

PIVFD Trustees Report – November 23, 2021

- The annual PIVFD Pancake Breakfast, scheduled for Sunday Sept. 5th, was cancelled due to Covid.
- The PIVFD have been busy over the last few months completing their competency training requirements as set out in the BC Fire Service Minimum Training Standards "Playbook". The Playbook sets out a competency-based ladder that provides a minimum level of training and operational requirements that must be met by each fire department in BC.
 - September started with **Safety and Communications** followed by **Electrical Safety** in October. Electrical Safety is probably one of the most important modules for Piers Island as electrical failures and damages to overhead electrical distribution lines are the most common event we have every winter. Barry Tate, who has a lifetime of experience dealing with all matters electrical, provided the PIVFD with answers to questions related to Electrical Safety.
 - During November the PIVFD is focusing on **Fire Behaviour / Fire Dynamics**, which focuses on how to "read" the fire and understand how fires develop, grow and spread.
- In September, the PIVFD took full advantage of the Junk Run and cleared out old equipment, turnout gear, paint cans etc. from the main Fire Hall. The hose above the reservoirs has been removed and stored in the old fire hall.
- In November, Shoreline Medical had their 2nd flu clinic on Piers Island. Dr. Michal Pawlik, his wife Ming and the PIVFD First Responder crew provided vaccinations for 65 islanders.
- On Halloween evening, the PIVFD held their practice at the burn pile where fire gel retardant was used for training purposes and to control the fire.
 - Scotty Plastics donated a replacement nozzle and eductor (pump) to be used with the 20 cases of fire gel that was also a donation, from the Saanich Fire Department.
- FireSmart Weekend was November 13th & 14th. The PIVFD assisted Islanders in getting their yards ready for winter by providing chipping and / or tractor hauling material to the burn pile.
- Mid November was a busy week for the PIVFD with over 10 island homes dealing with flooding and weather-related issues plus 3 medial callouts.
- From November 1st to March 31, a permit is required from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure for all vehicles or equipment, exceeding 5,000 kg. G.V.W. that operate on the Piers Island road. With all of the rain we've received recently, we ask that everyone take extra care when driving any vehicle on our road and to avoid creating additional damage.
- November is CO Awareness month in BC. PIVFD members will be going door to door to drop off literature and to discuss ways for you to keep yourself, your families and your pets safe. A limited supply of carbon monoxide detectors are available at an attractive price.
- Special thanks to Sidney Tire, for the excellent service provided during the replacement of the new tires for our tractor.