

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

NEW HIRES



We are excited to welcome newly hired Firefighter Paramedic Cameron Edwards!



We are excited to welcome newly hired Firefighter Paramedic Douglas Seitz!



We are excited to welcome newly hired Fire Service Mechanic Brandon Watkins!



We are excited to welcome newly hired Fire Service Apprentice Mechanic Jeremy Jensen!



We are excited to welcome newly hired Fire Service Apprentice Mechanic Kerry Pray!



We are excited to welcome newly hired HR Analyst Kelsey Ayer!



Congratulations to Driver Operator Joel Lengkeek on his retirement after 31 years in the fire service!



Congratulations to Admin. Specialist Mindy Leber on her retirement after 18 years in the fire service!

PROMOTIONS



Congratulations to newly promoted Battalion Chief Jamal Beckham!



Congratulations to newly promoted Battalion Chief James Hammeren!



Congratulations to newly promoted Lieutenant Chris Robertson!



Congratulations to newly promoted Lieutenant Travis Rask!



Congratulations to newly promoted Lieutenant Steve Kuhlman!



Congratulations to newly promoted Lieutenant Chad Squire!



Congratulations to newly promoted Firefighter/Paramedic Aaron DeSalvo!



Congratulations to newly promoted Firefighter/Paramedic Thomas Brown!



Congratulations to newly promoted Firefighter/Paramedic Jacob Curti!



Congratulations to newly promoted Firefighter/Paramedic Brady O'Brien!



Congratulations to newly promoted Driver Operator Geoff Jacobs!



Congratulations to newly promoted Driver Operator Ross Rumann!



Congratulations to newly promoted Deputy Fire Marshal LeRoy Schwartz!



Congratulations to newly promoted Admin. Specialist Laura Gonzalez!

Learn more about a career in the fire service, about Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue, and about our Water Rescue Team by following the QR code!



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FIREHOUSE FEATURE WATER RESCUE TEAM

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (SRFR) has three major rivers, the county's largest lake, and countless, smaller bodies of water within our jurisdiction. These waterways are heavily trafficked during the summer months and are often the spots where we respond to water related rescue calls; such as missing person(s), capsized boats, vehicle submersion, flooding, and drowning incidents. These types of rescues require specialized training, and because of this, SRFR has a special team that trains for these technical rescues. The Water Rescue Team is comprised of personnel who are highly trained in swift water rescue, boat operations, rescue swimming, free diving, and long distance swims.



This team trains regularly and has hosted a regional Water Rescue Academy that prepares first responders for a wide variety of water rescue calls. The team also focuses on training youth about water safety. Every summer, they host multiple water safety camps. At camp, kids are taught about life jackets, paddling safety, boat safety, and situational awareness. In addition to these camps, this year, the Water Rescue Team, SRFR Public Information & Education Officers, the City of Monroe, and Snohomish County Safe Kids partnered together to create a life jacket stand at Lake Tye in Monroe. The life jacket stand holds life jackets available for day use by kids and adults swimming in Lake Tye! Learn more by following the code above!





SUMMER SAFETY BINGO



CELEBRATE SUMMER SAFETY BY PLAYING BINGO WITH US!

Download your BINGO card from our website or scan the QR code.

Complete 5 safety activities in a row.

Drawing at the end of summer!

Submit your completed BINGO card by emailing us at: CommunityRelations@SRFR.org.

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BRUSH AND FOREST FIRE PREPAREDNESS



According to the Northwest Interagency Coordination Center (NWCC), the Northwest Geographic Area is predicted to have above normal wildfire potential this July through September. With a summer that is predicted to have more record breaking heat, it is important to take steps to understand how wildfires can affect us in Snohomish County, and it is important to learn what we can do to keep our homes and properties safe in the event of a wildfire.

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) states that, “research around home destruction vs. home survival in wildfires point to embers and small flames as the main way that the majority of homes ignite in wildfires. Embers are burning pieces of airborne wood and/or vegetation that can be carried more than a mile through the wind and can cause spot fires and ignite homes, debris, and other objects. There are methods for homeowners to prepare their homes to withstand ember attacks and minimize the likelihood of flames or surface fire touching the home or any attachments.”

The NFPA recommends taking the following steps to make your home safer from embers and radiant heat in the event of a wildfire:

- **REMOVE** leaves, pine needles, and other flammable material from the roof, gutters, and on and under the deck to help prevent embers from igniting your home.
- **SCREEN** areas below decks and porches with 1/8” wire mesh to help prevent material from accumulating underneath.
- **COVER** exterior attic and soffit vents with 1/8” wire mesh to help prevent sparks from entering your home.
- **ENCLOSE** eaves to help prevent ember entry.
- **INSPECT** shingles or roof tiles. **REPLACE** missing shingles or tiles. **COVER** ends of tiles with bird stops or cement to help prevent ember penetration during a wildfire.

Tips for Landscaping Around Your Home:

- **REMOVE** dead vegetation and other flammable materials, especially within the first 5 feet of the home.
- **KEEP** your lawn hydrated and maintained. If it is brown, cut it down to help reduce fire intensity.
- **PRUNE** tree limbs so the lowest branches are 6 to 10 feet above the ground to help reduce the chance of fire getting into the crowns of the trees.
- **MOVE** construction material, trash, and woodpiles at least 30 feet away from the home and other outbuildings.
- **DISPOSE** of branches, weeds, leaves, pine needles, and grass clippings that you have cut to reduce fuel for fire.



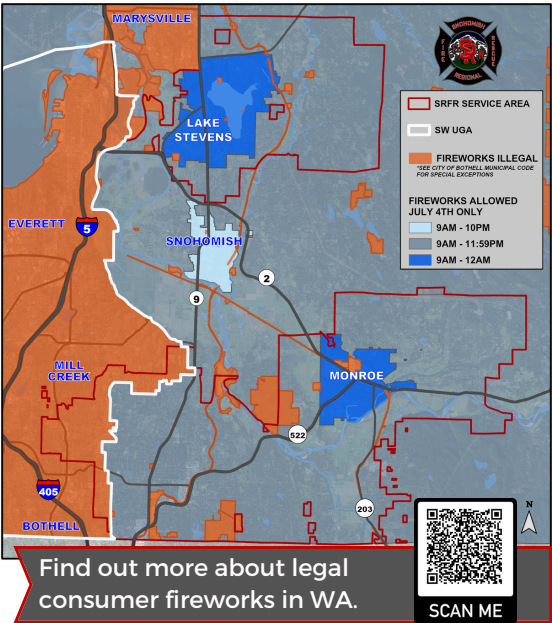
UPCOMING COMMUNITY EVENTS

- **July 9th:** Water Safety Camp-Lake Tye
 - Registration Required
 - **July 17th:** Water Safety Camp-Lundeen Park
 - Registration Required
 - **July 27-28th:** Aquafest Pancake Breakfast
 - **July 31st:** Lake Stevens Farmers Market
 - **August 6th:** National Night Out-Multiple Locations
- **August 10th:** Lake Stevens Back to School Event
 - **August 14th:** Monroe Farmers Market
 - **August 20th:** Lake Stevens Guns & Hoses Charity Softball Game
 - **August 28th:** Monroe Back to School Resource Fair
 - **September 7th:** Echo Lake Community Block Party
 - **October 12th:** Fire Prevention Week Open House-Monroe



Learn more at www.SRFR.org

4TH OF JULY FIREWORKS - DISCHARGE AREAS



*In the state of Washington, fireworks are subject to state laws and local county or city laws.

As 4th of July celebrations approach, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue wants to remind citizens of the laws and regulations within our district. The discharge areas in parts of unincorporated Snohomish County are similar to last year. You can use our interactive map to see the banned areas by using the QR code below. Please note that even though you can purchase fireworks in the South West Urban Growth Area (SW UGA), they are still banned from discharge in those areas. The sale of fireworks will be restricted in the SW UGA in 2025.

Within the cities of Monroe and Lake Stevens, the discharge of fireworks is allowed only on July 4th from 9 A.M. until midnight.

For the safest viewing of fireworks, Snohomish Regional recommends attending a public fireworks show. If your family wants to enjoy a small fireworks display at home, Snohomish Regional recommends using the types of fireworks you can buy at a local fireworks stand, and we advise that ignition should only be conducted by adults wearing protective eyewear. Additionally, never pick up a firework “dud”, and remember to be a good neighbor. Clean up your fireworks debris after your celebration, and be aware of veterans and pets in your neighborhood that may be affected by loud noises. Have a safe and happy 4th of July celebration!

Learn more about the ban area as well as other local regulations: www.SRFR.org.



HAVE A SAFE SUMMER ON THE WATER: LIFE JACKET LOANER PROGRAM

As we approach the summer months, many of us are planning trips that will allow us to enjoy all of the open water the Pacific Northwest has to offer. Be sure that as you plan for your trip, you don't forget one of the most important pieces of gear...**your life jacket!** When swimming, boating, or paddling on open water, it is important to always wear a life jacket. Safe Kids Snohomish County says, “It's not enough to simply wear a life jacket. It must fit correctly in order to be effective.”

To be sure your life jacket fits, you must:

1. Select the right jacket based on weight. Wearing a jacket that is too big can be dangerous.
2. Be sure the life jacket fits snug around the chest and does not ride up on your body in the water.
3. Fasten all buckles. Pull straps tight, not twisted. Avoid gaps or overlapping where the two sides come together on the front of the jacket. Smaller jackets will also have a strap between the legs for added protection.

Need to borrow a life jacket? FREE day-use life jackets are available at the following life jacket loaner cabinets within our fire district.

Loaner Life Jacket Cabinets

- **Lake Tye Park:** 14964 Fryelands Boulevard, Monroe, WA **NEW**
- **Davies Beach:** 10508 Chapel Hill Road, Lake Stevens, WA
- **Lake Stevens City Boat Launch:** 12200 17th Place NE, Lake Stevens, WA

SRFR Loaner Life Jacket Cabinet and Life Jacket Fitting

- **Location:** Station 31, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue, 163 Village Court, Monroe, WA
- **Hours:**
 - **Any day of the week 9:00-5:00** (On weekends, firefighters will be the only ones at the station, so their availability may be call dependent.)
- **Types:**
 - We have both Type II and Type III life jackets available and have an assortment of sizes ranging from Infant, Child, Youth, and Adult. All our life jackets are Coast Guard certified.
- **Borrowing Procedure:**
 - Visit Station 31.
 - Ring the doorbell if the door is shut.
 - Staff will weigh you and fit the life jacket.
 - Staff will record your name, phone number, and the day you plan to return the life jacket.
 - When returning the life jacket, ring the doorbell, and give the borrowed life jacket to a staff member.

Find out more about our life jacket program by using the QR code:

