



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

February 9, 2023

Mission

Save Lives, Protect Property, Safeguard the Environment, and Take Care of People

Vision

We will be a proactive regional emergency services leader by partnering to provide safe communities for people to live, work and explore.

OPERATIONS

Emergency Medical Services

Recertifications

The EMS Division successfully recertified 52 members over the past several months. It is a detailed process to ensure all appropriate training was completed and documented. Staff worked collaboratively with Snohomish County EMS to file the documentation with the State of Washington.

Ultrasound

The EMS Division has begun to use an ultrasound device in the field during cardiac arrests. There has been positive feedback since its implementation. The EMS Division believes that the ultrasound will have a positive impact on patient care for the citizens of SRFR.

EMS Interlocal Agreements Snohomish County Fire District 5 and 17

The EMS Division has been working with SCFD 5 and 17 to complete interlocal agreements that would allow their new medics to be mentored and ride with SRFR paramedics. SRFR has been working with Brian Snure to draw up the agreements. We look forward to providing our neighbors with professional training and mentorship.

Training & Safety

Firefighter Recruit Academy

Our 14 new recruits and two company officers (Steve Kuhlman and Matt Nuttbrock) started the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy on February 6th. Most of the training will be conducted at Snohomish County Fire District 4's Training Facility in Snohomish.

Acting Officers

The Training Division recently conducted final training evaluations for Acting positions. Brendan Grace and Scott Boswell are now Acting Battalion Chiefs and Neil Merritt is now an Acting Lieutenant. Congratulations to the new acting officers!



Blue Card Incident Management Training

Station 71 is hosting a Blue Card Incident Management Train the Trainer course which began on February 6th. Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue will be putting eight members through the course to assist in keeping our members certified in Blue Card.

PLANNING

Community Relations

We have reached out to all our elementary schools to schedule 2nd grade lessons for this school year. So far, we have **41 total** 2nd grade classroom visits scheduled! We plan to reach out to various kindergarten classrooms as well.

PIEO King visited the Monroe Senior Center to teach Disaster Preparedness on January 25th. One of the attendees wrote back to say: *Hi Kaitlin, I really enjoyed the class. Thank you so much for sending all this great information. You did a Great job as the presenter! You get a Gold Star from me! You are well qualified for this job. I will see you at the next class. And it was a pleasure to meet you also. And thank you again. Sincerely, Sandy Kirkpatrick*

PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo are working hard to plan and prepare for our upcoming Scout Day Open House at Station 81. So far, we have **113 scouts and 160 scout leaders** registered to attend. Each booth is designed to help scouts receive various safety badges.

This last month, PIEO Mongillo and PIEO King also successfully completed ICS-300 held at Station 71.

School Visits:

- **Kinder: 8** Classes School Year-to-Date
- **1st Grade: 4** Classes School Year-to-Date
- **2nd Grade: 8** Classes School Year-to-Date
- **High School: 13** Classes School Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: **2 Completed**

- 1.11.23: Disaster Prep Class - Online
- 1.25.23: Disaster Prep Class - Monroe Senior Center

Upcoming Community Events:

- 2.18.22: Scout Open House

Public Information:

Social Media Snapshot: January 17 – February 1

- 15 Posts



- 40 New Followers/Accounts
- 22,645 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

External Media:

- Snohomish Fire District 4 to look at join-up with bigger Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue. http://www.snoho.com/html/stories_2023/01252023_snohomish_fire_district_4_to_look_at_joining_snohomish_regional_fire_and_rescue.html
- Cyclist severely injured after being hit by USPS truck in Snohomish County. <https://komonews.com/news/local/man-severely-injured-after-being-struck-by-postal-truck-in-snohomish-county-monroe-washington-auto-pedestrian-sheriffs-office>

Internal Media:

- February 14th Ballot Posts
- Job Postings for Firefighters and Admin
- SRFR SCFD4 Tiller-Ladder Training
- Postal Carrier vs. Bicyclist
- Mechanic Team Highlight

Staff are working with Liz Loomis on messaging for the Special Election.

LOGISTICS

Logistics

Bunker Gear Inventory

Throughout the month of February, crews will be utilizing the Vector Solutions Evaluations module to enter critical information regarding their assigned bunker gear. This information will allow the District to properly track, budget, and maintain the equipment. Improvements in the management and tracking of bunker gear was outlined through the CPSE accreditation peer review process. These updates are in line with those recommendations.

Fire & EMS Unit Inventories

The need to update the apparatus check sheet process came to light with the recent redeployment of District apparatus. With the help of the training committees, key divisional staff, and the logistics team, there is a fresh review and update of the system.

ADMINISTRATION

SRFR Team Recognition Banquet

The annual SRFR Team Recognition Banquet was held on February 4 at the Tulalip Casino. It was well attended. Team members were recognized for their years of service and overall contribution to SRFR and our community. Thanks to the Banquet Committee for organizing a successful and fun event!



Spring COMEX Workshop

Staff are planning for the Spring COMEX Workshop, which is slated for Sunday, March 19, through Tuesday, March 21. COMEX is a strategic planning workshop to ensure SRFR continues on the right course and is attended by Commissioners, Executive Staff and Union leaders.

Snohomish Fire District 4

Staff from Fire District 4 and SRFR continue to meet on a weekly and monthly basis to discuss potential opportunities.

Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce

Staff attended the Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheon on 2/8/23.

Snohomish County Fire Training Consortium

The Snohomish County Fire Training Consortium (SCFTC) is in the process of engaging a consultant to assist the SCFTC in developing a plan for the future. The plan will address potential expansion of the SCFTC and may include enhanced training, EMS, Special Operations, and other areas of the Fire/ EMS Service mission.

Legislative Day

On February 17, Commissioners and staff will be attending Legislative Day at the State Capital and will be meeting with State Legislators to support the mission of the district.

Thank you for your dedicated service,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief