



Chief's Report

April 14, 2022

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

On March 22, at approximately 11:00 p.m., firefighters from the East and West Battalions responded to a report of a vehicle in the water at the Lost Lake boat ramp. Possible victims were reported. Upon arrival, firefighters found the driver of the vehicle at the boat ramp, and he was evaluated and transported by A77 to a local hospital. It was believed that possibly one or two victims were still in the vehicle, so members of the Water Rescue Team made multiple attempts to reach the vehicle. Due to darkness and the depth of the vehicle it wasn't possible to verify. Boat 32 and King County Boat 166 assisted with search operations. It was eventually determined that there were no victims in the vehicle.

On March 22, firefighters from the North Battalion responded to a small, two-story house with smoke visible from the front door. The first arriving crews quickly located and extinguished a fire located in the kitchen, on the second floor. The homeowner had attempted to extinguish the fire prior to the arrival of SFRF units and received second degree burns to his hands and torso. Additionally, the patient experienced swelling in his airway due to smoke inhalation. The homeowner was transported to Harborview Medical Center for treatment.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

L72 was assigned to Everett Fire Department Station 1 on April 4 as a cover company. This was to cover Everett Fire Department apparatus and crews, while they attended the funeral service for Everett Police Officer Rocha. L72 joined units from multiple jurisdictions in Snohomish County to provide Fire & EMS services to the city of Everett during the funeral service. Thank you to L72 C-shift!

Emergency Medical Services

Staff attended an ESO Webinar concerning the use of data to improve patient care. A presentation was given highlighting the need to evaluate when to respond and transport with lights and sirens. This ties into the Sno911 DRC meeting that was discussing this issue on the county level.

The majority of time for the EMS Division during the month of March was focused on EMT and Paramedic recertifications.



High Performance Trauma Management is being conducted for EMS training this quarter. Instructors are using new equipment given by donation, to build realistic injuries for crews to treat.

Training & Safety

The recruit firefighters and company officers are in week 9 of 12 with training at the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy. Round three of evaluations took place on April 5.

The Training Division posted the second quarter's training on March 31st.

The Training, Operations and Health & Safety Deputy Chiefs attended the Center for Public Safety Excellence Conference during the week of March 21. The conference focused on fire organizations' accreditation and professional credential.

Training / Health & Safety is pleased to welcome Brett Fetcho as a Long-Term Acting Captain. Brett brings experience as the Peer Fitness Team Lead as well as a strong personal focus on Firefighter Wellness. Congratulations Captain Fetcho!

The SRFR Health & Safety Committee reviewed the SRFR Safety Improvement Plan that guides our participation in the LNI Firefighter Injury & Illness Reduction Program. The plan focuses on reducing carcinogenic exposures and musculoskeletal injuries. This pilot program offers reduced workers compensation costs for agencies that focus on preventative efforts. Reduced cost and a safer workplace are a great combination.

The Snohomish County COVID Force Protection Group continues to meet and promote a consistent county wide response to the pandemic. Recommendation adjustments are based on hospitalization rates and relevant regulatory guidelines for health care providers.

Vaccine Mandate Accommodation Review

On August 9, 2021, Governor Jay Inslee issued Proclamation 21-14 requiring state employees and health care and long-term care providers to be fully vaccinated after October 18, 2021. SRFR is complying with the Governor's Proclamation. As an ongoing analysis, staff are engaged in an evaluation of the district's ability to modify accommodations provided to unqualified employees. Criteria currently under review includes the following:

- The lawful and regulatory requirements contained in Governor Jay Inslee's August 9, 2021, Proclamation 21-14 requiring state employees and health care and long-term care providers to be fully vaccinated after October 18, 2021
- The Vaccine Mandate Accommodation MOU with Local 2781
- Recommendations from the CDC, Snohomish Health District, and MPD Dr. Eric Cooper
- Legal review
- Operational impacts



- Health and safety impacts
- Logistical impacts
- Risk management impacts
- Community impacts
- Internal culture impacts
- Financial impacts
- Insurance coverage
- Review of other agencies' accommodation policies
- Analysis of possible accommodation change
 - Day shift assignment
 - Operations assignment
 - Maintain status quo
 - Sustainability of possible accommodation change

As a result of the recent accommodation criteria analysis, staff are working with IAFF Local 2781 to develop a plan to allow employees with a religious or health related exemption to safely return to work.

PLANNING

Public Education Updates:

School YTD: 2nd Grade Classes Visited: **36 out of 77**

- **March 17 - April 6**
 - Mill Creek Elementary: **3**
- Scheduled: **4 (2nd Grade) & 5 (9th Grade Hands Only CPR)**

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: **4**

- The next class is Disaster Preparedness on **April 13**

Social Media Snapshot: **March 17 – April 6**

- **49** Posts
- **88** New Followers/Accounts
- **66,051** Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

The Spring 2022 Newsletter dropped this last week. The newsletter features the Water Rescue Team, a Chief's Message, window falls safety, and bike helmet safety.

PES Kaitlin King and PIEO Peter Mongillo are working with our webmaster to update our SRFR website with current content on the following pages:

- About Us section
- Recruitment/Employment section



LOGISTICS

Logistics

Logistics/Facilities is working to support the Capital Facility Plan. Future initiatives will include:

- Continue with Rice Fergus Miller on Station 83 and the immediate priority of the Shop addition. Dave Fergus has announced that he will be retiring in the near future.
- Seek and obtain Project Managerial services early on in the process, to assist initial phases of the Capital Facility Plan projects.
- Seek Real Estate services for land acquisition for future Capital Facility Plan projects.

Logistics has compiled a surplus list that will be attached to a board resolution for approval at an upcoming Board of Commissioners Meeting.

Logistics has completed the Ground Maintenance bid process through MRSC. Two companies submitted quotes for service. The contract will be awarded to AJ's Landcare.

CBRE has completed the marketing summary for the sale of the training property land. The property will go on the market shortly.

Logistics was able to pinpoint the musty smell that was coming from an office at Station 31 and it appears that the cast iron drain pipe under the concrete slab is failing. Logistics is researching options for fixing the failing drain pipe.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Finance

At the end of March, we received the first quarter service payment from the city of Mill Creek in the amount of \$1,084,056.75.

We are continuing to work on the annual financial report. It is due by May 30th this year.

Draft Budget Amendment #1 for 2022 is being presented to the Board for the first review. It includes updates in beginning balances, encumbrances from 2021, back-pay for both the Teamsters and the Battalion Chiefs' contracts, updates to Teamsters pay due to the recently settled contract, the budget re-infusion plan and other items.



We are working on balancing all of the District's bank accounts for the month of March. Once this has been completed, we will begin work on the first quarter report for 2022.

Take care and stay safe,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief

