



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

## **Chief's Report**

September 8, 2022

### **OPERATIONS**

#### **Congratulations Driver Operator Jill Espitia and Lieutenant Brian Fox!**

A hearty congratulations to Driver Operator Jill Espitia and Lieutenant Brian Fox who were honored at a flag ceremony on Sunday, August 28 at Station 33. DO Espitia gave 22 years and Lt. Fox gave 24 years of dedicated service to our community. We wish them both well as they start new chapters of their lives. Thank you, Jill and Brian!

#### **Significant Alarms**

##### **August 18th, 2022: Residential Structure Fire in Clearview**

SRFR units B71, L72, and A77 were dispatched with South County Fire for a Residential Fire on the 12400 Blk of 51<sup>st</sup> Ave SE. Multiple callers reported an explosion with a resulting fire. Units arrived to find a medium sized two-story house with extensive fire conditions. A second alarm was requested. Firefighters extinguished the fire. There were two individuals inside the house at the time of the fire. One was transported to Providence with non-life-threatening burn injuries. The incident is under investigation by the County Fire Marshal.

##### **August 24, 2022: 20:20 Motor Vehicle Collision (Officer Involved)**

East Battalion units were dispatched to assist multiple law enforcement agencies for a possible officer involved motor vehicle collision (MVC). Units arrived to find a two-vehicle head on accident with two patients with moderate injuries. M31 treated and transported a King County Deputy with moderate injuries. A51 transported an adult female with minor injuries who was combative and intoxicated with threats to self and suicidal tendencies.

<https://www.foxnews.com/us/suspected-drunk-driver-smashes-head-washington-state-deputys-car>

#### **Fire Suppression / Special Operations**

##### **Firefighter Brandon Huber**

SRFR Firefighter Brandon Huber has gone above and beyond the call of duty while quietly helping 'Grandma Elsie' with yard and house maintenance. Brandon met Elsie on an accidental alarm activation and recently repainted her house. We thank Brandon for his kindness and dedication to help others.

['Grandma Elsie' grateful for firefighter who fixed up her house | king5.com](#)



## **Operational Deployment**

Given the transition of service at Station 76, staffing shortages, and after analyzing response data, staff are updating the operational deployment model to ensure SRFR is maintaining and improving service to our citizens. The updated deployment model will be presented to the Board

## **Evergreen State Fair**

Thanks to all who participated in staffing the first aid station at the Evergreen State Fair. SRFR was present with three responders during the Fair which ran from August 25 through September 5.

## **Emergency Medical Services**

### **Medical Equipment**

The EMS Division worked with our medical supplies company and found an easy and economical way in which we deploy our Bag Valve Masks.

### **Emergency Medical Service Training**

The MSOs attended CODE-STAT training this past week. CODE-STAT is a program that allows our members to accurately review cardiac arrests and advanced airway placement. This is an important tool to assist in evaluating our care.

## **PLANNING**

### **Strategic Analysis**

#### **Accreditation**

SRFR continues to make good progress towards accreditation from the Center for Public Safety Excellence (CPSE). During the week of September 18, a CPSE Peer Evaluation Team will be visiting SRFR to evaluate the organization and determine SRFR's qualification status for accreditation. Pending a successful evaluation, SRFR is slated to go before the Accreditation Board for final approval February 2023 in Orlando, Florida.

The accreditation process supports improvement of SRFR's Mission of Saving Lives, Protecting Property, Safeguarding the Environment and Taking Care of People. Additional benefits include:

- Provides greater community alignment.
- Encourages quality improvement.
- Facilitates input from and builds positive relationships with labor.
- Identifies areas of strengths and weaknesses.
- Allows for the establishment of a plan for improvement.
- Provides data supported decision-making.
- Communicates management and leadership philosophies.
- Ensures your agency has a defined mission and related objectives.



- Encourages the development of organizational procedural documents.

## **Office of the Fire Marshal**

### **Monroe Prison Fire Safety Inspections**

Fire Marshal's Office Inspectors are in the process of administering annual fire safety inspections for the Monroe Prison complex. The inspection process is difficult given the quantity of people, facilities and systems involved. Thank you to Fire Inspector Craig Fisher and Deputy Fire Marshal Jason Bowen for their great work helping to keep our community safe!

## **ADMINISTRATION**

### **Mill Creek Transfer of Service**

SRFR staff met with the City of Mill Creek on 9/7/22 to discuss the transfer of service to South County Fire. Preliminary discussions include a possible transfer of service within the first two weeks of December 2022. Staff will be meeting with South County Fire on 9/13/22 to plan the details of the transfer of service.

With sincere appreciation,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief

*Those who are happiest are those who do the most for others.* Booker T. Washington