



Chief's Report

April 13, 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

Firefighters were dispatched to Ricci Road for a possible chimney fire. Firefighters arrived to find a medium, two-story, log home with smoke coming from two chimneys and the roof around them. The occupants smelled smoke and found smoke in the upstairs master bedroom that had started to catch fire after calling 911. Due to the ceiling height, crews went to the roof to extinguish the fire that was in the attic space. Crews did a great job with loss prevention and were able to tarp and move a lot of the homeowners' belongings with very little damage. Great job by all crews involved!

Residential Fire

On March 16, firefighters responded mutual aid with SCFD #4 to a report of a Single Family Residential Fire. Firefighters arrived and reported a working fire. The fire was successfully extinguished. Firefighters found a victim and removed them to the exterior. The patient was treated and transported to Providence Regional Medical Center.

Abandoned House Fire

At 6:56 a.m. on March 20, a citizen walking his dog noticed fire coming from an abandoned house and called 911. North Battalion crews responded and found an abandoned house with fire coming from a bedroom window. The fire was controlled quickly thanks to early notification from the neighbor, and rapid application of water. The cause of the fire is under investigation by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal.



Multiple Fires 3/21:

Fire #1

At 12:36 firefighters from Lake Roesiger FD #16, SRFR and SCFD #4 responded to a Residential Fire on S. Lake Roesiger Road. The firefighters worked well together to extinguish the fire and limit the flame spread. The fire is under investigation by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal.

Fire #2

At 12:07 a.m., SRFR and Marysville FD responded to assist Granite Falls FD for a Residential Fire located in a garage attached to a two-story house. Crews arrived to find heavy dark smoke issuing from both floors. Firefighters successfully extinguished the fire. The family's cat and dog were rescued.

Fire #3

At 4:13 a.m. SRFR, SCFD #4, and South County Fire responded to assist Everett Fire Department with a Residential Fire. The fire had four civilian patients, three of them were seriously injured due to burns. One patient was in cardiac arrest. A SRFR paramedic unit transported one of the patients to Harborview Medical Center.

Emergency Medical Services

Medic School Candidate

Congratulations to Oleg Mikhaylov for successfully completing the Student Paramedic Test! Oleg performed very well throughout the process and we are excited for him to begin Paramedic training!

Dr. Ryan Keay, Snohomish County Medical Program Director

Congratulations to Dr. Ryan Keay for being selected as the new Snohomish County Medical Program Director. She began this role as of April 1 and we are looking forward to working with her!

Training & Safety

Incident Tactics Training

The SRFR Tactics class on March 13th and 14th at Station 71 was well attended and all participants received a 16+ hour training certificate for Company Level Tactics. Thank you, Rob Fisher, Christian DiMonda, and Joe Basta for putting on a great class!

Ladder Truck Training

Ladder truck tiller training starts the first week of April and will be conducted through the second week of May. This much needed training will produce 12 new tiller drivers for the department. Thank you to all the instructors and members taking the class for your commitment to this training.



Forcible Entry Training

The Training Division has found a resource to acquire garage door panels that can be used for circular saw training. The division is in the process of developing a framework in which the panels can be dropped into and easily removed when training is completed. The doors will be used for probationary training evaluations and eventually all personnel will be able to utilize the new training prop.

Nutrition Health and Safety

Health & Safety has been engaging a nutritionist to assist new recruits in nutrition and hydration strategies for the physically demanding aspects of the Fire Training Academy. We have asked the nutritionist, Morgan Smith, to give a short presentation on these strategies to the whole department. Morgan has developed, with the help of Marcus Dolan, a way to tailor nutrition strategies for multiple job descriptions in our department. Morgan can also offer a one-on-one service for anyone in the department who may have specific nutrition goals. Morgan will conduct the training in person in the three Battalions and it can also be viewed via Teams. Look for this exciting training offered to everyone within the department in May.

Community Relations

Over the last two weeks, PIEO Mongillo taught 1 second grade class (25 students) at Sky Valley Adventist school, and PIEO King visited 9 second grade classes (225 students) at Sunnycrest Elementary and Fernwood Elementary. Second grade students were taught about escape planning, sheltering in place, and what to say when calling 9-1-1.

So far this school year, we have visited over 1200 second graders!

PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo submitted the Spring 2023 newsletter which is set to drop at the end of the month. The newsletter features various topics including accreditation, heart health, our fleet mechanics, and window falls prevention.

PIEO Mongillo, GIS Coordinator Elsa Sexton, and FF/Fire Inspector Leroy Schwartz held an Urban Interface Informational Meeting at Sky Valley Estates. They discussed egress and what residents could do to mitigate the risk of wildfire in that area. The meeting was a great success, and they received very positive feedback about the information and maps shared.

The PIEOs also attended a free workshop at the Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference hosted by the WEPIN (Washington Emergency Public Information Network) and learned about social media and responding to the media during an incident.

School Visits:

- Kinder: 9 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 1st Grade: 4 Classes School Year-to-Date
- 2nd Grade: 48 Classes School Year-to-Date



- Middle/High School: 26 Classes School Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 5

Community Events:

- April 8th: Monroe Easter Egg Hunt
- April 9th: Delivered the Easter Bunny to Highland Elementary
- May 7th: Kaci Edelbrok Run/Battle of the Badges
- May 20th: Flags for Our Fallen Run
- June 17th: Life Jacket Giveaway Lundeen Park

Logistics

Welcome Brandie Reece

Logistics is pleased to welcome Brandie Reece as the new Administrative Specialist supporting the work of the division. Brandie is a strong team member who brings a great skill set to the division. Brandie will be located at the Logistics Facility. Welcome to Team Logistics!

Station Supplies

Logistics has partnered with Grainger for the procurement of station supplies. In the new arrangement a Grainger rep monitors supply needs monthly at all District facilities. The supplies are shipped directly to the station; and this arrangement helps maximize available staff time.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Administration

Team Projects

This year the Administrative Support Team will be tackling various organization cleanup projects as a team. The reason behind this is to support fellow team members while learning about each other's important roles at SRFR! We kicked off the first project this past week by coming together to help our Records Specialist, Mindy Leber. We tackled the records room by cleaning, organizing and inventory. Thank you to the whole team!

Promotions

Congratulations to Brandon Vargas on his promotion to District Administrative Coordinator! Brandon will be joining the Administrative Support Team and overseeing the Payroll team. His actual start date has yet to be determined. He has been with the District for 12 years as a Logistics Technician, supports the Teamsters group as a shop steward for Local 38, and serves as an Operations Captain for Sky Valley Fire. Brandon's commitment to process improvement and genuine care for others makes him a fantastic fit for this position. His comprehensive background and leadership will provide additional support and direction for the team. Please join us in congratulating Brandon on his new promotion!



Presentation to Duvall Fire District 45

On 3/29/23, SRFR leadership presented a potential partnership plan to the Duvall Fire District 45 Board of Fire Commissioners. District 45 has asked SRFR, Redmond Fire, and Eastside Fire to submit a consolidation proposal. District 45 is currently evaluating all proposals.

Snohomish Fire District 4

Staff from Fire District 4 and SRFR continue to meet on a weekly and monthly basis to discuss potential opportunities. Staff are currently working on a plan to partner in the use and maintenance of the Ray Lee Brown Training Facility at District 4.

With appreciation to all,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief

