



Chief's Report

December 7, 2022

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

Chimney Fire

On November 21, North Battalion units were dispatched to a chimney fire. Crews arrived to find a fire visible from the exterior. E82 established command and coordinated an offensive fire attack. Search and ventilation occurred while the fire was being controlled. Great job by all crews to confine the fire to the chimney.

CPR

On November 29, E83 responded to a report of a chimney fire on OK Mill Road. While mitigating the chimney fire response, the home occupant collapsed in the front yard. E83 upgraded to a MedX and began CPR. The crews delivered shocks to the patient and restored circulation and breathing. M81 transported the patient to Providence Medical Center in Everett. Great job to all the crews involved!

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

Navy Swiftwater Training

SRFR's Water Rescue Team recently instructed a week-long swiftwater course for active-duty members of the Navy EOD (Explosive Ordnance Disposal). The Navy team traveled from San Diego to receive this training with the goal of expanding their capabilities in working with explosives in any environment. The instruction focused on swiftwater access and coordinating skills with traditional rescue scenarios. The Navy appreciated the training and intends to send more groups to SRFR for this specialized training. Great job by the Water Rescue Team!

New Boat Operators

The Water Rescue Team is happy to announce the addition of four new Boat Operators! The following members have successfully completed boat operator training and are authorized to operate all watercrafts in SRFR: Brian Kees, Pete Parrish, Steve Kuhlman, and Joe Virnig. The 24-hour boat operator course provides the skills required to safely and proficiently operate a rescue watercraft and perform rescues in static, dynamic, and flood water conditions. Safety is strongly emphasized. Risk management modeling is employed to determine responder actions. Additionally, course philosophy, and rescue terminology are covered.

“In Water” skills for students included how to read and understand dynamic water flow, understanding and operating in flood water, reading and understanding currents, performing self-rescues, victim pickoffs and pick-ups of both conscious and unconscious victims. Additional



training include proper pre and post operation inspections along with launching and loading the rescue watercraft from a ramp or a shoreline are taught with student involvement.

Emergency Medical Services

Dispatch Review Committee

Members from around the County including SNO911, the County Medical Program Director, and EMS representatives have been working on a new dispatch model for 2023. The initial review has been completed and agencies are now encouraged to review their own deployment to specific call types.

Animal Save

On the morning of November 23, crews responded to a house fire in the West Battalion. During firefighting operations, a black lab was rescued from the building and brought into the yard. The lab was not moving but was breathing and looking around. SRFR personnel used our dog oxygen mask and administered oxygen for approximately 15 minutes. Following the care, the lab was able to stand up and walk around. Thanks to their quick actions, the dog and owner were reunited.

Training and Safety

Fire Training Academy Graduation

The Snohomish County Fire Training Academy (SCFTA) Class 22-3 graduated on Thursday, December 7 at the Rose Hill Community Center in Mukilteo. The 11 SRFR recruits excelled in the academy and demonstrated a strong work ethic. Thank you to the SCFTA staff and instructors and the SRFR Training Team for their dedication to high quality firefighter training.

PLANNING

Community Relations

Lake Stevens Holiday Toy Drive

Thank you to the North Battalion for helping with the Lake Stevens Holiday Toy Drive on Saturday afternoon, November 19th. This event was hosted by the Lake Stevens Community Resource Center. LSPD and the Lake Stevens Sewer District also joined us for some fun connecting with community. Multiple truckloads of toys were donated, and our Lake Stevens Community Resource Center will be sure these gifts go to deserving children within the community.

Lake Stevens Winterfest

Saturday, December 3, SRFR personnel participated in Lake Stevens Winterfest. Highlights included Engine 81 delivering Santa Clause to the tree lighting in North Cove Park. Boat 81 was a stellar performer in the Holiday Boat Parade. Thank you to all who participated!



State Football Champions!

Congratulations to the Lake Stevens Vikings as they defeated the Kennedy Lancers Saturday, December 3 at Mt. Tahoma High School in Tacoma. Following the victory, SRFR units and Lake Stevens Police escorted the team bus home from Trestle Station to Lake Stevens High School. Go Vikings!

ADMINISTRATION

Snohomish Fire District 4

Senior Staff from SRFR and Snohomish Fire District 4 continue to discuss improved and expanded potential partnerships.

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,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief