



## SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

### OPERATIONS

#### Significant Alarms

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue responded to a two-acre brush fire on Department of Natural Resource land between Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue and Duvall Fire. Crews did a great job with fire attack and protecting a home which was the only exposure. The scene was turned over to the Department of Natural Resources.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue was dispatched to a reported female injured under a bridge. After a search of the area, Medic 31 found the patient under the bridge that is between the Lewis Street Bridge and Ben Howard Road. The patient was packaged in a stokes basket with a haul system set up to move her up the riverbank. The patient was in critical condition due to an apparent medical event and transported to the hospital.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue responded to the 17600 block of State Route 9 for reports of gun shots fired in the parking lot. Crews worked collaboratively with the Snohomish County Sherriff's Department to determine what the patient's injury was. The patient was deemed requiring advanced life support measures and transported to Harborview Medical Center.

#### Fire Suppression / Special Operations

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue participated in a tri-county coordinated complex terrorist attack exercise on the 28<sup>th</sup> of September. The training evolution was conducted in Tacoma, Washington where all fire and police participants from respective agencies in Snohomish, King and Pierce counties were strategically set-up for the live exercise. Two battalion chiefs and five executive staff members participated with members from Monroe Police, Lake Stevens Police, Snohomish County Sherriff's Office, Washington State Patrol and personnel from the county's Department of Emergency Management. All participants worked collaboratively through a mock incident in Monroe. Many lessons were learned and further procedures will be developed and communicated throughout the organizations and more efficient communication models will be explored during such complex incidents.

The Operations team including all twelve battalion chiefs met off site at the end of September for a scheduled face-to-face meeting. The chief officers discussed several incidents that occurred over the last couple of months. Additionally, members shared input on the updated hose manual and standard operating guideline document.



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### Emergency Medical Services

The Paramedic Trainee (Michael Copass Paramedic Program) announcement went out in Memos last week and the filing period is open with the last day to submit letters of intent by October 21. Testing dates will be the week of January 3-7.

The County Fire Chiefs voted this week to use an assessment fee formula similar to the Sno911 formula to fund Snohomish County EMS (SCEMS) for 2022. The formula is a weighted formula that includes assessed value (AV), calls/usage and population:

AV=54%

Calls/Usage=23%

Population=23%

The formula will be used to fund one employee in the office and the County MPD rather than the two-employee model and the MPD recommended by the SCEMS Board. With the new formula Snohomish Regional's assessment will be \$48,399.

SRFR received a generous donation of over \$11,000 designated to purchase needed EMS training equipment. We greatly appreciate the benevolent citizen's donation.

### **FIRE & LIFE SAFETY**

#### Office of the Fire Marshal

Staff continue to work on the Sultan Fire Marshal Services ILA. The District's attorney and City of Sultan have both agreed to ILA language and the document is ready for Board review.

#### Community Relations

Staff continue to work on scheduling levy presentations, open houses, and fire prevention week messaging. Please look for meeting invites to these events being sent by Laana.

The open houses conducted on 10/4, 10/6, and 10/9 were a great success and well attended by the public and SRFR personnel. Thanks to all who participated!

#### Accreditation and Compliance

Staff are working on transition and onboarding for First Watch, FOAM, and PowerBI. The accreditation team will meet and ensure that these platforms are updated according to current Standard of Cover.

The Washington Survey and Rating Bureau (WSRB) was on-site on October 5 and began our re-rating process. Thank you to all staff for your help in compiling requested materials. The WSRB may request additional information prior to finalizing our new rating. The rating should be posted in 60 to 90 days.



## **TECHNICAL SERVICES**

### **Information Technology**

The domain merge and server upgrade project has been completed. Small elements of cleanup including phone text archiving and a few other supporting tasks are ongoing, but the bulk of the large project has been completed. Thank you to the entire IT team for their diligence in completing this huge undertaking!

We have reached an all-time high confidence level in our network security with the addition of the Kroll system monitoring that we recently added to our system. We have been asked to present to the WFOA at the upcoming conference on our recent experiences related to cyber security. Chief Guptill and a team from ISOsource will be presenting.

The Location upgrades to Stations 72 and 77 have commenced and will be completed before the end of the year. Station 76 has been put on pause until the status of Station 76 has been determined.

### **Fleet**

Staff are beginning the planning work with the EMS Division on the 2022 and 2023 plan to re-mount and replace the EMS units as forecasted in the apparatus replacement plan. A committee is being stood up for this process. The engine specifications are out with the vendors. Proposals are due by October 21<sup>st</sup> with a recommendation to the Chief and Board following shortly after.

We have received the new 800 MHz mobile radios and we are beginning the installation work.

### **Communications**

Staff have been asked by the Sno. Co. Chief's TAC Committee to identify next generation incident alerting and paging options.

Staff attended the annual New World user advisory committee meetings. The development of the next generation Fire Records, Fire Incident Reporting and Fire Mobile technology is an ongoing topic and design work continues.

## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

### **Washington State Auditor**

The administrative team is currently working with the Washington State Auditor's Office on the District's annual audit and hopes to be completed in November.



### Fire Levy Lid Lift

September 30, staff attended the Lake Stevens Chamber Candidate Forum and were available to answer questions about the levy.

October 5, Commissioners and staff presented information about the upcoming levy for the Lake Stevens Lions Club.

October 7, Commissioners and staff presented information about the fire levy lid lift to the Monroe Kiwanis Club.

October 13, Commissioners and staff presented information about the fire levy lid lift to the Monroe Rotary Club.

### 2022 Budget Process

The initial draft 2022 budget is being finalized with the intent to present to the Finance committee at its regular monthly meeting on October 27.

### Succession Planning

The Administration Section is working on a succession plan to support the retirements of Assistant Chief Silva and Assistant Chief Huff in 2022.

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

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief