



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

4/28/22

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

Garbage Truck Fire

April 6, 2022, 11:46 a.m., SRFR was dispatched to a fire in the back of a garbage truck. The reported address was the intersection of E. Lakeshore DR and 14th ST NE, Lake Stevens. E81 and B81 arrived at the intersection of E. Lakeshore DR and 14th ST NE and found a garbage truck stopped that had gray smoke showing from the garbage storage area. Firefighters directed the truck to dump its contents on the empty lot across from Station 81 and extinguished the contents. Crews contained the run-off and coordinated with Waste Management for clean-up.

Technical Rescue

April 10, 2022, approximately 9:00 p.m., SRFR units in the West Battalion, along with mutual aid fire agencies, responded to a victim that had fallen down a 30'-40' ravine. The patient's injuries were minor, but due to the steep incline of the ravine, firefighters put the patient in a harness and used a rope system to extricate. The patient was safely extricated and transported to a local hospital for further evaluation.

Commercial Fire

April 19, 2022: West Battalion firefighters were dispatched to a Commercial Fire on Bostian Road in a large occupancy used to store exercise equipment. An electric scooter was being compacted at the facility and caught fire. The fire extended to boxes and paper in the compacter. Firefighters quickly arrived and extinguished the fire. The fire was confined to the compacter. Firefighters then coordinated smoke removal from the structure.

Mill Creek SCRFA Annexation Update

April 28, 2022: After two days of vote counting, the Mill Creek annexation into SCRFA is passing with an over 75% yes vote. These results further define the path for SRFR. As we have planned, on January 1, 2023, SRFR will transfer Station 76 to SCRFA. We will work hand in hand with Union leadership to reassign the SRFR 76 crews into the district and no jobs will be lost. In fact, we will be a stronger organization with an ability to staff our stations with more responders.

As we move forward toward the 76 transition, SRFR will continue to provide our high level of service to the people of Mill Creek this year and beyond through our county-wide mutual aid agreement. Additionally, leadership from SRFR, SCRFA, and the City of Mill Creek will endeavor to keep supportive lines of communication open so we can provide a smooth transition.



Thank you to all who have served the Mill Creek community.

Training & Safety

April 21, 2022: Training, Health & Safety, and Operations toured the South King Training Consortium along with representatives of the Snohomish County Training Consortium to increase future effectiveness and regional partnerships.

Delivery delays have continued to impact the availability of rapid PRC testing. To date we have not received our PCR testing kits. Washington DOH has adapted reporting requirements for some COVID testing. EMS and Health & Safety are updating our process to comply.

The second quarter report was submitted to LNI for the Firefighter Illness & Injury Reduction (FIIRE) program. This report outlines how the agency is implementing our Safety Improvement Plan to reduce musculoskeletal injuries and carcinogenic exposures. The FIIRE program is a two-year pilot program focused on prevention.

April 25 – 26, 2022: Staff attended the Western Fire Chief's FORCE Leadership conference sponsored by the Western Fire Chiefs Association. Key topics included firefighter wellness, emerging technology, leading through change, and decision-making analytics.

PLANNING

Community Relations

April 19, 2022: In partnership with the Monroe School District, staff read stories for students that were video recorded.

April 20, 2022: Chief O'Brien and Monroe Police Chief Jolley welcomed the public at a "Coffee with the Chiefs" at Monroe Coffee Company. We had a great turn out by the public and wish to thank Heather Fulcher and her team for hosting the event.

Thanks to all for professionalism and service,

Respectfully,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief