



## Chief's Report

**August 25, 2022**

### OPERATIONS

#### Significant Alarms

##### **August 12, 2022: Residential Structure Fire in Clearview**

SRFR firefighters were dispatched to a house fire in the Clearview area. Firefighters arrived to find a fire in a small, one-story home with many internal modifications which contributed to a challenging extinguishment. Water supply was an additional challenge. The fire was successfully extinguished with no injuries to firefighters or civilians. Unfortunately, one deceased cat was found.

##### **August 12, 2022: Residential Structure Fire in Lake Stevens**

SRFR firefighters responded to a residential structure fire in the Lake Stevens area. Firefighters arrived to find an active fire in a one-story house with a basement. Crews quickly contained and extinguished the fire to the room of origin; completed a search of the structure and performed ventilation. Thanks to Marysville and Getchell (22) Fire Districts for their assistance. Red Cross was requested to assist the family.

##### **August 9, 2022: Residential Structure Fire in North Lake Stevens**

SRFR responded to a confirmed residential structure fire on the in the north Lake Stevens area. Chief 69 from Fire District 22 arrived on location initially, found an active housefire, and assisted an elderly woman out of the home. Crews from SRFR, Fire District 22, Fire District 4, Fire District 17, and Marysville Fire District worked to successfully extinguish the fire.

#### Fire Suppression / Special Operations

SRFR personnel were contracted to provide initial ALS evaluation and treatment for the *Seattle Spartan Race*. This is a 2-day event held annually at Sky Meadow Park. It was estimated there were approximately 2,500 racers on August 13th, and 3,500 racers on August 14th.

A local chapter of a Hindu faith group conducted a short prayer ceremony for the safety of first responders at Station 73. There was a very nice conversation about the fire service and firefighters gave the group (several kids in attendance) a tour of the fire engine and aid unit. Firefighters were presented with small bracelets and an interesting book about the Hindu faith. This was a very nice group that would like to come back next year.

#### Emergency Medical Services

An ultrasound device was ordered to be used by MSOs in the field. This is a great example of SRFR adopting new technology to assist providers in delivering state of the art patient



care. Training will be conducted in the coming months and we expect to launch the program later this year. A special thanks to PM Eric Jones and the EMS Committee for all their hard work in moving this program forward.

The EMS Division is spending time preparing for the upcoming Evergreen State Fair. MSO Defenbaugh has been working with Lieutenant Hewitt and Driver Operator Rybar in ensuring SRFR is prepared for this event. SRFR will staff the first aid station with three responders during the Fair which runs from August 25 through September 5.

Harborview graduate Jessica Hanna is completing her National Registry testing and SCEMS checkoffs. This is preparation for starting her six-month Snohomish County Paramedic Integration Program.

### **Training & Safety**

Lieutenant Jeff Dickinson, Lieutenant Tyler Compton, Lieutenant Mike Thomas, and Acting Lieutenant Justin Bradley will serve as Company Officers in the upcoming Snohomish County Fire Training Academy. The Company Officers start on September 6th and the recruits start on September 12th. The academy runs for 12 weeks. SRFR recruits are partnered with a mixed cohort that includes recruits from Snohomish FD4, Mukilteo Fire, Paine Field Airport Fire, North County RFA, and Marysville Fire District.

Health & Safety and the Peer Support Team are partnering with Dr. Marc Redmon to expand mental health awareness and training. Dr. Redmon is a local mental health provider and is currently conducting ride time with SRFR crews as the first step for expanding MHP involvement into the future. The goal is to support and build the peer support team, strengthen involvement in the Labor & Management Wellness Incentive, and develop a local network of mental health professionals to support our employees.

The application period for Firefighter Paramedic & Firefighter closed on August 14th. HR & Training will be conducting interviews through September with the Chief's interviews scheduled for October. Candidates selected through this process will have an estimated start date of January 3rd.

Professional Health Services will be providing annual physicals via their mobile facility through the month of September over a 12-day period. These physicals provide the required SCBA respiratory clearance in addition to the normal components of an annual physical. These physicals include a personal wellness profile that offers health and wellness recommendations tailored to the individual.



## PLANNING

### Community Relations

Congrats to our SRFR Team for the WIN with our annual Lake Stevens Guns 'n Hoses Softball Charity Game. Also, a huge thank you for the generous Food Bank donations! Those items will help meet some very practical needs within the community.

Thank you to our North Battalion A Shift for representing SRFR and connecting with our community at the Lake Stevens Back to School Event. This annual event provides low-income families an opportunity to receive free school supplies for their children.

Take care and stay safe,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief

