



Chief's Report

February 9, 2022

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

On January 30th, North Battalion units responded to a residential fire with Granite Falls. B81 and E81 arrived and assisted the Granite Falls crew with extinguishing a house fire. B81 assisted with incident command while E81 helped with fire control and overhaul.

On January 28th, East Battalion units responded to a residential fire in an outbuilding that was being used as an office. E31 arrived and found a small building on fire approximately 5' from a house. Crews quickly extinguished the fire, and stopped it from extending to the house.

Emergency Medical Services

Staff are working with newly promoted Deputy Chief of EMS Vince Read on some onboarding items for his new position. Congratulations DC Read, well deserved!

The EMS Division will do a small presentation of the newly purchased EMS training equipment that was acquired by a generous donation from a generous citizen. The presentation will take place at the February 10th Commissioner Meeting.

The EMS Division is planning for the upcoming Paramedic Trainee testing for the upcoming Class 49 of the Michael Copass Paramedic Program. The test will be in late February.

Training & Safety

Class 22-01 of Recruit Firefighters began their Pre-Academy on January 3rd and will be assigned to the SCFTA on February 14th.

Class 22-01 Company Officers began with the Training Division on February 1st and will be assigned to the SCFTA on February 7th.

HR and the Training Division continue to work on our next round of Firefighter and Paramedic entry level testing. Additionally, we are currently preparing for Paramedic Student, Captains and Hazmat Tech tests.

Health & Safety has maintained Contingency Operations due to the impacts of COVID on the available workforce. HR has been working hard to process each COVID instance and is keeping the Ops group up to date with reliable information for sound decision making. A big thank you to Human Resources.



OSHA recording and posting has been completed for 2021. Our records show 65% of SRFR establishments had zero recordable injuries in 2021. We'll strive to make 2022 even safer for the workers of SRFR.

EMS and Health & Safety have partnered to roll out in-house rapid PCR testing. The supply of test kits is limited with additional test kits on order. SRFR will utilize these tests to expedite return to work and maintain daily staffing. We will continue to utilize outside test locations when the results are not immediately required.

PLANNING

Community Relations

The home education lessons created by Public Education Specialist Kaitlin King will be featured in a presentation by FM Vincent Anderson with Sunnyvale, CA DPS during the 2022 CPSE Excellence Conference in Florida. FM Anderson has offered his presentation as reference material for our accreditation process.

This week, Laana Larson & Kaitlin King both served on the interview panel for the Public Information and Education Officer (PIEO) position. We also want to thank Director of Communications Courtney O'Keefe, Snohomish County Sheriff's Office and Public Information Officer Christie Veley, Marysville Fire Department for participating on this interview panel.

Our staff are in the community and working with our citizens on a daily basis. A video thank you was received with a Lake Stevens community member thanking Laana Larson and her efforts to stay engaged during COVID.

Public Education Updates

School YTD: 2nd Grade Classes Visited: **11 out of 77**

- January 19-February 2nd
 - Kokanee Elementary: **4**
 - Tambark Creek Elementary: **2**
 - Highland Elementary: **4**
 - Glennwood Elementary: **1**
- Scheduled: **17**
- Praise for School Visits:
 - *Thank you so much for your flexibility today. You did such a great job presenting! Thank you!*
 - *Thanks for the great presentation.*
 - *Thank you for presenting to our class about fire safety! Once again, it was an amazing and informative presentation for the 2nd graders. We really appreciate your visits each year.*



Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: **2**

- The first Aging in Place class will take place next week **February 9th**.

Social Media Snapshot: 1/19-2/2

- **15** Posts
- **44** New Followers/Accounts
- **21,408** Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

Public Education Specialist Kaitlin King is working with our webmaster to update our SRFR website with current content on the following pages:

- Safety and Information & Emergency Preparedness
- Public Information

LOGISTICS

Logistics

Our Logistics team continues to do an amazing job as we transition through the Leadership changes.

Signco continues to work on station signage for the rebranding. They have run into some permitting struggles with the County, and are progressing through the struggles. See photos below.





We are working on a bid packet for the renewal of our landscape maintenance company through MRSC. Currently we have two companies performing work under two separate contracts. The new contract will cover all three battalions by one company and under one contract.

We met with CBRE to get up to speed and get discussions going again on the possible sale of the Administration Building and the training property.

We met with Dave Fergus of Rice Fergus Miller to get an update on station progress and progress on a finalized Capital Facilities Plan.

Finance:

Following the approval of the Battalion Chief Collective Bargaining Agreement, staff are working on payroll updates for the Battalion Chiefs, and expect to have that ready for inclusion in the February 15th payroll.

Staff are also working on 2021 year-end closing journal entries.

Many thanks to the SRFR team for the great things you do!

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief