



Chief's Report

12.9.21

Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue honors retired Paramedic Dennis Weisenberger who died on the morning of December 2, 2021. Dennis retired from Lake Stevens Fire in 2017. He began his career on Medic 10 in Monroe and then transitioned to Lake Stevens Fire. Dennis was an excellent paramedic who was a friend and mentor to many.

A Celebration of Life for Dennis will be held Friday, December 10, 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Crossroads Church, 1301 Maple St. Wenatchee. An internment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery at 2:00 p.m.

OPERATIONS

Congratulations to Jake Winter, Ryan Rozelle, Kevin Gleason, and Anthony Gleason on their promotions to Driver Operator! Thanks to all who participated in the Driver Operator examination process!

Chief's Interviews for Entry-Level Firefighter were held throughout the week of 11/29. There are currently 15 openings.

Emergency Medical Services

The EMS Division held their yearly retreat. The group discussed vision and goals for 2022. The group reviewed a quick budget presentation and the SOC as well.

We are working on closing up EMS training with EMS1 and the transition to Target Solutions in 2022.

The EMS Division is working with Training and HR on evaluating paramedic school testing and entry level testing for the paramedic hiring process.

Training & Safety

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue's six recruit firefighters and probationary lieutenants graduated from the Snohomish County Fire Academy on December 2. The recruits start the post academy on December 6 with EMS.

All promoted lieutenants in 2021 will be attending a two-week SRFR Officer Development Academy starting December 6.

Human Resources and Training are planning for future entry level firefighter, captain, hazmat team, and paramedic student tests.



FIRE & LIFE SAFETY

Office of the Fire Marshal

OFM staff will be assisting with the upcoming Officer Development School. We will be reviewing NFIRS reporting, fire protection systems, pre-fire planning, fire code violation reporting, and other capabilities.

A big THANK YOU to Jason Bowen for his work to build fire protection training props and presentations to engage with Training and Operations to ensure that line staff are proficient with these systems.

Community Relations:

We visited 5 out of 77 second grade classes to provide fire safety education. In addition, we presented 1 disaster preparedness class as part of our adult fire safety education program.

Staff are working to update the website with current fire safety information and create an education page that has links to all courses provided.

We created a virtual birthday visit for a local two year old and sent the video to his parents from our crews.

Our social media presence has been on the rise. We posted 24 times, gained 28 new followers, and saw 21,000 engagements from customers.

On 12/9/21 Chief O'Brien, Chief Silva, and Chief Rasmussen participated in "Coffee with the Chiefs" at the Original Pilot House Coffee Shop.

Strategic Analysis:

GIS is working with our water purveyors to obtain updated fire flows for use in our current WSRB rating. We have received data from 4 of our 10 purveyors.

We will be working with HR and admin staff to begin the hiring process for a Data Analyst.

The Strategic Plan and Community Risk Assessment: Standard of Cover has been approved by the Board of Fire Commissioners at their meeting on 11/23. This approval will allow the completion of FESSAM writing for Category 5 Programs that are performance centric.



LOGISTICS

SQI has completed cleaning the roofs and gutters at our 13 facilities.

The 5 ton military truck and 400 gallon water tank that we received from the forest service has been returned to them. We no longer have any military vehicles.

The Logistics Division has taken over the process of SCBA fit testing for the District. We have completed the majority of them and are catching up with those that have been off.

Logistics has been working with the Training Division to get Station 71 ready to house the Snohomish County Training Consortium.

The process to replace the curbs at Station 31 has started. The old curbs have been removed and now they are waiting for a break in the rain to pour the new curbs.

ADMINISTRATION

Staff have had the opportunity to present the City of Mill Creek with a proposal to continue service following the expiration of the current service contract which ends on January 1, 2023. Mill Creek is currently evaluating the proposal.

With appreciation for our excellent team!

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief