



## SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Thursday, March 2, 2023

### Mission

Save Lives, Protect Property, Safeguard the Environment, and Take Care of People

### Vision

We will be a proactive regional emergency services leader by partnering to provide safe communities for people to live, work and explore.

### Values

Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Teamwork, Service

## OPERATIONS

### Significant Alarms:

#### **Residential Fire**

On February 17, 2023 West Battalion units responded mutual aid with South County, to a residential fire (B71, E72, E77, L71 and M72). Units arrived at a two-story house with advanced fire conditions on floors 1 and 2. It was reported that 2 adults and 2 children lived in the house. SRFR crews performed fire control and primary search. Unit B71 was assigned as 'alpha' division. Crews contained the fire while a primary search was completed, with nothing found. After the primary search was complete, the fire was switched from an offensive strategy to a defensive strategy.

### Fire Suppression / Special Operations:

#### **Snohomish County Technical Rescue Team Training**

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue will be hosting the Snohomish County Technical Rescue Team (SCTRT) for the annual Confined Space Drill scheduled for February 21-24, 2023. The team drill will take place at Station 83 and utilize the confined space prop. Participating agencies involved in the drills are SRFR, South County Fire, Everett Fire, and Marysville Fire. Unit TR 31 will be at Station 83 for this training but will remain available for response.

### **Busy Day on February 21, 2023**

Busy day at SRFR with 46 calls for service, and 85 individual responses by SRFR units plus multiple mutual aid units. There were 20 transports, 3 expedited medic responses, 16 MED1 responses, and 2 motor vehicle medic responses all required multiple SRFR and mutual aid units. Between 2:30 PM and 3:30 PM, SRFR had 12 responses occurring simultaneously. Great job by all SRFR and mutual aid crews.

### Training & Safety:

#### **Training**



The Training Division is building a two-pitch ventilation training prop at Station 83 behind the training tower. Thanks to Evan Merritt, Nick Deline, and Bradley Gilbert for their hard work making this project come to life. The prop is set to be ready for us in the next few weeks.

Congratulations to Jeffrey Walker on passing his final training evaluation for L33!

### **Fire Academy**

The Snohomish County Fire Training Academy is finishing their ladder week and everyone passed their evaluation with flying colors. Well done SRFR recruits! The recruits will be moving on to a week of hose work, master streams, and victim removal training.

## **PLANNING**

### **Office of the Fire Marshal:**

New deputies continue to work through onboarding training to include certification testing.

### **Community Relations:**

During the week of February 20th, PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo visited **5 second grade** classes (**135** students) at **Stevens Creek Elementary**. Later that week, PIEO King also visited **4 second grade** classes (**120** students) at **Woodside Elementary**, and during the week of February 27th visited **5 second grade** classes at **Hillcrest Elementary**. Second grade students were taught about escape planning, sheltering in place, and what to say when calling 9-1-1. A number of teachers emailed back expressing appreciation, one saying, *"Thank you, the presentation was awesome and so needed for 2nd graders. You did fantastic presenting to young students."*

So far this school year, we have visited over **675 second graders!**

PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo visited **Lake Stevens Lions Club** the week of February 20th to give a presentation on **Home Fire Safety**. The Lions were taught about the services we provide, smoke alarms, escape planning, address signs, and calling 9-1-1.

PIEO King also visited the **Monroe Community Senior Center** and taught an **Aging in Place** class covering falls prevention, home fire safety, and medication safety. An attendee emailed after the presentation saying, *"Just wanted to say Thank You for teaching an amazing class at the Monroe Senior Center. You gave me some new information on "Aging in Place". Being a "Seasoned Lady", it is important for me to keep on learning. You have a real gift for teaching and inspiring."*

### **School Visits:**

- **Kinder: 8** Classes School Year-to-Date



- **1st Grade: 4** Classes School Year-to-Date
- **2nd Grade: 27** Classes School Year-to-Date
- **High School: 13** Classes School Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: **5**

Community Events:

- May 7th Kaci Edelbrok Run/Battle of the Badges
- May 20th Flags for our Fallen Run
- June 17th Life Jacket Giveaway Luncheon Park

Public Information:

Social Media Snapshot: **February 21 – March 1**

- 18 Posts
- 32 New Followers/Accounts
- 19,497 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

External Media:

- 02/23/23 Letter to the Editor: Thanks to Voters for Backing 7-Member Fire District board <https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/thanks-to-voters-for-backing-7-member-fire-district-board/>
- 2/26/23 Editorial: Local Governments Need Fair Boost of Their Tax Cap <https://www.heraldnet.com/opinion/editorial-local-governments-need-fair-boost-of-their-tax-cap/>

Internal Media:

- We are Hiring (Multiple Positions)
- Hoody Online Scam
- Choose Monroe

**Strategic Analysis:**

WE ARE ACCREDITED!! On February 28<sup>th</sup> at 1700 EST the Commission on Fire Accreditation International voted unanimously to award SRFR accredited agency status. Thank you to all of our staff and community for working toward this goal over the last five years!!!

GIS has begun working on WUI determination of hazardous areas for both the wildfire team and building officials.

**BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Human Resources:**



IT manager position is scheduled to open on Friday March 10<sup>th</sup> and will remain open until April 9<sup>th</sup>. This is a nationwide search.

**Administration:**

**Promotions**

Congratulations to Kippy Powers on her promotion to Administrative Specialist! Kippy will be serving our internal customers in the role of Leaves Specialist, in the Administrative Division, effective 3/1/2023. She has been with the District since 2012 serving in the roles of Administrative Assistant for the shop and administration as well as her most recent job of Accounts Payable Specialist. Kippy's innate attention to detail and genuine care for others makes her a fantastic fit for this position. Her comprehensive background and the expertise she has gained in the previous positions will serve her and our organization well in this new role. Please join us in congratulating Kippy on her new promotion!

Congratulations to Brandie Reece on her promotion to Administrative Specialist! Brandie will be serving our internal customers in the role of Logistics/Purchasing Specialist, in the Logistics Division, effective 3/1/2023. Brandie has been with the District since 2010 serving in the capacities of Office Assistant and Accounts Receivable Specialist. Her commitment to customer service along with her time management and organizational skills will provide additional support and direction to the Logistics Division. Her unique knowledge, skill and abilities will be an asset as the division continues to define the processes and procedures of the District's purchasing, asset management and inventory tracking systems. Please join us in congratulating Brandie on her new promotion!

**New Hires**

Congratulations to Allison Templeton, Admin Assistant – IT Support and Brittany Bazinet, Admin Assistant – Reception on becoming new members of SRFR. We are excited to have you aboard!

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

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief