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Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue Receives International Accreditation Recommendation

[Monroe, WA] – On September 22nd, 2022, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue received a recommendation from the Commission on Fire Accreditation International (CFAI) Peer Assessor Team to become the newest internationally accredited civilian fire agency in Washington State. Currently, there are only five civilian agencies in Washington State that are internationally accredited.

Back in 2020, SRFR began the process of becoming an accredited agency and for the past few years has been working towards the objectives and goals to be recommended for such an achievement. An accredited fire district focuses on community outcomes rather than just agency outputs. It has been proven that the communities served by accredited agencies have lower civilian injuries and deaths from fire, reduced fire property loss, improved WSRB protection class ratings, and lower insurance premiums paid by property owners.

The accreditation process does not stop once the agency is approved. It requires agencies to focus on continuous improvement in all areas of the organization including transparency, data-driven decision making, and procedure and policy development.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue Fire Chief Kevin O’Brien told the department, “Having industry experts from around the country tell us that we are doing well is significant. At this point in the process, the Peer Team Leader becomes an advocate for SRFR’s approval for accredited status.”

The next step in this process will be in February when SRFR will go before the CFAI Commission with the recommendation at the Center for Public Safety Excellence Conference.

We are excited to share this with our communities and look forward to the future.

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