



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

July 27, 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

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

Water Rescue

On July 6, East Battalion units responded mutual aid with Granite Falls Fire Dist. 17 to assist a young victim stuck in the middle of the Pilchuck River. The victim was located below the fish ladder in Granite Falls and couldn't get to shore. B81, E82, E83, and M81 responded to assist. B81 established command and a SRFR Swift Water Technician entered the river with assistance and safely assisted the victim to shore. Fire districts 19, 21, and 22 also assisted with this rescue.

Motor Vehicle Collision

On July 12, SRFR units from the West Battalion responded to a report of a Motor Vehicle Collision with a 4-year-old ejected from the vehicle. Crews arrived to find a two-vehicle Motor Vehicle Collision with a Snohomish County Sheriff's Deputy on the scene, holding a 4-year-old that had been ejected. M72 rapidly transported the ejected patient to Harborview. The other responding crews evaluated the remaining occupants of the vehicles and reported no injuries. Great job by all crews in rapidly evaluating and transporting the 4-year-old patient.

Wildland Deployment

SRFR deployed a Strike Team Leader (Lieutenant Jeff Dickinson) and BR33 (Clay Mattern, Johnson Brooks, and Carter Welch) on the Newell Road Fire near Bickleton, WA. The Newell Road fire has grown to 56,000 acres as of July 25th and is currently 0% contained. The fire started around 3:30 pm on 7/21/2023 and has grown rapidly due to high heat, low humidity, and high winds. The SRFR crews will be assigned to the night shift.

<https://komonews.com/news/wildfire/washington-wildfire-newell-road-fire-evacuations-klickitat-county-bickleton-cleveland-williams-natural-gas-pipeline-roosevelt-landfill-emergency-shelter-location-roads-closed-red-flag-warning-dry-weather-emergency-management>



Emergency Medical Services

Chaplains

We welcomed our newest member Pat Lessard to our Chaplains' lunch this week. It's great to see a new face in the group! Our experienced Chaplains shared their wisdom with him and we look forward to seeing him in the field post-training and official onboarding.

New Paramedic

Alexander Wolfe started his probationary period at Station 33. Welcome Paramedic Wolfe!

Paramedic Training

Oleg Mikhaylov started his Anatomy & Physiology class at Harborview. His housing has been secured and EMS will collaborate with Logistics to get him the necessary supplies he will need.

Training & Safety

Snohomish County Fire Training Academy

Lieutenant Bobby Lowe has been reassigned as SRFR's representative at the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy. His first day in the new position is July 17. He is expected to remain in this position until the end of 2024. Congratulations to Lieutenant Lowe!

Welcome New Recruits!

On July 17, SRFR welcomed 13 recruits to our family. The recruits will be assigned to the Training Division until the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy starts in September. This group of recruits will complete the SCFTA in December, then they will receive training to become EMTs through Everett Community College before being assigned to their respective shifts.

PLANNING

Community Relations

On June 20th, PIEO King finished this year's school visits with Forest View Elementary's three 2nd-grade classes (75 students). Students learned about calling 911, escape planning, and sheltering in place.

This school year, we visited over 450 Kinder/1st graders, 650 High Schoolers, and over 1600 2nd graders!

On June 25th, PIEO King, Program Specialist Larson, and E81 attended the Health & Wellness Festival at North Cove Park in Lake Stevens. Residents who stopped by our booth learned about our fire district and water safety.

In preparation for the 4th of July and Summer Safety Risks, PIEO Mongillo and PIEO King worked with the county on joint messaging campaigns.



On July 11, 14, and 17, the PIEOs hosted three Water Safety Camps with the help of members from the Water Rescue Team and other SRFR volunteers. 55 campers learned about paddling safety, situational awareness, life jackets, and shore hazards. The camps were a huge success, and parents expressed their gratitude that our fire district provides a service like this.

2022-2023 Total School Year Visits

- Kinder: 14 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 1st Grade: 4 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 2nd Grade: 64 Classes School Year-to-Date
- Middle/High School: 26 Classes School Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 10

Upcoming Community Events

- July 29th Aquafest
- August 1st National Night Out
- October 14th Open House

Public Information

Social Media Snapshot: June 13 – July 20

- 82 Posts
- 262 New Followers/Accounts
- 425,245 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

External Media:

- 7/3 KIRO 7 "How local agencies plan to get out critical information in the face of new limits on Twitter"
 - <https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/how-local-agencies-plan-get-out-critical-information-despite-new-twitter-update/OCDLXFURHNCNTLVM4V3BKXYOKE/>
- 7/4 KING 5 " Busy July 4 for fire departments across western Washington."
 - <https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/fourth-of-july-fire-responses-western-washington/281-5f596a26-76ee-4ec8-897d-23b487187c60>
- 6/14 KIRO 7 "Snohomish County water safety camps teach kids life-saving skills."
 - <https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/snohomish-county-water-safety-camps-teach-kids-life-saving-skills/EYC2TKCU35HPVC7OUJGUB4FV2Q/>
- Battalion Chief Evan Adolf and PIEO Peter Mongillo did multiple on-camera interviews regarding fireworks, fire, and social media. The content was not published online.



Internal Media

- Boy Scout Flagpole Line Replaced
- Gas Tank Theft
- 4th of July Message Campaign
- 83rd Ave Lake Stevens House Fire
- Guptill Retirement
- Car into Lake Stevens Drainage Canal
- 33rd Pl NE, Lake Stevens Brush Fire
- 4th of July Fires
- Oakes Retirement
- 169th St SE Road Closed
- Granite Falls Swift Water Rescue
- Lake Stevens Motorcycle Crash
- Spam Alert
- Job Postings
- Newsletter
- Monroe Brush Fire
- City of Monroe Joint Messaging About Brush Fires
- Water Safety Camp Highlights

ADMINISTRATION

Snohomish County Fire Chiefs Improvement Study

The Snohomish County Fire Chief's Association has commissioned BERK Consulting to help the Association develop options for possible improvements to the Training Consortium and Snohomish County EMS. BERK has been interviewing leadership in the County's fire/EMS agencies to assess potential opportunities and improvements. A final report is expected this fall.

Risk Assessment with the City of Monroe

On July 25, leadership from the City of Monroe and SRFR toured the area behind Walmart and the Galaxy theater and performed a risk assessment of possible fire danger.

Snohomish Fire District 4

On July 25, leadership from District 4 and SRFR put the finishing touches on an Interlocal Agreement (ILA) to share the RLB Training Center in Snohomish. The ILA is slated to go into effect on January 1, 2024. Leadership continued to discuss other potential partnerships.

Take care and stay safe,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief