



Chief's Report

November 10, 2022

OPERATIONS

Driver Operator Promotions

Following an intensive examination process, we wish to congratulate Firefighters Jesse Abercrombie and Stacy Arnold as they both will be promoted to Driver Operator effective January 1, 2023. Thank you to all the outstanding candidates and staff who participated in the testing process. Way to go Jesse and Stacy!

Significant Alarms

Bomb Threat

On Friday, October 21, 2022, at 10:30 p.m., SRFR North Battalion units were dispatched to Lake Stevens High School for the report of suspicious activity involving a bomb threat. B81 arrived and made contact with LSPD command and school administration. A Unified Command was established with Battalion 81, LSPD, the Lake Stevens School District Superintendent, and the Washington State Patrol Bomb Squad. E81 and M81 provided stand by assistance during the incident. All students were moved to the stadium and the campus was secured by LSPD. The WSP bomb squad with K-9s arrived and cleared all common areas. Nothing was found and the students were allowed to return to class around 1:00 p.m.

Training & Safety

Acting Battalion Chief Training

Acting Battalion Chief checkoffs are being scheduled as employees prepare for the 2023 Battalion Chief promotional exam. Thank you to all the participants for their hard work and the current Battalion Chiefs for their mentorship of the next generation of Battalion Chiefs.

Multi Company Operations Training

Multi Company Operations Training is being conducted with Snohomish County Fire District 4 at the SCFD 4 Training facility. This type of training has been limited over the last two years and all parties are excited to improve interoperability with regional partners.

Training Committees

2023 Training Committees for SRFR are currently seeking interested participants. This includes the EMS, Truck Operations, Engine Operations, and Driver Operator Committees. This is a great chance for all operations personnel to grow personally and contribute to the improvement of the organization. Letters of interest are due by November 25, 5:00 p.m.



Wellness

The SRFR Wellness Initiative is in full swing with eligible employees completing the components of the Wellness Incentive. The goal of the initiative is to support the total health of SRFR employees.

Firefighter Injury and Illness Reduction Program

SRFR has renewed our participation in the Department of Labor and Industries Firefighter Injury & Illness Reduction Program. This program offers a reduction in workers compensation insurance for agencies that participate in preventative health and safety measures. The focus thus far has been on reducing carcinogenic exposures and reducing musculoskeletal injuries.

PLANNING

Community Relations

Public Education Updates

School Visits:

- Kindergarten: 8 Classes YTD
Completed: Fryelands Elem. (3 Classes), Mt. Pilchuck Elem. (5 Classes)
Working on creating a training video to refresh crews on Toys vs. Tools. Reaching out to schools in the Spring.
- 1st Grade: 4 Classes YTD
Completed: Fryelands Elem. (4 Classes)
- 2nd Grade: 4 Classes YTD
Completed: Salem Woods Elem (4 Classes)
Scheduled: Chain Lake Elementary (3 Classes)
Reaching out to schools to get 2nd Grade classes scheduled this Fall.
- High School: 13 Classes YTD
Completed: Cavelero Mid High-Impact Teen Driver (13 Classes)
Scheduled: Career Tour for Automotive Students

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 8

- 11.09.2022: Aging in Place Class: Monroe Senior Center
- 11.16.2022: Aging in Place Class: Lake Stevens Senior Center
- 12.07.2022: Disaster Prep Class: Lake Stevens Senior Center

Completed Community Events:

- 10.15.2022: Fire Prevention Week Open House was a huge success this year. We had a little over 600 residents attend. Thank you to all of those who helped!
- 10.31.2022: Retirement Celebration for Deputy Chief Craig Clinton
- 10.31.2022: Lake Stevens Harvest Fest was a success, and about 1000 trick-or-treaters visiting the SRFR booth.



- 10.31.2022: SRFR contributed 200 goody bags to the Monroe Chamber of Commerce for Monroe's Downtown Trick or Treat this year.

Upcoming Community Events:

- 11.19.2022: Lake Stevens Holiday Toy Drive

Public Information

Social Media Snapshot: October 5 – November 1

- 75 Posts
- 50 New Followers/Accounts
- 135,152 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

External Media:

- Burn Ban Lifted
- Open House – Snohomish County Tribune

Internal Media:

- Coffee with the Chiefs – Lake Stevens
- Open House Sparky Video
- Fire Prevention Week
- Cross Promotion with Marysville Fire on a Brush Fire
- Walk & Roll to School Day with Monroe SD Kids
- Toys vs. Tools with MSD
- Open House
- Jim Creek Wildland Fire
- SIDS Awareness Month
- Driving Safety
- Pedestrian Safety
- Diwali
- Burn Ban Lifted
- Harvest Fest in Lake Stevens
- National First Responders Day
- Halloween Safety

Website: PIEO King and PIEO 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
- Station Locations
- Burn Permit Usability
- Overall Website Usability



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

LOGISTICS

Fleet

This week, SRFR took delivery of two replacement staff vehicles.

ADMINISTRATION

Entry Level Chief's Interviews

Staff are in the process of interviewing entry level paramedic and firefighter candidates. Successful candidates will be hired in January of 2023 and will attend a fire academy in mid-February. Our goal is to hire 20 new responders.

Snohomish Fire District 4

Senior Staff from SRFR and Snohomish Fire District 4 met on November 1 to discuss improved and expanded potential partnerships. Of primary focus at the meeting was coordinated training programs.

Commissioner, Union, and Executive Staff Workshop

October 24 through October 26, Commissioners, Union Leadership, and Executive staff conducted a workshop to review 2022 accomplishments and challenges, review the Strategic Plan, and work through the 2023 Draft Budget.

Washington Fire Commissioner's Conference

Commissioners attended the Fall 2022 Washington Fire Commissioners Conference in Spokane Washington from October 27 through October 29.

Station 76 Transition

Staff continue to work with the City of Mill Creek and South County Fire to facilitate a transition of service at Station 76. The target date for service transition is December 13, 2022.

With appreciation for your service,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief