



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

May 30, 2023

Mission

Save Lives, Protect Property, Safeguard the Environment, and Take Care of People

Vision

We will be a proactive regional emergency services leader by partnering to provide safe communities for people to live, work and explore.

Guiding Values

Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Teamwork, Service

Memorial Day, May 29, 2023

Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue honors those who gave their lives while protecting the lives of others throughout the world.

OPERATIONS

Congratulations to B.C. Brian Hyatt

Wednesday, May 31, 9:00 a.m. at Station 71, SRFR will honor the retirement of B.C. Brian Hyatt with a Flag Ceremony. We thank Chief Hyatt for his 32 years of dedicated service and leadership.

Significant Alarms

Train vs. Pedestrian

On May 6, M31 responded mutual aid with Sky Valley Fire for a report of a train versus pedestrian accident. M31 arrived, provided patient care, and requested additional resources. Paramedic Dave Hanson responded from his home, off duty, to assist with patient care. M31 applied two tourniquets, established an IV, intubated and packaged the patient for transport to Harborview Medical Center.

Machinery Extrication

On May 14, M33 was dispatched to a report of an employee with his hand stuck inside a dust hopper. TR31, L71 and B71 joined the response. M33 arrived and found an adult male with his hand stuck in a dust collection hopper. The crews were able to remove the gear housing of the involved piece of machinery. After releasing the chain drive, the gears moved apart, and the victim was able to move his hand. The patient was transported to Harborview Medical Center by M33.



Water Rescue

On May 15th, SRFR crews from the East Battalion (Monroe) responded to a water rescue call on the Skykomish River. Crews used BT31 to locate two adult victims, trapped on an island to the east of Monroe. Crews were able to safely and quickly access the victims and transport them to safety.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

Water Rescue Academy May 8-11

SRFR hosted our 5th Annual 40-hour Water Rescue Academy. Members from the SRFR Water Rescue Team instructed the academy. Students included personnel from Marysville, SCFD #4 and SRFR. Students were trained in the practice of surface and swift water rescue operations. Despite the warm weather, students still had to contend with cold water temperatures. This is a good reminder regarding how cold the area rivers and lakes are in the spring. The training occurred on Lake Stevens and the North Fork of the Skykomish River.

Water Rescue Drill

On May 16, SRFR members participated in a joint training exercise with the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, Lake Stevens Police, SCFD #22, SCFD #4, Marysville FD, Everett FD, Tulalip Police and Sky Valley Fire. The drill was a simulated water rescue scenario involving multiple patients. A significant goal of the drill was to support the coordination of operations between all responding agencies. SRFR's participation included a Battalion Chief, BT82 and multiple rescue swimmers. Great job by everyone involved!

PLANNING

Community Relations

Public Education

The first week of May, PIEO Mongillo, PIEO King, DC McConnell, and E73 taught 5 Kindergarten classes (125 students) at Kokanee Elementary. Students learned about Tools vs. Toys, smoke alarms, firefighter turnout gear, and fire engines.

PIEO King has 12 more 2nd grade visits scheduled for the coming weeks at Ruby Bridges Elementary, Cedarwood Elementary, and Forest View Elementary.

So far this school year, we have visited over 450 Kinder/first graders and over 1300 second graders!

On May 25th, the PIEOs will present Fire Safety at Monroe Head Start. Materials will be available in English and Spanish, and an interpreter will be there to translate the important safety messaging.



The PIEOs set up a booth at the Kaci Edelbrock Run/Battle of the Badges and delivered messaging about pedestrian and bike safety.

School Visits:

- Kindergarten: 14 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 1st Grade: 4 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 2nd Grade: 52 Classes School Year-to-Date
- Middle/High School: 26 Classes School Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 7

Community Events:

- May 20th Flags for Our Fallen Run
- June 10th Life Jacket Giveaway at Lundeen Park
- June 15th Stevens Creek Elementary Field Day
- June 25th Lake Stevens Health & Wellness Festival at North Cove Park
- July 11th & 14th Water Safety Camps at Lake Tye
- July 17th Water Safety Camp at Lundeen Park

Public Information

Social Media Snapshot: April 20 – May 16

- 88 Posts
- 67 New Followers/Accounts
- 209,334 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

External Media:

- 5/9/23 KIRO Firefighters respond to fire at Monroe grocery store
<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/firefighters-respond-fire-monroe-grocery-store/UTUZYE6DSVDEZLUVHKBCCH6KJ4/?outputType=amp>
- 5/16/23 KIRO Joint Water Rescue
 - Full story 15 min in. <https://www.kiro7.com/news/past-newscast/may-16-2023-kiro-7-news-5-pm/d5549338-cdb2-4e8b-a4b2-30320e1d2722/>
 - Web copy and VOSOT <https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/training-alongside-water-rescue-crews-lake-stevens/WS7ZROKUSNAJPOPKNISRWNYQ/>
- 5/16/23 Fox13 Rescue crews in Snohomish County participate in water rescue training. <https://www.fox13seattle.com/news/rescue-crews-in-snohomish-county-participate-in-water-rescue-training>
- 5/16/23 KOMO Water rescue training. No web copy. VOSOT made air.

Internal Media:

- Water Safety Camp Registration Open (Video)



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- Spring Newsletter
- Job Postings (Multiple)
- Tiller Truck Training/Drifting
- Admin Professionals Day
- Stickney and Perron Honor Guard Clinic
- Duck Rescue / North Battalion
- Aging in Place Promo
- Wildland Urban Interface Brush Truck Training
- Battle of the Badges Promo & Event
- SRFR Crews in the Classroom / West Battalion
- International Firefighters Day Video
- North Battalion Wildland Training
- Kraken in SRFR
- Monroe Heater Fire
- Joint Water Rescue Training Promo & Event
- "It may be hot out...but the water is not"
- Community Cooling Stations
- Blind Firefighter Escape Training
- Class 23-01 Graduation

LOGISTICS

National Fire Station Design Conference

Staff attended the National Fire Station design conference during the week of May 23 through 25, in St. Louis Missouri. The conference was very informative and addressed all facets of fire station design including contemporary design, energy efficient construction, and safety.

ADMINISTRATION

Washington Fire Chief's Association Conference

Staff attended the annual Washington Fire Chief's Association Conference in Wenatchee during the week of May 22 through 25. Topics included a focus on leadership and accountability.

Congratulations to D.C. McConnell! At the conference, D.C. McConnell was elected to the Washington Fire Chief's Board of Directors position five. D.C. McConnell will represent the counties of Snohomish, Island, Skagit, Whatcom, and San Juan.

With appreciation,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief