



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

August 8, 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

Significant Alarms

Residential Fire

On July 22nd at 6:30 PM, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (SRFR) was dispatched to a house fire at the 700 block of 122nd Court NE. When units arrived on scene, the bathroom had a fire that extended into the attic space. Crews fought the fire from the interior while another crew vertically vented the roof to assist with removing hot gases and smoke. The fire was extinguished after 30 minutes. There were no injuries to civilians. One firefighter suffered a minor injury when debris fell on them while searching the second floor. SRFR was assisted by Snohomish Fire District #4, Getchell Fire District #22, Marysville Fire, Granite Falls Fire District #17 and Lake Stevens Police Department. The fire is currently under investigation by our SRFR Fire Marshal.

Water Rescue

On July 21st, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue and mutual aid units were dispatched on a swift water rescue for a report of ten people flipped out of their innertubes on the Skykomish River, roughly the 26900 block of Ben Howard Road. Units Battalion 31, Boat 31, Medic 31, Medic 43, Medic 51, MSO71, Drone 55, Medic 33 and several SCSO officers responded. M51 arrived first and attempted to get a triage on the number of people still in the water and what their needs were. B31 arrived and assumed command. M31 helped with searching the shoreline for additional victims. Once contact was made with the party of tubers, crews established that no one needed rescue, but several were in need of transport from the sandbar they were stranded on. BT31 was directed to launch at the Ben Howard boat launch and proceed upriver to assist with removing the stranded tubers. Three of the tubers needed BLS evaluations due to blue lips and possible hypothermia. This included a two-year-old who was the only one wearing a life jacket. BT31 shuttled the party in small groups from the sandbar to the Ben Howard side of the road



where M31, MSO71, M51, and B31 used a rope to assist them up the shallowest section of a steep cliff. BLS evals were performed and no one needed treatment or transport. M31 and M51 shuttled the party to their cars while BT31 removed the tubes from a strainer and returned their gear to the party.

Great job by all crews involved!

Emergency Medical Services

Paramedic Training

Congratulations to Oleg Mikhaylov for completing Harborview's Paramedic Training! We are excited to have him back and entering the Paramedic Mentorship Program. We know he will excel in this new role!

Congratulations to Costas Zweekhorst for being accepted into Harborview's Paramedic Training! We know he will be successful as he begins his paramedic training journey!

New Equipment

Based on user feedback, 20 new thermometers were ordered this week. Thank you, Paramedic Wigington, for researching this new model.

Intubation First Pass Success Rate

Year-to-date our first pass success rate for intubations is 90%. This is up from 83% in 2023 (our previous best year). Kudos to all our medics performing at such a high standard!

Training & Safety

Multi-Company Operations

Crews have been participating in multi-company operations at South County Fire's Training Center. Thank you, South County Fire, for giving us this opportunity to train on two-story residential fire scenarios.

Driver/Operator Update

We have had many firefighters complete their acting driver check offs. Congratulations to our new Acting Drivers: Bryce Human, Jerem Rhoades, Matt Millich, Tim Lambach, Landon Bell, and Kris Olsen!

We had 15 members submit letters of intent to take the upcoming Driver/Operator promotional exam. The first test date will be on September 23rd, good luck to all the candidates!

Decontamination Kit Update

All the first out engines with decontamination kits will be getting a new black bag that contains FLAME body soap, single use packets. As part of our carcinogen exposure reduction plan, the



products in this soap remove and absorb contaminants from the skin more readily than standard soap. The goal is to "shower within the hour" of returning from a fire scene.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Relations

The community relations team has been busy with Aquafest, National Night Out, and providing information on our wildfire deployments. Details on these events will be in the next Chief's Report.

Logistics

Facilities Report

Station 83

Sheet rock is being installed this week. The generator pad is being completed and underground to the generator. Scheduled for an early September punch list inspection and a substantial completion date of September 16th.

Station 31 Shop Remodel

GenCap has started work on the project and the north end of the project is closed to vehicle traffic. The roofers will be out this week to start work on the roof. Saw cutting for new foundation and utilities will start this week as well. Plumbing in the shop area has been isolated which will limit the need to do a complete shutdown of water.

Stations 32 & 81

Station 81: We have a finalized agreement for the mutual stormwater vault for the Station 81 project between SRFR, the City of Lake Stevens and North Cove, LLC. This will go to the Commissioners this week.

Station 32: We have extended our due diligence on the 32 property 60 days and will continue to work on confirming the property is conducive to our needs.

Station 72

We continue to pump the tanks weekly and monitor the levels.

We continue to push Harmsen to complete the survey of the Station 72 property for the engineering of the sewer hookup. Once we get this done and the information is provided to the



engineer, they will prepare the proposal to get the sewer line hookup complete. We propose to utilize emergency resolution to speed up the process.

We did get notification from Alderwood Water District that the original location for the water main connection will not work, and we will have to do some more research on other options. The issue is all water lines surrounding the station are transmission lines and too big to have a 1” service tapped off them. We may need to have the engineer that will be working on our sewer design as well, if we choose to do so.

Training Property

Training property is set to close September 13th.

Thank you to all SRFR team members for your hard work and dedication each day!

Take care and stay safe,

Michael Messer, Assistant Fire Chief

