



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Thursday, August 24, 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

Swift Water Rescue

On August 13, 2023, Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue units along with assistance from SCFD #4, SCFD #5 and Sky Valley Fire responded to a Swift Water Rescue response on the Skykomish River. It was initially reported as 1 victim stuck on a log. Battalion 31 arrived at the dispatched address and established command. Medic 31 performed an initial recon of the area and located 2 victims stuck on a log in the middle of the Skykomish River. Boat 31 was launched and was moving upstream while the remainder of the initial alarm was responding. During this time another group of 8 got stuck on the same log, for a total of 10 victims.

The victims were safely removed from the log and brought to a sandbar for further evaluation. No injuries were found, and the victims did not need or want medical care. Great job by everyone involved.

Fire Commercial and Technical Rescue

Engine 73 was originally dispatched to Brightwater Treatment Plant for a reported Fire Single response. The reporting party stated that they were fusing PVC piping and had caught the pipe on fire. Engine 73 arrived on scene and balanced the call to a Fire Confirmed Commercial. E73 established Brightwater command. What E73 found was a large underground vault (approximately 50' wide, 400' long, 20' deep), a permit required confined space with active fire and full of smoke. They were unable to reach the seat of the fire without entering the confined space.

It was determined that a Third Alarm Technical Rescue Confined Space response would be needed to get crews into the vault to fight the remaining fire. Battalion 21 was made the Rescue Group Supervisor and the incoming rescue units would report to him for below ground entry and fire control operations. Units from SRFR, South County Fire, Bothell Fire, Sky Valley Fire,



Everett Fire and Eastside Fire responded to the incident. The fire was brought under control at the +250 mark.

Emergency Medical Services

Snohomish County EMS Protocol Committee

Paramedic Matt Ball and Paramedic Eric Jones were recognized at a Snohomish County EMS meeting for their contributions to the upcoming protocol changes. These changes progress Snohomish County forward and these passionate members worked diligently and collaboratively to seek improvement.

Snohomish County EMS QA Committee

Snohomish County EMS is seeking members to join the QA (Quality Assurance) Committee. Paramedic Pete Parrish has made a commitment to join this committee and we support his decision to contribute!

Teamwork.com

EMS, HR, and IT have collaborated and brought project management software (Teamwork.com) into SRFR. This program is designed to streamline project management and increase productivity.

Training & Safety

Health & Safety - L&I FIIRE Program

In 2022, the department entered a two-year program with L&I called the FIIRE (Firefighter Injury and Illness Reduction) Program with the goal of making a safer workplace with proactive risk management and implementation of best practices. In exchange for a discount on the department's worker's compensation insurance premiums, the department was required to establish a Safety Improvement Plan. The SIP consists of a plan to reduce musculoskeletal injuries and includes a carcinogen exposure reduction plan. The FIIRE program also offers grant opportunities for products or tools that can integrate with the SIP. Health & Safety developed an SIP that would improve our decontamination process and applied for a grant to purchase a tool that would help us in this area. The department was approved and will be given grant funds to purchase a tool called the Storm Stick (<https://www.stormstickdecon.com>) that will aid in our on scene gross decontamination process. This tool will improve the speed and convenience of removing carcinogens from our gear on scene. The Safety Committee, with Kris Olsen spearheading the effort, will be modifying the decontamination policy to fit this new equipment.

Fitness Equipment

Health & Safety recently had a large surplus of outdated fitness equipment as we are slowly replacing it with new equipment. Thank you Logistics for auctioning all of the surplus equipment and scheduling the removal of it! Station 71 now has additional space in the fitness center to house workout equipment for the recruits.



Wildland Training

A full Wildland Red Card Class will be conducted at the end of August for our new recruits and for some of our line personnel. Thank you Lieutenant Dickinson for your diligence in getting every member of our department red card certified, we are getting close to full compliance!

Extrication Training

The Training Division has seen an increase in the demand for vehicles to train on for auto extrication. Braven Auto & Metals has been nothing short of amazing when it comes to delivery and pickup of vehicles. This has really increased our ability to complete probationary check-off requirements and allow our line personnel to hone their skills.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Relations

Social Media Snapshot: **August 7 – 16**

- 18,861 Followers
- 24 Posts
- 104,756 Impressions

External Media:

- August 15th – KOMO - Underground fire breaks out at wastewater treatment plant in Woodinville.
 - <https://komonews.com/news/local/underground-fire-breaks-out-at-treatment-plant-in-woodinville-brightwater-woodinville-snohomish-regional-fire-and-rescue-hazmat-rescue-pipes>
- August 15th – Seattle Times – Crews control fire at county’s Brightwater Treatment Plant.
 - <https://www.seattletimes.com/seattle-news/fire-breaks-out-at-king-county-brightwater-treatment-plant/>
- August 15th – KING – Fire at treatment plant near Woodinville under control.
 - <https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/brightwater-treatment-plant-fire/281-5ee7f148-94f8-4a61-ae36-82ac76efc0d9>

Internal Media:

- Job Postings
- Farmers Market in Lake Stevens
- Excessive Heat Warnings
- Brightwater Fire



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

Take care and stay safe,

Ryan Lundquist, Assistant Chief of Operations

