



Chief's Report

July 24, 2025

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

Early Morning Fire

In the early hours of July 19, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue's (SRFR) North Battalion responded to a residential fire that quickly escalated due to visible fire conditions upon their approach. Crews arrived to find a small, two-story home with heavy fire venting from all second-story windows and the skylight.

A hose line was stretched through the front side of the house, with crews initiating fire attack and search operations. Due to challenging interior conditions and an unfamiliar layout, crews opted for a quick exterior knockdown before making entry. Their swift, coordinated actions kept the fire from spreading further.

As the team prepared to establish a water supply located approximately 250 feet away, off-duty Firefighter Alex Fatkin arrived on scene, stretched the supply line, and secured the hydrant. This was an outstanding show of initiative and commitment.





The fire was brought under control within 10 minutes. Multiple crews rotated through overhaul operations on the second floor, each completing two bottle exchanges. The Red Cross assisted in securing temporary housing for the displaced homeowner. Additionally, the homeowner received \$200 in immediate assistance through our Fire 7 Foundation. Fortunately, no injuries were reported. Excellent work, North Battalion!

Training

Fire Training Academy

The Training Division extends its sincere thanks to Lieutenant Bobby Lowe for his dedication and hard work at the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy. His service as a Training Officer and as a Captain for the Training Division made a lasting impact. Lieutenant Lowe has now returned to B-shift at Station 81. Thank you for your commitment, and for leaving the Fire Training Academy better than you found it!

Radio Communications

As part of our ongoing commitment to community preparedness and safety, Captain Scott Boswell from the Training Division recently created and led a communications training for Evergreen State Fair staff. The session focused on enhancing on-site coordination during incidents by strengthening radio communication practices.

Participants learned best practices for clear and effective communication, including proper radio etiquette, consistent terminology, and strategies to reduce unnecessary radio traffic. Following the instructional portion, staff engaged in a tabletop scenario that allowed them to apply what they learned in a simulated emergency response setting.

This interactive training helped reinforce key communication principles and support readiness efforts ahead of the upcoming Evergreen State Fair. We are proud to partner with local organizations to build safer, coordinated responses for our community events.

Health & Safety

Annual Cancer Screening Event

The Snohomish County Health & Safety Officers are once again organizing a multi-day cancer screening event this September. Taking place September 8–12 and 15–19, the event will be held at South County Fire's Administration Building (12425 Meridian Avenue South, Everett) and is open to all fire employees, retirees, and spouses in Snohomish County.

Screenings will include ultrasound cancer and cardiovascular checks, along with the Galleri multi-cancer blood test. A skin cancer screening may also be offered, depending on availability. Additional details, including registration instructions, pricing, and how to sign up, will be shared in an upcoming memo and/or email. This event supports early detection and reinforces our shared commitment to health and wellness.



SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Relations

Chamber of Commerce Membership Meeting

The July 9 Lake Stevens Chamber Picnic Lunch was attended by Commissioner Elmore, Assistant Chief Messer, Assistant Fire Marshal Bowen, Deputy Fire Marshal LeDuc, and Program Specialist Larson. The event provided a great chance to network with local businesses.

Aquafest 2025 Is a Wrap!

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Lake Stevens Aquafest (July 11–13) a success! The festival drew large crowds, and SRFR was proud to take part in key activities.

The SRFR team contributed by:

- Staffing the First Aid Booth throughout the weekend.
- Leading the Children's Parade and Grande Parade with the engine.
- Hosting the Firefighters' Pancake Breakfast at Station 81 on Saturday and Sunday.
- Providing a Public Education Booth at Station 81 on Saturday.
- Participating in the Boat Parade with the fire boat.
- Conducting safety inspections, including fireworks oversight on Saturday.

Aquafest was a fun and meaningful weekend filled with opportunities to connect with a community we are honored to serve. Thank you to all who participated and supported the event!

Thank You for an Incredible Welcome

As I officially begin this new chapter with SRFR, I want to take a moment to express how grateful my family and I are for the incredible welcome we have received. From the warm greetings to the messages of encouragement, the positive energy across the organization has been something special and truly humbling.

A huge shoutout to everyone who made Aquafest such a success. The pride, professionalism, and heart you bring to serving this community were on full display. Events like these show the very best of who we are, and I am honored to be part of these experiences.

In the coming days and weeks, my top priority is to get out to every station, shift, and workgroup to meet the people behind the mission. I believe strongly that leadership starts by listening, and I look forward to learning more about each of you, your work, and how we can grow together.

To those I have had the pleasure of meeting already, thank you for making me feel at home! I am proud to call myself a member of the SRFR team.

Brian Park, Fire Chief