



Chief's Report

June 8, 2022

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

On May 14th SRFR units in the East and West Battalions responded to a Residential Structure Fire in the Maltby area. Units arrived to find a detached four car garage with a working fire. Due to limited water supply, four tenders were used to extinguish the fire. Firefighters set up a drafting operation for fire control and the tenders set up a water shuttle operation to supply water for fire control. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire and worked together to check for extension and knocked down any remaining hot spots. The Snohomish County Fire Marshal responded and performed an investigation. Firefighters returned throughout the night to check for any remaining hot spots.

On May 17th at 9 AM, firefighters in the East Battalion responded to a report of possible child birth. Units B31, E31 and M31 arrived and found a patient in active labor. They quickly moved the patient to M31 and delivered a healthy baby within minutes of their arrival. Both the mother and newborn were then transported to Evergreen Monroe for further care.

The East Battalion was dispatched on May 28th to Evergreen Speedway to a report of an entrapped driver on the front straight away of the racetrack. Units arrived to find a vehicle with heavy damage against the wall. There was a single driver who was triaged ALS (critical) initially but once extricated, downgraded to BLS (not critical). The patient was transported to Evergreen Health Monroe. The firefighters did a great job on a challenging extrication.

KOMO News Article with pictures:

<https://komonews.com/news/local/race-car-driver-rescued-after-crashing-at-evergreen-speedway>

The North Battalion was dispatched to a Confirmed Residential Fire near the 400 Block of East Lake Stevens Road on May 28th. Units B81 and E81 arrived and found a residence under construction with smoke coming from the garage. E81 was assigned fire control and quickly extinguished the fire. There were no injuries to firefighters or citizens, and the crew confined the fire to the area of origin.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations:

On May 21st, the VFW Post 7511 and its Auxiliary hosted the sixth annual Flags for our Fallen 5K Run/Walk at Lake Tye Park in Monroe. SRFR was present to assist. Lieutenant Mattern and Driver/Operator Howard brought L33 to the event to display a large American Flag at the start/finish line. Driver/Operator Toby Beard played the bagpipes to start the race.



In addition, the Station 31 crew attended the opening ceremony for the race. Thanks to all SRFR members involved for their support.

Training & Safety

Training and HR have worked together to support recently returning employees through their return-to-work training check offs. We have refresher training opportunities over the next few weeks in line with the current return to work guidelines.

Entry level firefighter candidates have undergone final Chief's interviews. Currently, 21 candidates have accepted a conditional offer of employment. The next steps for the candidates will be background checks and medical screening. Successful candidates will be extended a final offer of employment and are expected to begin employment on July 18 as members of Firefighter Class 2022-2

Pre-Academy planning for the Firefighter & Firefighter Paramedic Hire Class 2022-02 has been completed. The Pre-Academy focuses on Team Building, Communicating Culture, Physical Readiness, Safety, and SCFTA Academy Preparation.

The planning phase of the Firefighter & Firefighter Paramedic Hire Class 2023-01 is in process. The hiring team focuses on continuous process improvement in response to a competitive job market and the changing needs of the organization.

PLANNING

Community Relations

Our Community Relations team attended the Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce membership meeting and introduced PIEO Peter Mongillo to our Lake Stevens businesses. This meeting featured a presentation on the latest happenings within the city given by Community Development Director Russ Wright, with Planning & Community Development.

Public Education Updates:

School YTD: 2nd Grade Classes Visited: **36 out of 77**

- High School Classes: **14 Classes** (Firefighter Careers, Hands Only CPR)
- Scheduled: **5 (2nd Grade)**

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: **6**

- The next class is Home Fire Safety on **May 11th**

North Creek High School Mock DUI



- Our Community Relations Team, Scott Rybar, and Alpha Shift Stations 72, 73, & 33 put on a Mock DUI on May 26th for the seniors at North Creek High School. Thank you to everyone involved for your support!

Social Media Snapshot: **May 9th – June 5th**

- **94** Posts
- **192** New Followers/Accounts
- **257,229** Impressions/Engagement/Clicks
- Campaigns:
 - Safe Kids Week
 - EMS Week

External Media:

- King 5: Rescue Firefighters Prepare for A Potentially Turbulent Summer on the Water
- Everett Herald: As Weather Warms, Firefighters Train for Rescues on the Skykomish
- KOMO 4: Race Car Driver Rescued After Crashing at Evergreen Speedway

Internal Media/Communications:

- Water Rescue Academy
- Wildland Training
- Ambulance Tour
- Public Education Resources
- Probationary Firefighter Communications/Public Education Training

Our Communications Team is working on prepping and compiling information for the Summer 2022 Newsletter and the 2021 Annual Report.

Our Communications Team is working on coordinating the following events:

- Mock DUI at North Creek High School: May 26th
- Lake Stevens Health & Wellness Festival: June 26th
- Water Safety Camps: July 11th and 19th
- Aquafest: July 29th - 31st
- National Night Out: August 2nd

PES Kaitlin King and PIEO Peter Mongillo are working with our webmaster to update the SRFR website with current content on the following pages:

- About Us Section and Recruitment/Employment Pages



ADMINISTRATION

June 1, staff met with leadership from Snohomish County 911 at Station 83 to discuss the possibility of a future repeater site.

The Commissioners and Chief attended the Washington Fire Commissioners Association Chelan Seminar on June 3 and 4 in Lake Chelan. Topics of the seminar focused on personnel problems, litigation, and a health care program update.

With sincere appreciation,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief

