



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

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Brightwater Treatment Plant Fire

Monroe, WA. – Around 11:00 AM, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (SRFR) was dispatched to the Brightwater treatment plant located in the 2250 Block of Hwy 9 in Woodinville with reports of smoke coming from a structure. As fire crews arrived, they contacted two contractors that were fusing plastic piping when a fire broke out. Those two contractors were evaluated by medics and were not hurt.

The fire occurred in an area that was closed during construction, so it did not impact plant operations. Brightwater crews were on scene to assist in the safety of all personnel and provided useful information about the structure to fire crews.

When firefighters got full access, they deployed an offensive attack on the fire but soon discovered it extended down the piping roughly 60 feet below ground in a confined space. The fire was upgraded to a two-alarm fire and a three-alarm technical rescue due to the confined spaces the fire was burning in. Bringing in 15 specialized crew members that routinely train in confined spaces was the safest option for extinguishing the fire.

At 3:14 PM, SRFR West Battalion Chief confirmed the fire was extinguished. No firefighters were injured during the response. The final cause of the fire will be determined by the Snohomish County Fire Marshalls office.

The response pulled many of the SRFR resources out of the West Battalion, so Snohomish County Fire District 4 moved crews into the West Battalion to take service calls without interruptions.

South County Fire, Bothell Fire, Woodinville Fire, Eastside Fire and Rescue, Everett Fire, and Sky Vally Fire assisted in the operation. We thank those crews for their help.

SRFR is thankful for the King County Wastewater Treatment Division for allowing us to train at the Brightwater Treatment Plant in the past to prepare for the worst case scenarios.

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Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue serves 160,000 residents in the cities of Lake Stevens, Monroe, and unincorporated southeast Snohomish County. SRFR responds to an average of 16,000 emergency calls a year with highly trained personnel and state-of-the-art rescue programs. SRFR became the first accredited agency in Snohomish County by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, which is the highest level of achievement possible for a fire agency. More information about SRFR can be found at www.srfr.org.