



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

## **Chief's Report**

**June 22, 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.

### **Guiding Values**

Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Teamwork, Service

## **OPERATIONS**

### **Significant Alarms**

#### **Technical Rescue-High Angle**

On June 3, 2023, at 5:36 p.m., SRFR, Granite Falls Dist. 17, Marysville Fire Dist., and Everett Fire Department were dispatched to a Swift Water Rescue for an adult male that fell in Canyon Creek and hit his head. The patient was found in the creek with steep surrounding terrain which challenged access. Utilizing technical rescue systems, the patient was successfully rescued. The patient was transported to Everett Providence Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries.

#### **Brush Fire**

On 5/25/2023 at 1:50 p.m., SRFR units were dispatched to a fire at the Cadman Plant on Hwy 203. Firefighters arrived to find a four-acre fire in medium to heavy vegetation. After several hours of firefighting, the fire was contained, and command was transferred to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR). There were no injuries to citizens or responders. The fire is under investigation by the DNR.

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

#### **Rescue Swimmer Training**

On June 5 and 6, the SRFR Water Rescue Team, along with members from Marysville, Everett, and Fire Dist. 4, conducted annual Rescue Swimmer refresher training. The training was held at two locations, Wenberg Park, and Kayak Point Park. The training at Wenberg Park focused on wide area search and removing victims from a submerged vehicle. At Kayak Point Park, the training focused on marine operations, free diving, and drift search operations.



## **Emergency Medical Services**

### **Paramedic Training**

Oleg Mikhyalov has been accepted into Harborview's Paramedic Program! We are fortunate that Oleg gets the opportunity to attend this immersive program and look forward to supporting him when he begins in the fall and throughout the year-long program.

The four SRFR Paramedic Students attending the CWU Program are performing well and we have received positive feedback from faculty. They begin their ride time at Everett Fire this month. We greatly appreciate Everett Fire for hosting our members.

### **EMS Inventory**

MSO Aamold has been working diligently to revise how SRFR distributes EMS supplies. The BLS stations have been completed and MSO Aamold continues to work with station supply managers to fine tune our system. The goal is to increase accountability when receiving shipments while decreasing waste.

### **Paramedic Mentorship Program**

This year MSO Rouse transformed our Paramedic Integration Program (PIP) into the Paramedic Mentorship Program (PMP). We believe the changes contained will provide a supportive and educational experience for returning medics and will prepare them for this rewarding career. Alexander Wolfe, our new hire paramedic, started this program this month.

### **Chaplain Program**

Chaplain dispatching changes were made recently with positive feedback from the group. We will continue to look for ways to streamline this process moving forward.

We also welcomed a new member to our ranks! We are pleased to have Pat Lessard join the team and we will be providing initial training once he has officially started.

### **Ultrasound Training**

Dr. Johnson provided continuing and initial training to MSOs and Acting MSOs following this week's Run Review. We appreciate his ongoing support as we utilize this valuable piece of equipment.

## **PLANNING**

### **Community Relations**

During the week of June 6th, PIEO King taught an Aging in Place class to the Village East Apartments Senior Living Facility in Monroe. Residents learned about sheltering in place and about fall prevention and medication safety. That same week, PIEO King also taught Disaster Preparedness to Monroe Senior Center where attendees learned about emergency kits and preparing for disasters.



June 8th: PIEO King taught six 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classes (150 students) at Cedarwood Elementary. Students learned about calling 911, escape planning, and sheltering in place.

June 10th: In partnership with local rowing clubs and Snohomish County Safe Kids, E81, M81 and the PIEOs distributed and fitted 300 life jackets to kids and teens at Lundeen Park in Lake Stevens.

June 14th: E31, M31, and the PIEOs visited Monroe Library to read two books, gave a bunker gear demonstration, and provided a tour of the engine and medic unit. About 214 people attended this event!

June 15th: The PIEOs with the help of Logistics and Prevention teams, brought the Fire Safety Trailer to Stevens Creek Elementary for their field day. Throughout the day students rotated between various activities on the field. Students learned about kitchen safety and escape planning.

So far this school year, we have visited over 450 Kinder/1st graders, 650 High Schoolers and over 1525 2nd Graders!

#### School Visits:

- Kinder: 14 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 1st Grade: 4 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 2nd Grade: 61 Classes School Year-to-Date
- Middle/High School: 26 Classes School Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 10

#### Upcoming Community Events:

- June 25th Lake Stevens Health & Wellness Festival
- July 11th & 14th Water Safety Camp-Lake Tye
- July 17th Water Safety Camp-Lundeen Park
- July 29th Aquafest
- August 1st National Night Out
- October 14th Open House

#### Public Information:

Social Media Snapshot: June 1 - 13

- 39 Posts
- 5 New Followers/Accounts
- 246,146 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks



External Media:

- June 12th: KIRO 7, Large Explosion, Fire blows up ammunition, tears through Snohomish home. SCFD4 call with SRFR assist.
  - <https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/large-explosion-reported-before-fire-snohomish-home/JN3EW3OC3VC47KDWBTV3OYQ53A/>
- June 14th: Snohomish Tribune, Fire risk season is earlier than usual: It's now.
  - [http://www.snoho.com/html/stories\\_2023/06142023\\_fire\\_risks\\_burn\\_bans\\_and\\_wildfire\\_concerns\\_for\\_snohomish\\_county.html](http://www.snoho.com/html/stories_2023/06142023_fire_risks_burn_bans_and_wildfire_concerns_for_snohomish_county.html)

Internal Media:

- Hyatt Retirement
- Lake Stevens Camper Fire
- Life Jacket Event Promo
- Granite Falls High Angle Rescue
- Truck Fire with Firefighter Rasmussen
- Levy Info
- Stage 1 Burn Ban
- Board approves Proposition 1, Levy Lid Lift for November ballot Levy
- MSO Defenbaugh met with Three of SRFR's newest Female Firefighters
- Life Jacket Giveaway Event

ADMINISTRATION

**Professional Development**

June 11 through 13 staff attended the Western Fire Chief's FORCE conference. The forward-thinking conference was attended by senior fire/EMS leadership from around the West Coast. The conference addressed the topics of executive leadership, recruitment, legal issues, workplace equity, technology, wild land interface, customer service and other topics.

I hope you have a safe beginning to summer.

With appreciation,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief