



Chief's Report

Monday, November 22, 2021

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

West Battalion crews were dispatched to a two vehicle accident where several members were entangled in their cars and unable to get out. Members of Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue as well as King County medic units and South County Fire worked together to extricate victims from their vehicles and transport them to the hospital. It is unknown what caused this accident.

Firefighters from Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue's North Battalion were dispatched over the weekend to a report of a porch on fire that was potentially spreading to the multi-family structure. Crews were able to arrive on time and extinguish the flames before any significant extension to the residences occurred.

Units from Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue assisted with neighboring agencies in responding to the report of a roof fire near Home Acres Road. Crews arrived on the scene to find a single family house with flames from the roof. All occupants were accounted for and the fire was quickly extinguished. The origin of the fire has yet to be determined.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

The Deputy Chief of Operations continues to work with regional partners in an effort to support future battalion chief training. We are planning for several opportunities in 2022, for battalion chiefs throughout Snohomish County as well as agencies in north King County to meet and train. This training is slated to commence in January of 2022. Battalion chiefs from around the area will be invited to attend and conduct training on downed firefighter at the scene operations.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue's Chief Inspection Drills will be rescheduled for the month of November. All scheduled drills were canceled this month and we look forward to getting back out to our crews as soon as possible to finish the 2021 Chief Inspections. Thanks to all of the crews for their hard work throughout the year.

The Engine Specification Committee has worked with the Assistant Chief of Support Services on a finalized recommendation to the Fire Chief to award a vendor for the bid of four new fire engines. The four engines will begin to be built in early 2022 and Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue hopes to take delivery of the four new apparatus in 2023. These new engines will be used to replace four 20+ year engines that are currently in service today.



Emergency Medical Services

The EMS Division had a Division Retreat on November 18th to discuss 2022 Vision and Goals for EMS.

The EMS Apparatus Committee met with Chief Guptill and the Shop to kick-off discussion for future ambulance remounts and new purchases.

The EMS Division is holding an internal ACLS class on December 7th.

COVID Testing is going well and we will be switching to the CovClear rapid testing kits once our supply of the BinaxNOW rapid test kits run out. With our supply of CovClear we will be able to start testing Administrative staff and other support staff on a routine testing schedule. The suggested routine testing for day staff is every 3-5 days.

Training & Safety

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue's six recruits and probationary lieutenants are in their ninth week of the academy. The Training Division attended the 4th round of recruit evaluations on November 10th and company officer evaluations on November 11th.

Human Resources and Training are planning for future entry level firefighter, captain, hazmat team and paramedic student tests.

FIRE & LIFE SAFETY

Office of the Fire Marshal

The interlocal agreement with the City of Sultan was approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Community Relations

The education team completed four 2nd grade classroom visits at Salem Woods Elementary and one neighborhood disaster preparedness presentation in Lake Stevens.

PE King attended the Fire and Life Safety Educator course in Spokane and passed her written and practical exams. She is now a certified FLSE!

The team is working with our webmaster to update website content and create a registration webpage for adult centered fire and life safety lessons.

We received numerous THANK YOU's from our open houses in October. One community member stated, "My daughter had a wonderful time at your Monroe open house. I can tell so much time and effort was put into making it and it all really was wonderful! Thank you to the firemen and volunteers and families for hosting it."



Strategic Analysis

The Community Risk Assessment: Standard of Cover was presented to the Board of Commissioners subcommittee and briefed once. No significant questions were raised. We are moving forward for Board of Commissioners adoption next week.

The Strategic Plan was brought to the Board of Commissioners subcommittee on 11/22/2021 and will be presented to the Board on 11/23/21.

Logistics

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Tenant Improvement – The DSHS project has been completed.

Station 83 Improvement – We are in the permitting process. Once we receive the permits, we will bring a proposal to the Board of Commissioners to go to bid for the project. We are still working on cost effective ways to add a shed for physical training equipment. We are also working with Snohomish County PUD to add a fire hydrant that we can use for training and filling apparatus. The current hydrant that is on Snohomish Water affects the neighboring residents and can only be used in emergencies.

2021 Capital Facility Projects:

- The roofing at Station 81 has been completed.
- The interior painting of Station 81 and Logistics has been completed.
- Flooring quotes for Station 81 and Logistics have been submitted to the Board of Commissioners.
- The curbing for Station 32 is being encumbered for the spring of next year due to weather and availability of the company completing the work
- The parking lot reseal and striping for Stations 32 and 82 are being encumbered due to weather and availability of the company completing the work.

Facility Signs – We are in the permitting process for the facility signs. We will be installing the signs as the permits are issued.

We have placed health grade air purifiers in all common sleeping areas.

We continue to surplus vehicles and equipment not being used by the District. We have surpluses a total of \$27,628 this year.

The Logistics Division is completing the SCBA fit testing for the firefighters during November 15-19.



The District is returning the five ton military truck (this was being stored at Station 76) and the water tank back to DNR on Monday, November 22. We have no need for either of these.

The Logistics Division is preparing for our winter weather by stocking the station up on flares, snow shovels, ice melt, absorbent, and fire line tape. We are also getting our snow equipment ready.

The Logistics Division had a weekend retreat at Chief Silva's house in Manson. Our theme was "If you do today what you did yesterday, you will get tomorrow what you got today". Our goal for the retreat was how we can get better; and we focused on ways we can be more efficient.

Administration:

During the week of November 15 through 18, Chief's Interviews were held for entry level firefighter. Conditional offers of employment were given to six candidates. Interviews will continue in December. The District currently has 15 Entry Level Firefighter openings. Thanks to HR, Training and everyone involved in the process.

I am very thankful to serve with all of you,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief