



## SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

### Chief's Report

March 23, 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.**

#### **Guiding Values**

**Respect, Accountability, Integrity, Teamwork, Service,**

### OPERATIONS

#### **Significant Alarms**

##### **Residential Fire**

On March 12, the North Battalion responded mutual aid with Granite Falls Fire to a two-story house with defensive fire conditions. E87 initiated command, completed a walk around of the structure and began to apply water for fire control. B81 arrived and assumed command. Engine 81 and Engine 82 arrived and performed fire control along with the units from Granite Falls. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office.

##### **Pediatric CPR**

On March 12, at approximately 1400 hours, the North Battalion was dispatched to a two-month old not breathing. The alarm was about two blocks from Station 82. Medic 82 was in quarters with a single medic, and M81 happened to be at Station 82 getting supplies. Units E82, M82, A82, B81, MSO 71, and M43 responded.

Crews arrived to find a Lake Stevens Police Officer exiting the house with a two-month old child with CPR in progress. The girl was handed off to our crews who went immediately into M82. CPR was performed on the child for nearly an hour, but the crews were unable to obtain a pulse. After consultation with Medical Control, the child was pronounced dead on scene. M82 remained on scene for approximately two hours waiting for the Medical Examiner. Lake Stevens Police, Battalion 81, and the chaplains remained as well. The cause of death is under investigation by the Snohomish County Medical Examiner.

We appreciate the dedicated service by all members of SRFR and SCFD #4.



## **Fire Suppression / Special Operations**

### **Trench Rescue Training**

SRFR is hosting Trench Rescue Training at the Station 84 property through March 21-24. This is an annual required training for all members of the Snohomish County Technical Rescue Team. This training is coordinated by Battalion Chief Ray Kosiba, with help from other SRFR Rescue Technicians. The city of Lake Stevens assisted by digging the trench for use during the training evolutions.

## **Emergency Medical Services**

### **Dispatch Updates**

The EMS Division continues to work with the county Dispatch Steering Committee to work on a nurse line. This nurse line would handle the low acuity patients and if appropriate, guide them to other resources besides 911 services. The goal is to match the appropriate resource to the patient need.

### **Internal Medic School Test**

The internal medic school test is scheduled for next week. Good luck to the candidate!

### **Chaplains**

The chaplains did a great job on the pediatric cardiac arrest noted above. This was our new chaplain's first response and appropriately called for support from more experienced members of the team. Three chaplains responded in total.

## **PLANNING**

## **Community Relations**

### **School Programs**

The week of March 6th, PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo taught Friends & Family CPR (Hands-Only) to 13 eighth grade classes (390 students) at Cavelero Mid High School. The following week, PIEO King visited 11 second grade classes (275 students) at Kokanee Elementary and Tambark Creek Elementary. Second grade students were taught about escape planning, sheltering in place, and what to say when calling 9-1-1. Station 31 and the PIEOs also taught the Toys vs. Tools lesson to Sonshine Preschool's students. Students learned not to play with matches and lighters and what they should do when a smoke alarm sounds.

So far this school year, we have visited over 950 second graders!

### **Spring Newsletter**

PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo are working on the Spring 2023 newsletter which will feature various topics including accreditation, heart health, and window falls prevention.



### **Congratulations PIEO King!**

PIEO King has been asked to speak at the Illinois Inspector's Conference next week. She will be presenting SRFR's Firefighter Homeschool Lessons & SRFR Pub Ed programs. The homeschool lessons were created as a way to connect with our communities during the pandemic, and they were broadcasted on Facebook. The lessons had a huge audience with at least 1.5K views per lesson. The lessons are still used as a learning tool by residents and can be found on our website.

#### School Visits:

- Kindergarten: 9 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 1st Grade: 4 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 2nd Grade: 38 Classes School Year-to-Date
- Middle/High School: 26 Classes School Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 5

#### Community Events:

- April 1st: Lake Stevens Guns & Hoses Softball Charity Game
- April 8th: Monroe Easter Egg Hunt
- May 7th: Kaci Edelbrok Run/Battle of the Badges
- May 20th: Flags for Our Fallen Run
- June 17th: Life Jacket Giveaway, Lundeen Park

### **ADMINISTRATION**

#### **Snohomish Fire District 4**

Leadership from Fire District 4 and SRFR continue to meet to discuss potential opportunities.

#### **Spring COMEX Workshop**

March 19 through 21, the SRFR Commissioners and Executive staff engaged in the annual Spring COMEX workshop. Participants were focused on how best we can support all employees so we can best accomplish our mission of saving lives, protecting property, safeguarding the environment, and taking care of people. The retreat objectives included the following:

- Build the team and develop relationships
- Confirm the team vision
- Review Strategic Plan
- Review project and program progress for 2023
- Look toward 2024 and beyond

#### Other items addressed were:

- The Power of Re-thinking [Adam Grant: What frogs in hot water can teach us about thinking again | TED - Bing video](#)



- Emphasizing the use of the words “we” and “us.” Limiting the use of “I, me, mine.”
- 2023 Budget Letter review
- Accreditation follow up. We did it!
- Financial review
- Snohomish Fire Dist. 4 collaboration
- Team coordination

With appreciation for the team,

Kevin O’Brien, Fire Chief

