



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Thursday, March 14, 2024

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

Retirements

Congratulations to Lt. Jeff Thompson! On February 29th, SRFR celebrated Lt. Jeff Thompson's 35 years of service to the community with a flag ceremony at Station 82.

Congratulations to BC Rob Fisher! SRFR celebrated Rob's 36 years of service to the community on March 9th, with a flag ceremony at Station 71.

Congratulations to BC Ray Kosiba! Ray is retiring on April 1st and we will be celebrating with a flag ceremony at Station 81 on March 29th, at 9:00 a.m. Ray has served the community for 28 years.

Congratulations to Mindy Leber! Mindy is retiring on April 5th and has served with SRFR for 18 years. A reception for Mindy will be held on April 4th with details to follow.

We thank all our retirees for their hard work, dedication, and service to the SRFR community.

We also wish to thank the SRFR Honor Guard and our Pipes and Drums.

Memorial Service for WSP Trooper Christopher Gadd

On March 12th, at the Angel of the Winds Arena in Everett, SRFR Honor Guard members and SRFR Pipes and Drums members participated in the memorial for WSP Trooper Christopher Gadd. SRFR staff members were also in attendance.

Significant Alarms

Residential Fire Lake Stevens

At 8:35 a.m. on February 16th, SRFR units responded to a confirmed residential fire at the 10300 block of 7th Place SE in Lake Stevens. E82 arrived and reported a fire in an attached garage. E82



stretched a line for fire control. E83 arrived and supplied E82 with water and searched the house. E83's crew found a victim asleep in their bed. The victim was safely removed from the residence. Firefighters quickly controlled the fire and contained it to the area of origin. The fire is under investigation by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office.

Residential Fire Monroe

SRFR units were dispatched to a residential fire in Monroe. B31 and E31 arrived at a two-story residence with smoke showing from the garage (garage door closed) but no active fire. The crews found one patient with extensive burns to torso on the front steps of the residence. E31's firefighter initiated patient care while E31's officer checked the interior for extension and then pulled an attack line for fire control. The crews found no fire had extended from the garage, but the house was filled with heavy smoke. E32 arrived and assisted with water supply, fire control, and patient care. E41 assisted with opening the garage with E31 utilizing less than 100 gallons of water to extinguish a sofa fire in the garage. B71 and B43 assisted B31. MSO71 arrived and was assigned Medical Group with M82, M42, and A51. E31 completed a primary search of floors 1 and 2 with nothing found. E41 with a secondary and nothing found.

M82 with additional manpower transported the burn patient to Harborview Medical Center.

Follow up: The patient suffered significant burns and has had several surgeries and is currently in a coma.

Residential Fire

E72, M72, E73, B71, MSO71, L71, E77, KCA 145, and E76 responded to a Fire Residential Confirmed, with reports of the resident screaming "My house is burning down and my bedroom is on fire!" B31 joined the response, and a second medic unit was requested which added M13.

E72 arrived and found a small one-story house with smoke showing from the open front door and eaves. The smoke was mid-wall inside Unit 4, and the seat of the fire was in the C-side bedroom. B71 noted the same observations and updated the building type to a 5 unit 1-story apartment complex. The fire was confined by E72's fire attack to the room of origin but the apartment unit had smoke damage throughout. Overhaul showed no extension to the attic or exposures. Additional crews performed a search of the residence, with nothing found. B71 coordinated with the Red Cross to provide the occupants of the units with housing.

Emergency Medical Services

Active Shooter Class

SRFR sent six members to an Active Shooter – Advance Class. The class was approved by FEMA and focused on incident management in large scale incidents. Thanks to all who attended the three-day class.



New Medications

Nitroglycerin Infusions and Tranexamic Acid (TXA) have been purchased for familiarization, training, and implementation.

- Nitroglycerin infusions will be administered for patients with heart failure. This medication decreases the work of the heart and will help these patients breathe better. (Training has begun with this medication.)
- TXA is a medication which benefits trauma patients who are at risk of life-threatening hemorrhage. TXA has now arrived with training scheduled to begin in April.

Training & Safety

Guest Speaker BC Curt Isakson

During the week of March 6th, SRFR brought in a professional speaker, Curt Isakson, to discuss expectations, mindset, family, love of the job, and fireground tactics. Curt Isakson is currently a Battalion Chief for Escambia County Fire Rescue in Florida and he is a nationally known professional speaker, motivator, and educator. SRFR was able to share this great experience with many surrounding agencies. We thank Chief Isakson for his passion for the job and for challenging our minds.

Block 2 Training in Snohomish

Block 2 Training in Snohomish at the Pine Avenue property was very successful, and crews have reported how valuable it has been. Crews trained on oriented search, VES, and window cut outs/window to door conversion. Snohomish Fire District 4 has provided SRFR and South County Fire a great opportunity to train in real houses. SFD 4, SRFR, and South County Fire will start Block 3 training on March 12th and Live Fire training on April 9th.

Rx Safety Glasses

Health and Safety is working on a plan to reintroduce Rx safety glasses to those who need corrective lenses. For those who wear corrective lenses, you will be able to take your Rx to Monroe Vision Clinic and get your choice of 9 styles of black safety glasses frames to choose from. Members interested in this program will need to get approval through their supervisor.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Relations

Public Education

On February 28th and March 4th, PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo visited Cavelero Mid-High to teach 12 classes of Hands Only CPR. Students learned about how to do compressions, how to use an AED, and the difference between cardiac arrest and a heart attack.

On March 9th, at Station 71 we hosted our 2nd Annual Scout Day Open House where scouts from across Snohomish County were invited to participate in a special fire station open house aimed to provide activities for scouts to fulfill badge requirements.



School Visits:

- Kinder: 5 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 2nd Grade: 6 Classes School Year-to-Date
- Middle/High School: 38 Classes School Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 6

Upcoming Community Events:

- May 18th - Life Jacket Giveaway, Lake Stevens
- May 29th - North Creek High School Mock DUI Assembly

Public Information

Social Media Snapshot: February 14 – March 6, 2024

- 18 Posts
- 86,166 New Followers/Accounts
- 109,441 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

External Media:

March 4, Everett Herald - Fire damages apartment above Monroe brewery

<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/fire-damages-apartment-above-monroe-brewery/>

February 26, KOMO 4 - SR 2 reopens in Snohomish County after deadly head-on crash

<https://komonews.com/news/local/fatal-head-on-collision-state-route-2-snohomish-county-deputies-regional-fire-and-rescue-incident-pronounced-dead-washington-state-patrol-troopers-investigation-local-hospital-trapped-patient>

February 18, KIRO 7 - Adult and pet without home after Snohomish fire

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/adult-pet-without-home-after-snohomish-fire/GDB3KWG3IRBYTFVWE2YZJMXXY4>

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

District Funding

Staff are currently reviewing future funding alternatives including a fire benefit charge to bring to the Board for discussion.

Take care and stay safe,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief