Cowichan Bay Improvement District

Fire Report

Date: **October 21, 2026**

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 September 2026 by Cowichan Bay Fire Rescue.

Incidents:

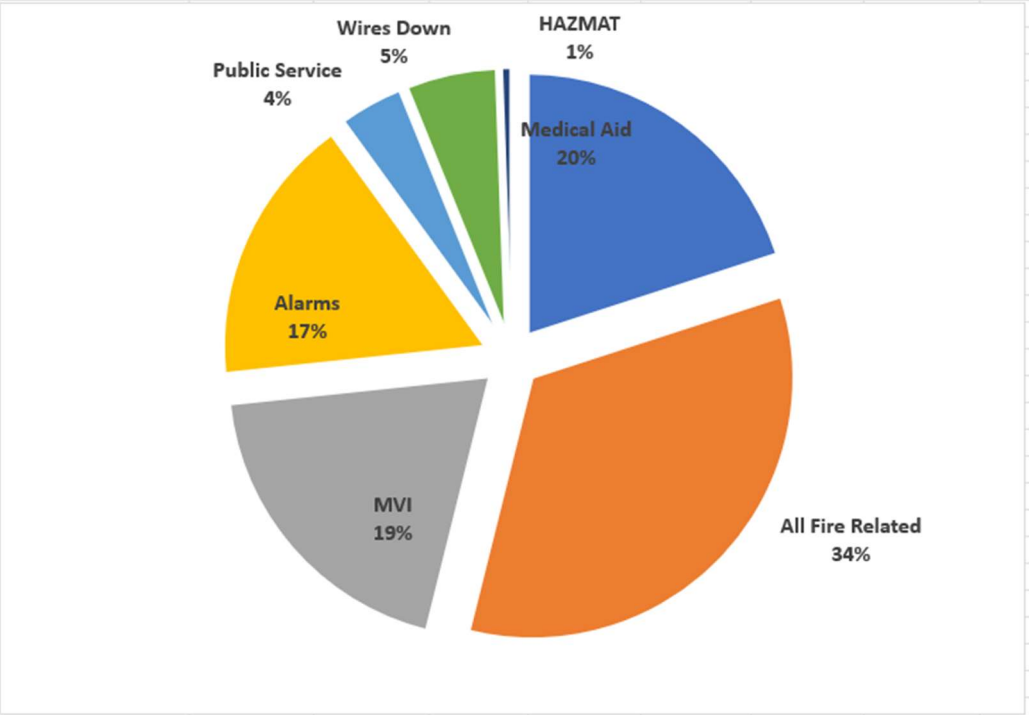
For the month of September Cowichan Bay Fire Rescue attended 28 incidents. This included one structure fire and rubbish fire that Mill Bay assisted us with. Tender 42 returned after 33 days of deployment.

As set out in the Cowichan Bay Improvement District Bylaw 109-22 Fire Department Establishment Bylaw, Cowichan Bay 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 Type	Medical Aid	All Fire Related	MVI	Alarms	Public Service	Wires Down	Hazardous Materials
Total	36	61	35	30	7	10	1
Percentage	20%	34%	19%	17%	4%	6%	1%
January	7	7	5	3		1	
February	3	3	5	4		1	
March	2	6	4	1	2	3	
April	7	5	1	1		1	
May	4	7	3	4	1	1	
June		3	5	2		2	
July	4	12	3	3	3		
August	6	8	5	1	1	1	1
September	3	10	4	11			
October							
November							
December							

Incident Percentage by Type for Current Year



Membership:

At the end of September membership was 33.

The breakdown is as follows:
2 Full-time Career Certified members
17 Active Paid on Call Certified members
9 Active Paid on Call members working towards certification
5 Recruits

Training:

Training continues on a weekly basis for all members, ensuring operational readiness and ongoing skills development. In addition to regular Monday evening training sessions, supplementary training is conducted during duty weekends, providing members with additional opportunities to enhance their knowledge and practical skills.

Duty crews continue to benefit from smaller, focused weekend training sessions organized by their officers. These sessions have been well received by members and allow for targeted skill development, practical exercises, and mentorship opportunities in a more personalized learning environment.

The Fire Chief attended the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs (CAFC) Annual Conference and Education Symposium in Vancouver, participating in professional development sessions, networking opportunities, and discussions on current and emerging issues affecting the Canadian fire service.

Fire Prevention and Public Education

The Department continues to actively promote fire and life safety throughout the community. One member regularly attends meetings with the Cowichan Valley Fire Prevention Association, helping maintain strong regional partnerships and consistent prevention messaging. 5 members attended the 3rd annual North Cowichan/Duncan RCMP community safety expo helping with the fire safety house, engaging with young children and helping them learn important fire and life-safety skills.

Health and Safety

Nothing to report.

Fire Department Administration Activities

The administrative side of the Fire Department continues to remain busy, with members of the public regularly attending the fire hall seeking information on fire safety, emergency preparedness, and general safety-related inquiries. Staff continue to provide guidance, support, and education to residents, contributing to the overall safety and resilience of our community.

This concludes the report on the activities of Cowichan Bay Fire Rescue for the month of September. I respectfully request that the Board accept this report as presented.

Prepared by: Dean Stennes, Fire Chief