



Besides the volunteer firefighters and emergency medical responders, there are many other residents trained to help out under certain emergency circumstances.

There are four teams of these volunteers who work cooperatively to provide assistance in times of disaster or larger scale emergencies. They include:

- an Emergency Support (Social) Services (ESS) team operating out of the Recreation Centre
- an Emergency Operations Centre team to coordinate relief efforts
- a Communications Team, and
- neighbourhood telephone trees to inform residents of events.

The types of incidents in which Saturna volunteers will be called upon to assist include wildfires, earthquakes, propane or oil spills and severe winter storms with extended power outages and/or blocked roads. The incident may require the supply of food or shelter (ESS) or it may require the assistance of administrative support (EOC). For more information...

<https://saturnafirerescue.ca/emergency-program/>



Emergency Services Building 1 (ESB#1)
102 Harris Road (across from the store)

The Saturna Island Fire Protection Society (SIFPS) manages and oversees how property taxes, collected locally on Saturna, are used for training medical first responders and firefighters; the purchase and maintenance of emergency equipment; and the operation and maintenance of the Emergency Services Buildings.

Society documents, including financial reports, can be found on the website at saturnafirerescue.ca



Emergency Services Building 2 (ESB#2)
646 Tumbo Channel Road (East Point)



**WHAT YOU NEED TO
KNOW ABOUT
EMERGENCY
SERVICES
ON SATURNA**





Saturna Island Volunteer Fire Department

Saturna's firefighters are trained, dedicated volunteers. They are your neighbours. Funded by local property taxes, the VFD responds to emergency incidents (fires, downed hydro wires, rope rescue) in the Fire Protection District. The focus of our efforts is to deliver appropriate interventions and community education to preserve life, property and our community.

For information on the VFD, fire ratings and burn permits, check the website: <https://saturnafirerescue.ca/fire-department/>



As a new Saturna resident

- ✓ Make sure we can find you in an emergency! A highly reflective house number sign, located in a very visible location is essential.*
- ✓ If you are able to volunteer as a firefighter, medical responder or as a director of the SIFPS Board, please check the web site at <https://saturnafirerescue.ca/> and email us at info@sifps.ca.
- ✓ Have a say in the operation of emergency services on the island. Become a member of SIFPS. It's free. An application form is on the website saturnafirerescue.ca.

For fire or medical emergencies, CALL 911

*** IN ORDER TO SERVE YOU, WE MUST BE ABLE TO SEE YOU!**

4 x 10 inch reflective signs can be purchased at **Speedpro Signs** in Sidney. P: 250-655-1615.



Saturna Island Rescue (SIR)

For more than 30 years, our Island has depended upon a small group of well trained volunteers to provide 24-hour emergency medical response. Unlike other Gulf Islands, Saturna cannot support a provincially funded BC Ambulance station. But SIR will respond. If required, patients will be transferred by either ambulance water taxi, air ambulance (helicopter) or ferry to the nearest medical facility. SIR is funded by local property taxes, a small grant from Island Health and donations.

SIR volunteers are dispatched by BC Emergency Health Services via the **911** system.

For information: <https://saturnafirerescue.ca/sir-ambulance/>

