



Thursday, February 22, 2024

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 February 7th, SRFR responded to a Water Rescue call on Tester Road. It was reported as a vehicle upside down in the water. Crews arrived and found one vehicle, in a swamp and teetering on its side. Crews found one patient in the vehicle. B31 requested two additional rescue swimmers to be added to the response, and BT31 was enroute. The crews lowered the car onto its roof and extricated the patient through a side window. Crews performed extensive patient care, but the patient was eventually pronounced dead. The scene was turned over to SCSO and the Medical Examiner.

Emergency Medical Services

Paramedic School Testing

Congratulations to both Mason Timm and Costas Zweekhorst for successfully passing the paramedic school test! We look forward to sending these strong members to paramedic school.

Airway Reviews

The first CODE-STAT airway review was performed this past week. This is a huge step forward in improving patient care. SRFR's airway review sheets are now the standard for Snohomish County EMS. Paramedic Matthew Ball and Paramedic Eric Jones were instrumental in accomplishing this goal. Thank you to everyone involved!

EMT School

Twelve recruits completed our first EMT Class through Everett Community College. A special thanks and kudos to Battalion Chief Perry Putnam for all his hard work putting this together and ensuring our members received a top-tier education. Thank you!



Training & Safety

Elevator Training

SRFR hosted an Elevator Training Class with the company Dragon Rescue Management. They taught one day in the classroom and then the second day involved training in different types of elevators in the area. Thanks to the Everett Fire Department, we were able to train in a new style of elevator in their area. The class consisted of 15 of our members and 3 from outside agencies.

BC Boot Camp

Members from the Battalion Chief group and on the B.C. promotional list went to a great weeklong class in Pensacola, Florida called BC Boot Camp. The class focused on leadership and management strategies for Battalion Chiefs. Members who attended the class were: B. Gardner, M. Eagle, J. Shevlin, C. Stablein, R. Lowe, J. Hammeren, J. Beckham, and J. Basta.

Block Training at Pine Avenue

Thank you to all who have participated in Block Training in Snohomish at the Pine Avenue property. Snohomish Fire District 4 has given us and South County Fire a great opportunity to train in a real-world environment. Look on the calendar for more training at this property in the future.

Ready Rebound

Ready Rebound finished their vitality assessments at Station 40 in Snohomish last week. The vitality assessments are a great tool to help strengthen supporting connective tissues and muscles which will prevent injuries. Thank you to all who participated in this program.

Spring Academy

The Spring Academy Class 24-01 will be starting on February 20th and ends May 16th with a Recruit Graduation. Lieutenant Winter will be our SRFR company officer, and our three recruits are Quinn Evans, Karlie McMillan, and Seth Lawson.

Lateral Firefighter Paramedics

Two Lateral Firefighter Paramedic candidates are currently in the background and medical screening process and are scheduled to begin employment with SRFR on April 1st.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Relations

Public Education

On February 15th, PIEO King presented to Monroe Senior Center about Kitchen Safety & Escape Planning. Attendees learned about some ways to prevent fires in the kitchen. They also learned about what to do in the event of a fire in the kitchen and how to plan and practice their escape.



School Visits:

- Kinder: 5 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 2nd Grade: 6 Classes School Year-to-Date
- Middle/High School: 26 Classes School Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 6

Upcoming Community Events:

- Scout Day Open House: March 9th

The February 7th Sky Valley Chamber Membership Luncheon was attended by Assistant Chief Messer and Deputy Fire Marshal Bowen. The topic for February was the State of the Cities Sultan, Gold Bar and Skykomish.

The February 13th Monroe Chamber Membership Luncheon was attended by Chief O'Brien, Commissioner Elmore, Assistant Chief Messer, and Deputy Chief McConnell. The topic for February was marketing strategies including social media, and tools to help you grow your business in 2024 with Kimberley Lynn.

The February 14th Lake Stevens Chamber Membership Luncheon was attended by Chief O'Brien, Commissioner Schaub, Assistant Chief Lundquist, Assistant Chief Messer, Deputy Chief Rasmussen, Deputy Chief McConnell, Business Administrator Schoof, and Program Specialist Larson. The topic for February was Sports Tourism in Snohomish County with Executive Director Tammy Dunn, Snohomish County Sports Commission.

Public Information

Social Media Snapshot: February 1–14, 2024

- 16 Posts
- 166 New Followers/Accounts
- 64,733 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

External Media:

2-19 Herald "Hill erodes in Lake Conner Park, forcing residents of 8 lots to vacate."

<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/hill-erodes-in-lake-conner-park-forcing-residents-of-8-lots-to-vacate/>

Internal Media:

- Firefighter Stair Climbs
- SRFR Annual Banquet
- High Bridge Structure Fire
- SRFR Job Postings



Office of the Fire Marshal

Knox eCore Changeout

In the North Battalion, the OFM has changed out nearly all of the Knox Box key tumblers for the new eCore system. If a Knox Box is found in the North Battalion that has the old-style keyed core, please let the OFM know of the location for it to be changed out. The city of Monroe and the East Battalion are the next areas to be done. This is a multi-year project. Remember to use the Ekey to access the Knox Boxes you need to remove from the key secure, then press and release the number 1 key. Wait for the lights on the key to turn teal colored, then insert into the eCore and turn to open the Knox Box.

Annual Fire and Life Safety Inspections

The OFM has been working on the scheduled Lake Stevens and Monroe annual fire and life safety inspections. The inspection software that is utilized to complete these inspections is scheduled for a major update in early March.

Fire Plan Review

The OFM has had over a 100% increase in the amount of construction plans submitted to the cities of Lake Stevens, Monroe and Sultan this year to date. This was expected due to the 2021 fire and building codes being scheduled for adoption in March of this year.

Training

The OFM recently attended a smoke and fire damper class that was hosted by the Sheetmetal Workers Local 66 in Everett. This class highlighted the looming issue of smoke and fire dampers that have not been maintained as required per NFPA 80 and 105. In 2021, the Washington State Code Council adopted language that mandated the testing and maintenance of these devices. The failure rate that has been observed in the field is around 50%. The fire code gives the authority to enforce the maintenance requirements for fire and smoke dampers to the OFM and mandates that all building owners provide records of this maintenance.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Chief's Planning Meeting

On February 15th, the Chiefs from SRFR, South County, and Fire District 4, participated in a standing monthly meeting to discuss potential partnerships.

Thank you to all SRFR members for your outstanding work and dedicated service to our community.

Take care and stay safe,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief