



PORT MOODY FIRE RESCUE

# 2022 Community Report



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## MESSAGE FROM MAYOR MEGHAN LAHTI



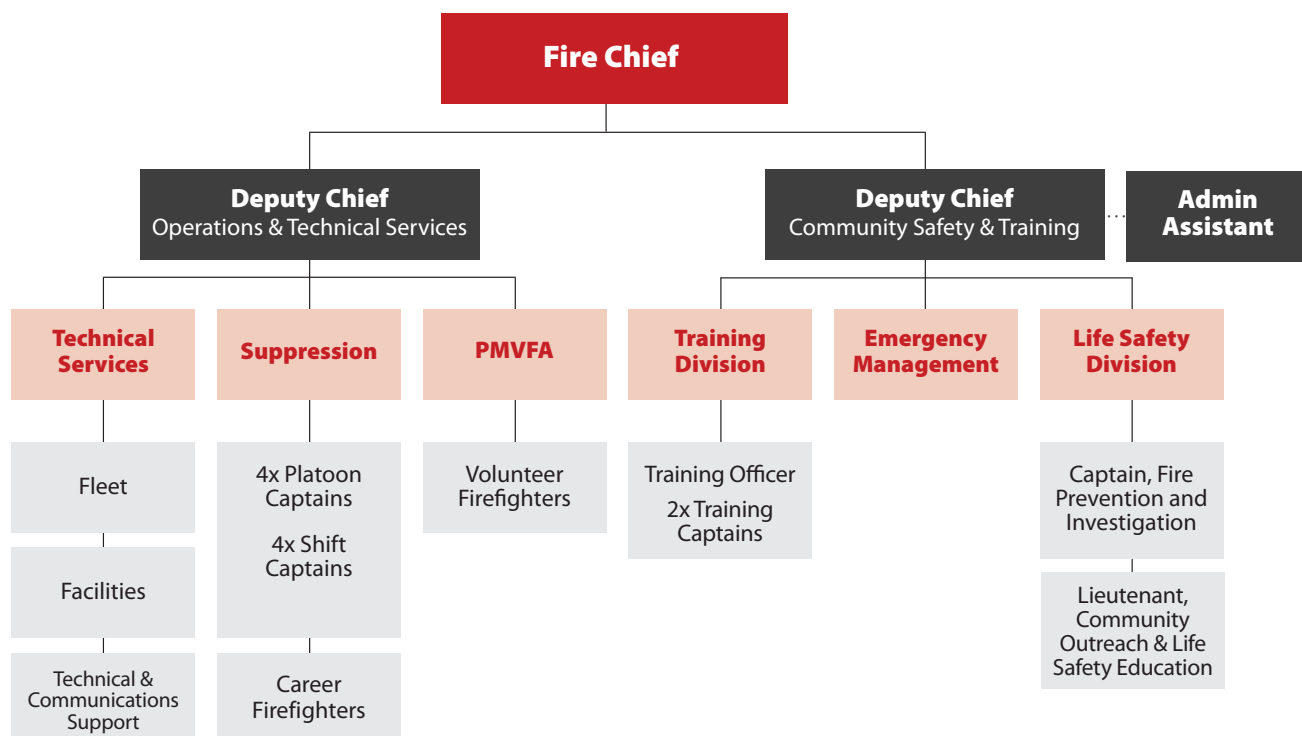
The safety of our residents and visitors is our top priority, and on behalf of Council and the community I would like to acknowledge the significant contributions made by Port Moody Fire Rescue (PMFR) in 2022. It was another challenging year, with the community still feeling the effects of the global COVID-19 pandemic as well as a drought in the fall months. Throughout, PMFR's highly-skilled staff provided a wide variety of critically important services, including fire suppression, fire prevention outreach, emergency medical responder calls, disaster response planning, and emergency management.

In 2022, the department responded to a record number of emergencies in Port Moody, providing a valuable service and giving the community confidence that professional and compassionate fire rescue personnel are ready to help when needed. Staff also hosted 115 community outreach sessions, educating children and adults on fire safety and prevention, emergency preparedness, and FireSmart measures to protect homes and neighbourhoods during wildfire season.

Each year I am impressed by the work done by the Port Moody Firefighters' Charitable Society. Through their off duty charitable work, our firefighters continue to support local agencies, non-profits, and Port Moody residents in any way they can. In 2022, they donated 2,250 hours of service – their commitment to the community is unwavering.

I encourage you to read through the 2022 Community Report to learn more about the important services provided by Port Moody Fire Rescue. I hope you'll share my pride in their dedication to training, service excellence, and giving back to the community.

## DEPARTMENT STRUCTURE



## MESSAGE FROM FIRE CHIEF DARCEY O'RIORDAN



I am pleased to present the Port Moody Fire Rescue Community Report for 2022. Port Moody Fire has been proudly serving our community since 1913. Through effective and timely emergency response, fire prevention initiatives, progressive training and public education practices, Port Moody aspires to be one of the safest communities in Canada.

During 2022, Port Moody Fire Rescue remained resilient working through the changing stages of the COVID-19 global pandemic. This year, our incident volume increased by 20 per cent to 1,580 emergency incident responses, our busiest year in history.

To start the year, crews completed fireground operations training in local acquired structures slated for demolition. Specialized industry partnership training prepared our crews for tower crane rescues, as well as complex industrial incidents and electrical emergencies.

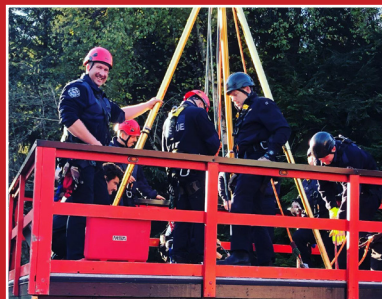
PMFR provided structure and oversight for our City's Emergency Operations Centre (EOC), which was activated with two emergency exercises in 2022, facilitating EOC skill development for staff from all City departments.

Once again, the Port Moody Firefighters Charitable Society hosted several charitable events, raising over \$100,000 in support of local organizations. In the summer they engaged the community with the 45th annual pancake breakfast, and a cycling ride to Harrison Hot Springs in support of the Canucks Autism Network. Fall highlights included the Dave Shefley Charitable golf tournament, a boot drive in support of Muscular Dystrophy Canada, and a Christmas toy drive.

Port Moody Fire Rescue prides itself on its dedication to community and serving Port Moody with trust, integrity, service, and teamwork. In 2023 and beyond, we will continue to support Port Moody with first-class emergency response and community service.

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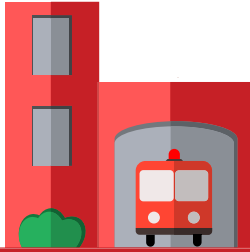
**MISSION STATEMENT:** Port Moody Fire Rescue is dedicated to minimizing injury, property loss, and environmental damage in our community in the event of fire, disaster, or other life-threatening incident. Through effective and timely response, prevention initiatives, progressive practices, education, and training, Port Moody aspires to be one of the safest communities in Canada.





## PORT MOODY FIRE RESCUE

# 2022 BY THE NUMBERS



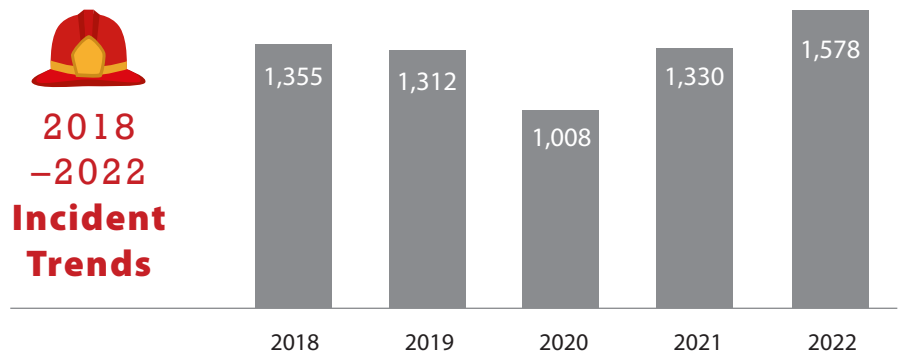
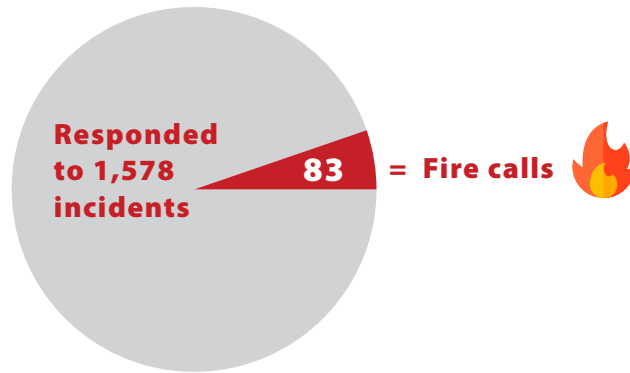
**2 Staffed Firehalls**

**45 career staff**  
**20 volunteers**  
**3 chief officers**  
**1 admin assistant**  
**- provide -**

**24/7/365**

**emergency services to residents and visitors**

## 2022 Number of Incident Responses



**5pm**

is the most common time to get a call



**Thursday**

is the most common day of the week to get a call



**December**

is the month with the most calls



  
**2,250**  
hours of  
charity work

  
**\$105,000**  
raised  
in total

The PMFF's Charitable Society continuously gives back to the community through a number of events. They support the Eagle Ridge Hospital Foundation, Crossroads Hospice, the BC Professional Firefighters' Burn Fund, Muscular Dystrophy, the Cancer Drivers network, and the Tri-City Soroptomists.



**1,035**  
number of regular fire  
inspections conducted



**32**  
number of critical lifesaving  
medical interventions

## Budget Bites

- In 2022, Port Moody Fire Rescue had an operating budget of **\$9,645,737**
- **20%** of property taxes that go towards funding city services are used to fund Fire Rescue.
- An average household paid **\$524** towards the department in 2022.

OTHER CITY SERVICES  
**80%**

PMFR  
**20%**



Staff conducted 115 public education events, including Inlet Fire Hall visits, educational events and school tours.



# WHAT WE DO



## OPERATIONS DIVISION

The Operations Division is responsible for fire suppression services, emergency medical responder services, life-safety/rescue response services, and specialized rescue services. Operations also assists in the delivery of community safety initiatives including premise inspections and public education programming. This Division also oversees the management of the Port Moody Fire Rescue apparatus fleet and Department facilities.



## TRAINING DIVISION

The Training Division is responsible for the planning, development, delivery, and evaluation of all training of Department staff. Industry best practices, regulatory requirements, and operational needs all drive the scope of the training programs. In 2022, the PMFR Training Division facilitated the delivery of 5,944 hours of training.



## COMMUNITY SAFETY DIVISION

The Community Safety Division is responsible for all fire prevention services, life-safety educational programming, and community outreach initiatives. Members of this Division support Operations by providing fire investigative services. Fire prevention services include regular fire safety inspections, problem premise inspections, institutional inspections, fire and building code interpretation and enforcement, and liaising with the City's Building and Bylaw divisions on new construction code compliance.



## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Community Safety Division is responsible for emergency management and disaster response planning. The Division's scope includes planning for, and managing, a major emergency response, managing the City's Emergency Operations Centre, managing a complete post-disaster recovery, training staff and community volunteers, and providing emergency planning information to the public.



## PORT MOODY VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S ASSOCIATION

The Port Moody Volunteer Firefighter's Association is composed of 20 community-oriented individuals who supplement career staff at major incidents, and are heavily involved in community events. They meet for weekly training, are led by an executive, and fall under the stewardship of the Operations Division of PMFR.

# WHAT THE COMMUNITY CAN DO



## To prepare your household for an emergency:

- Make an emergency phone list with at least one out-of-area contact.
- Pick a meeting spot if you're separated from family members.
- Know where your electrical panel, water and gas valves are located, and learn how to turn them off.
- Store enough emergency water for your family. You will need at least four litres (one gallon) of water per person, per day.
- Store enough emergency food for three days to one week.
- Visit [getprepared.gc.ca](https://getprepared.gc.ca) for more preparedness tips.



## To secure your space in the event of an earthquake:

- Secure tall, free-standing furniture, such as bookcases, china cabinets, and shelving units to wall studs using "L" brackets, corner brackets, or anodized aluminum moulding.
- Move all framed pictures and mirrors away from beds, couches, and chairs.
- To prevent cabinet doors from flying open, secure them with either a push latch or a pull latch.
- Appliances such as refrigerators, freezers, washers, and dryers can move significantly during an earthquake. Use strong strapping and ratchets or other connectors to secure them.
- Search for "Prepared BC" at [gov.bc.ca](https://gov.bc.ca) for more tips.



## To stay fire safe at home:

- Always make sure your BBQ lid is open before lighting it.
- Change the batteries in your smoke detector when you set clocks for Daylight Savings.
- Make sure your hydrants are clear of debris or snow. Hidden hydrants can cost first responders valuable time in an emergency.
- Keep your doors closed when sleeping.
- Visit [firepreventionweek.org](https://firepreventionweek.org) for more safety tips.



## To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning:

- Have fuel-burning appliances (e.g. furnaces, hot water heaters, fireplaces) in your home inspected annually.
- Install carbon monoxide alarms adjacent to each sleeping area and on every storey of your home, according to manufacturer's instructions, if you have at least one fuel-burning appliance, a fireplace, or an attached garage.
- Visit [technicalafetybc.ca/carbon-monoxide](https://technicalafetybc.ca/carbon-monoxide) for more.



### **Inlet Centre Fire Hall**

150 Newport Drive  
Port Moody, BC V3H 5C3

### **Glenayre Fire Hall**

955 Glenayre Drive  
Port Moody, BC V3H 1J5



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PMFR holds a mock motor vehicle incident at Heritage Woods School, working with the British Columbia Ambulance Service and Port Moody Police Department.