



Lake Stevens Fire &
Snohomish County Fire District 7
Improving Service Together



Chief's Report 9.24.20

COVID-19

District personnel remain focused on the District's mission of saving lives, protecting property, safeguarding the environment in a fiscally responsible manner. Given the current COVID-19 outbreak, extra attention has been given to the safety of our personnel and the District's response to care for our communities. We have been working closely with our Snohomish County regional partners including the other fire/EMS agencies, Snohomish County EMS, DEM, Dept. of Health, hospitals, the cities we serve, the school districts we serve, and others.

- There is one employee with no symptoms in quarantine due to an off-duty exposure.
- Labor disruption is stable
- Daily training is ongoing for all responders regarding personal protective equipment (PPE), decontamination, and response protocols
- The Infectious Control Task Force (ICTF) continues to work with the Safety Committee, Operations, Logistics, Technical Services, and Administration to monitor and develop best practices with the goal of maintaining a healthy environment for all employees and citizens.
- COVID 19 testing is now being performed by Everett Fire for all Snohomish County Fire/EMS Responders.

Wildland Deployments

On 9/22 the District EMAC Deployed the following Resources to California (Susanville, CA or Ukiah, CA).

- Type 1 Engine – Four Personnel
- Type 6 Brush Truck – Three Personnel
- One Strike Team Leader
- Three Supervisory Leaders

We thank the firefighters and their families for serving and wish them safe travels.

Annexation (City of Lake Stevens/Snohomish County)

The District has remained engaged in the proposed annexation process by the City of Lake Stevens to annex an area in South East Lake Stevens.

SRFR Rebranding

Staff have developed an updated plan, budget, and timeline for the roll out of the SRFR name and rebranding project. The plan will be presented to the Board on 9.24.20.

Strategic Planning

The next Strategic Planning work session is scheduled for 10.1.20. The focus will be development of Mission and Values.

Bunker Gear Interlocal Agreement

Staff are preparing an introduction to the Board an Interlocal Cooperative Purchase Agreement with Puget Sound Regional Fire Authority. This will be for the purchase of 90 sets of replacement bunker gear. The purchase price is projected to be \$2,786.71 per set and a total of \$250,803.90 for the project.

Stations 77 and 13.

The Strategic Analysis Group is finishing up collecting data for report. We anticipate a draft report in October.

Medical Reporting Tablets

ISOsource is finishing up configuring the replacement medical reporting tablets.

Heart Monitor/Defibrillator Replacement

Staff have developed a proposal for the replacement of aging Heart Monitor/Defibrillators. The proposal will be introduced to the Board on 9.24.20.

Harborview-UW Paramedic Training

The District is sending one Student Paramedic to the Harborview-UW Paramedic Training Program. Class begins Monday 09/28.

Advanced Life Support Interlocal Agreement (ALS ILA)

An initial draft of a standardized draft Advanced Life Support Interlocal Agreement is scheduled to be completed by 10/20/2020. The goal of the ALS ILA is to provide a standardized agreement for all the Districts served by SRRF.

Supervising Physician

Dr. Ryan Keay has notified the District that she will be stepping down as a District Supervising Physician effective 1.1.21. Dr. Talley will remain as the District's Supervising Physician. Staff are working to update his contract.

We gratefully thank Dr. Keay for her service to our Community. She is an excellent mentor, teacher, and physician. We will miss her presence on the team.

EMS Training Platform

The District has begun a transition to a new EMS Training Platform. We will move from King County EMS Online training to ESO EMS Academy on 1.1.21. Effective 1.1.21 KCEMS will no longer provide their training platform agencies outside of King County.

Mask Distribution

The District took delivery of 18,000 masks intended for public use. Staff are working to develop a streamlined a distribution plan.

Policy and Procedures

Staff are working with Lexipol and internal District stakeholders to develop a policy development and update system. Lexipol was able to reactivate D7 archived Lexipol file, its content will now be available for the project. We continue to seek members to join the Policy and Procedure work group.

MSDS Online

Staff are in the final stages of developing the MSDS Online program with an anticipated roll out and training in October.

Employee Physicals

Twelve days of onsite physicals have been completed for emergency responders.

Flu Vaccines

The Health and Safety Division is working with Healthforce to provide onsite flu vaccines. Details will be provided soon.

Accreditation/Standards of Cover

The Accreditation Team is working on finalize geographic planning zone and risk assessment methodology. This is the foundation of the risk assessment process for the Standards of Cover. We are receiving advice from other Districts that are similar to SRFR to develop regionally consistent and contemporary methods for completion. Pending Board approval, August of 2022 is projected start date of the Accreditation Process.

New Career Firefighters

Five new career firefighters started the academy on Monday 8/31 and will be completed by Thanksgiving. They are progressing well.

Recruitment

The District is currently recruiting entry level firefighters. The application period is open until 10.4.20. More detailed information can be found on the District's website. The District currently projects a need for eight replacement firefighters in 2021.

Washington State Auditor

The Washington State Auditor will begin an audit process for the District for 2019 on 10.12.20.

2021 Budget

Staff continue development of a proposed 2021 Budget for SRFR. *Transparency and Stability* highlight the process. Following Senior Staff Approval in October, the draft Budget will go to the Finance Committee for review and approval. The draft Budget will then be presented to the Board for review and final approval. The deadline for Budget approval is 11.27.20.