean Stennes, Fire Chief

Subject: Cowichan Bay Fire Rescue Monthly Report

Purpose

To provide the Board of Trustees with a summary of the activities for April 2025 by Cowichan Bay Fire Rescue.

Incidents:

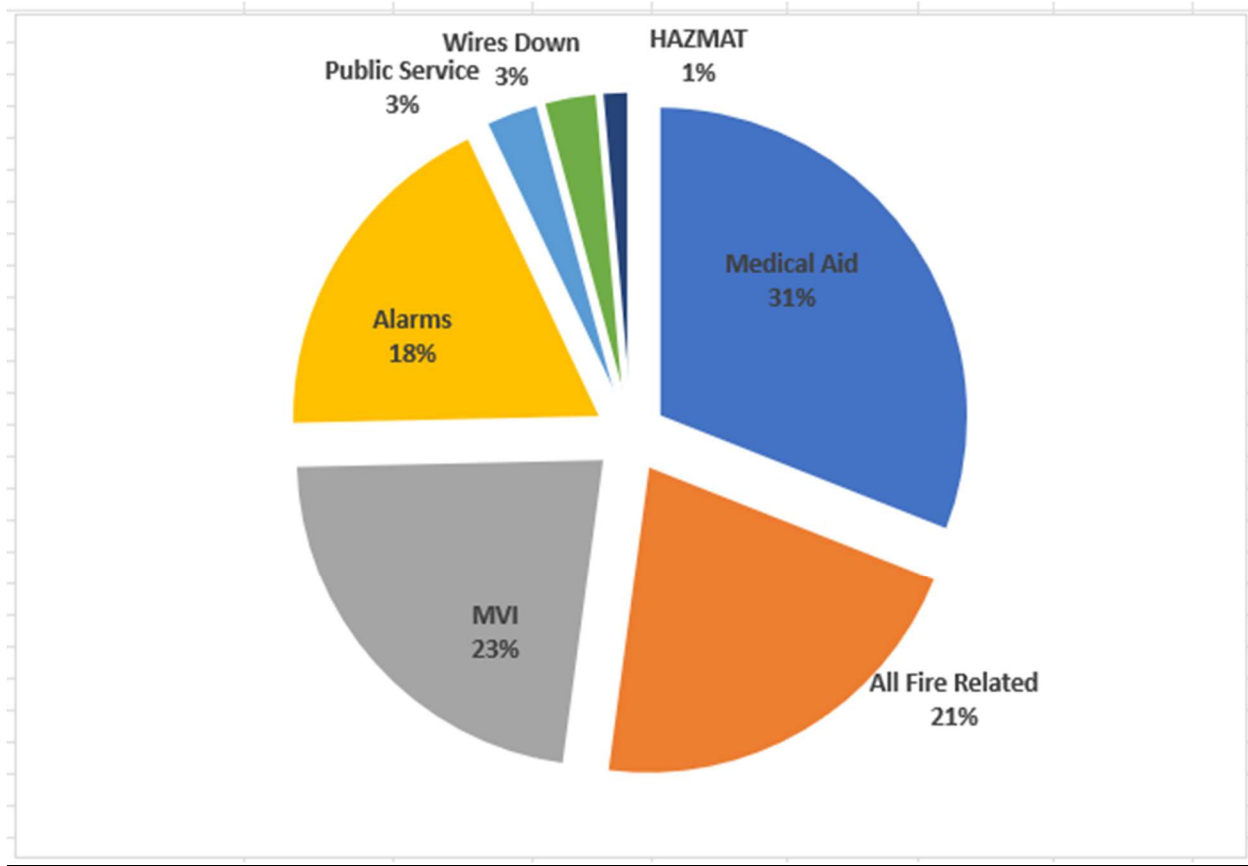
For the month of April Cowichan Bay Fire Rescue attended 18 incidents.

As set out in the Cowichan Bay Improvement District Bylaw 109-22 Fire Department Establishment Bylaw, Cowichan Bay Volunteer Fire Rescue responds to several different types of incidents.

The table below shows a breakdown for type of incidents by month. The totals are at the top of the table. This table also shows the percentage of each type of incident responded to.

Incident Percentage by Type for Current Year

Incident Type	Medical Aid	All Fire Related	MVI	Alarms	Public Service	Wires Down	Hazardous Materials
Total	22	15	16	13	2	2	1
Percentage	31%	21%	23%	18%	3%	3%	1%
January	7	3	3	2	1		
February	7	2	4	3		1	
March	7	3	4	5		1	
April	1	7	5	3	1		1
May							
June							
July							
August							
September							
October							
November							
December							



Membership:

At the end of April membership remained at 32.

Our new Deputy Chief started on April 7th he comes from Ladysmith Fire with 23 years' experience.

The breakdown is as follows:

- 2 Full-time Career Certified members
- 12 Active Paid on Call Certified members
- 18 Active Paid on Call members working towards certification

Training:

Members completed the first 15 with Prepare 4 on April 12th & 13th in Mill Bay. Training continues on a weekly basis with all members. Forcible entry training and a special weekend bootcamp have been arranged for the end of May.

Fire Prevention and Public Education

The department always promotes fire safety. The department has one member that attends meetings with the Cowichan Valley Fire Prevention Association.

Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

Fire Department Administration Activities

The administrative side of the fire department continues to stay busy with the general public coming in with questions regarding fire safety as well as general safety inquiries.

This is the report on the activities of Cowichan Bay Fire Rescue in April, I ask that the board accept this report as presented.

Prepared by: Dean Stennes, Fire Chief