



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

August 22, 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

Emergency Medical Services

Narcan Leave Behind Program

Each medic unit now carries a box with four Narcan Leave Behind Kits, funded by the Snohomish County Department of Health. This initiative aims to provide citizens with life-saving medication in emergency situations.

Airway Reviews

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue is actively reviewing all airway procedures conducted in the field, utilizing up-to-date data collection to inform ongoing training and drive continuous improvement. This thorough review process ensures that practices are current and effective. Special thanks to Paramedics Ball, Wigington, Jones, O'Brien, and Brown for their valuable contributions to this important initiative.

Training & Safety

Welcome New Recruits!

Training would like to welcome our new recruits that started on August 21st, they will be with us at Station 71 and other training facilities for Pre-Academy training until September 12th.

Welcome to the SRFR family: Tani Tupou, Randy Hatori, Cody Stocker, Logan Gash, Anthony Counts, Nate Labine, Josh Osborn, Emma Arnold, and Nate Lawson!

Grant Applications Approved

The Health & Safety Committee and the Emergency Medical Division were informed that our grant application with Labor and Industries has been approved and will allow us to purchase the Sampson Lifting straps that are currently being trialed on Medic 31 and Aid 82. These straps will be placed on all first out apparatus.



The Health & Safety Division also obtained grant approval for cabinet gear dryers for stations that do not have proper drying areas. The Health & Safety committee has recognized four stations to start with that can utilize these PPE gear dryers based on the highest risk and availability of power/space requirements. Stations 73, 77, 82, and 33 will be receiving new gear dryers by the end of the year.

Support Services

Logistics

Station 83

The contractor is working on interior painting and beginning case work. HVAC and plumbing trim will also be installed. On the exterior, siding has been started and the generator has been set. We are scheduled for an early September punch list inspection and a substantial completion date of September 16th. Logistics will need at least a week to set up furniture.

Station 31 Shop Remodel

We have officially broken ground over the last two weeks to improve the shop at Station 31. Gencap continues to make great early progress. This week the footings will be poured, and the water main relocation will be performed.

Stations 32 and 81

BNB/Miller Hull: The commissioners will be presented a draft contract for construction and architectural services using progressive design build on Thursday. Once executed, the design team will begin site assessments and early design.

Station 81: We have a finalized agreement for the mutual stormwater vault for the Station 81 project between SRFR, City of Lake Stevens and North Cove, LLC.

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

Station 72

We continue to pump the tanks weekly and monitor septic levels. Crews are doing a great job of watching water usage.

Harmsen has completed the survey for Station 72 that was requested by the engineers. The engineers will now prepare a proposal for SRFR to complete the sewer hookup and possibly help with a developer extension agreement to hookup water. We did get notification from Alderwood Water that the original location for the water main connection will not work, and we will have to do some further research on other options. The issue is all the 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 who will be working on our sewer design look at this as well.



Training Property

The training property that was originally purchased by District 7 leadership and located off State Route 522 has closed and is officially no longer in our possession. The district has received payment from the home builder.

Administration Building

We are currently working on placing a furniture order for the new upstairs area in the Administration Building for the Training, Information Technology and the Fire Marshal Divisions. The current plan is to have the move made by October 1st.

Community Relations

Public Education

On July 27th PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo hosted a public education booth at the Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast during the Lake Stevens Aquafest weekend. Thank you to all those who prepared for and worked the Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast, to those who participated in the Children's Parade / Grande Parade / Boat Parade, and to those who worked at the First Aid Booth throughout the weekend!

On July 30th PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo attended the Lake Stevens Farmers Market and spoke with market attendees about water safety and our upcoming Fire Prevention Week Open House. This market often sees up to 1500 attendees each Wednesday. On August 14th, PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo attended the Monroe Farmers Market for Kid's Day. They spoke with market attendees about bike safety and our upcoming Fire Prevention Week Open House. These farmers markets are a very good way for SRFR to connect with diverse groups of people in our district.

On August 3rd, Engine 33 visited the Creating Friends Event, an event that focuses on forming connections between kids that have disabilities. Creating Friends provides an opportunity for kids of all abilities, personalities and backgrounds to spend a day creating art and enjoying food, music and games together.

SRFR participated in three National Night Out events serving thousands of citizens the evening of August 6th. Monroe and Willis Tucker's events each saw up to 3000 attendees! Thank you to everyone for their support with these community events.

On August 10th, Program Specialist Larson and a North Battalion crew participated in the Lake Stevens Back to School Resource Fair hosted by the Lake Stevens Community Resource Center and Lake Stevens School District. It was a great day serving 360 students.

The August 14th Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce Membership Luncheon was attended by Commissioner Elmore, Assistant Chief Messer, Deputy Chief Rasmussen, Deputy Chief



McConnell, Deputy Fire Marshal Bowen, and Program Specialist Larson. The topic for August was Membership Appreciation.

Engine 31 taught Toys vs. Tools at Monroe Montessori on August 15th. Students learned how they should not play with matches and lighters, and they learned about what firefighters wear to stay safe.

PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo visited Alder Trails Mobile Home Park on August 19th to teach Disaster Preparedness. Attendees learned about what they should do before, during, and after a disaster.

Public Information

Social Media Snapshot: July 18, 2024 – August 14, 2024

- 46 Posts
- 160 New Followers/Accounts
- 183,505 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks
- 21,002 Total Followers

External Communications:

KING "10 people rescued after innertubes get caught on strainer in Skykomish River"
<https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/10-people-rescued-skykomish-river-monroe/281-d6d695b6-42b5-46a2-bc40-e6f8704f3caf>

KOMO "Multiple people rescued from river in Monroe, treated for cold water" exposure"
<https://komonews.com/news/local/multiple-people-rescued-from-river-in-monroe-treated-for-cold-water-exposure-strainer-life-jacket-boat-innertubes-flotilla>

Internal Communications:

- SRFR Wildland Team Deployments
- Station 32 Neighbor Firefighter Kid
- Skykomish Floaters Rescue
- Lake Stevens Structure Fire
- Station 82 Fresh Paint
- Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast
- Aquafest
- Liddiatt Retirement
- Lake Stevens Farmers Market
- National Night Out
- Monroe Farmers Market
- Guns and Hoses Promo
- Downes Road Crash
- Snohomish County Community Wildfire Protection Plan Survey



- Our weekly "Tool Tuesday"

Take care and stay safe,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief

