



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

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Fatal fifth wheel trailer fire claims the life of a teenager.

[Monroe, WA] – Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (SRFR) was dispatched at 4:33 AM this morning to the Three Rivers Mobile Home Park located at the 13200 block of Elliott Rd. in Snohomish with reports of a neighbor's fifth wheel camper on fire.

Crews enroute to the fire alarm were notified by Sno911 that a teenager was reportedly trapped in the trailer with three people who were eventually able to escape. When Engine 33 and Battalion 71 arrived, the trailer was fully engulfed in fire, so fire crews started a rescue attempt with an attack line to the area of the fifth wheel camper where the teenager was reported to be trapped. Once the fire was knocked down, crews located the deceased teenage victim in a sleeping area in the front part of the fifth wheel trailer.

A trailer close to the fire was also damaged. Crews performed a search and reported everyone had exited the structure.

Red Cross and Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue Chaplains arrived to assist the family with resources. The Fire 7 Foundation also donated resources to the family. Snohomish County Fire Marshals office arrived and are investigating the cause of the fire. Currently there is no cause for this fire.

As the temperatures begin to drop, people begin to use many sources of heat to stay warm. Be mindful where you place combustibles in proximity to sources of heat. Keep combustibles such as curtains, clothing, or furniture at least three feet away from any heat source.

Make sure you have a smoke alarm installed in every bedroom, outside of every bedroom and on every level of the home, and test them regularly. This includes RV's and trailers, and be sure to practice your escape plan regularly.

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Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue serves 160,000 residents in the cities of Lake Stevens, Monroe, and unincorporated southeast Snohomish County. SRFR responds to an average of 16,000 emergency calls a year with highly trained personnel and state-of-the-art rescue programs. SRFR became the first accredited agency in Snohomish County by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, which is the highest level of achievement possible for a fire agency. More information about SRFR can be found at www.SRFR.org

