



Chief's Report - Gratitude Addition

November 21, 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

Proposition #1

Current election results show SRFR Proposition #1, the Fire Levy Lid Lift passing with 59% approval. We wish to thank the great communities we serve for their strong support. Additionally, thank you to every SRFR member for your hard work, dedication, professionalism, and care for the people we serve.

Fire and Police Appreciation Week

During the week of November 12 through 18, the City of Monroe honored firefighters and police officers. Highlights included food delivered by citizens to Station 31, staff from SRFR and Monroe Police presented at the Monroe Chamber, police officers and firefighters were honored at a luncheon at St. Mary's Church where school children sang patriotic songs and community leaders spoke in support of first responders.

Gratitude

Recently, one of our members wrote an email of gratitude to some other members of SRFR. It was relatively brief, and to the point, but it was very powerful. The message expressed thankfulness and gratitude for the incredible profession we get to do. He wrote that he has the "greatest job in the world." The email's impact was significant to the members receiving the message. The power of gratitude is strong and infectious.

I am especially grateful to be a member of the SRFR team. We have incredible people doing incredible things.

- Walking into the shop, you see top notch professionals keeping our rigs ready to respond.
- In the Admin Building, you see outstanding people working hard to support all the employees and community.
- The fantastic crew at the Logistics Center tirelessly hauls, fixes, stocks, and helps.



- Our IT gurus, everywhere, helping us get out of jams and behind the scenes, making things flow.
- Our awesome communications team spreading the word of safety and communicating the mission of SRFR.
- The Commissioners who care deeply about serving the community and diligently supporting all of us.
- Our selfless chaplains who volunteer their time to help families through tragedies.
- The “White Shirts,” now “Black Shirts” supporting their teams.
- How about our incredible Training, Health, and Safety Division making sure our skills are honed to the best ability.
- A Fire Marshall’s Office like no other. These guys are all over the place making sure structures are safe for citizens and firefighters alike.
- The tip of the spear. Our amazing paramedics and firefighters answer the call of duty 24 hours a day to help people. Whether it be on alarms, live fire, walk-in aid calls, or a citizen asking for directions, it’s impressive how kind and professional our responders are. Recently, a crew rocked a cumbersome, large diameter hose drill. Every member at every rank was working hard to support each other. These kinds of things happen every day.
- Every SRFR member, working together, helping each other!

Last week at the Appreciation Luncheon in Monroe, it was humbling to hear the school kids sing and community leaders speak in support of first responders. There are countless times we have been to a community event or the grocery store and someone thanked us for our service. There aren’t very many professions where that happens.

We get to help people at their greatest times of need while working with an incredible team.

Gratitude. Thank you to every fellow team member of SRFR for all you do.

Honored to serve with you,

Kevin O’Brien, Fire Chief