



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Thursday, September 14, 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

Brush Fire

On August 18th, units from Monroe responded to a grass fire. E31 was initially dispatched as a single engine, but they received reports from an on-scene Monroe Police Officer that this was a working grass fire. It was upgraded to a Brush Fire response which added B31, E32, BR33 and A31. Units arrived to find a 50 x 50 grass fire near Chain Lake and Tjerne Street. Crews quickly established a water supply and contained the fire. FM71 was dispatched for investigation and follow-up. Great job by all involved crews and Monroe Police!

Church Fire

On August 25th, units responded to a report of a church fire on Paradise Lake Road. Units arrived to find a large, single-story church, with advanced fire conditions. Command was established and units operated in the defensive strategy. The fire was controlled using two aerial master streams, L71 and King County L131, and multiple defensive handlines. The fire is under investigation by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's office.

Water Rescue

On August 27th, SRFR crews were dispatched to a Water Rescue call for a possible drowning. The units arrived to find the victim out of the water, with a citizen performing CPR. Access was difficult due to a steep slope, but crews quickly took over patient care and CPR. Crews established breathing and a heartbeat, and the patient was transported to Evergreen Health Monroe.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

Evergreen State Fair

The 2023 Evergreen State Fair ran from August 24th through September 4th. Overall, the fair was successful and the Aid Station was staffed appropriately for the duration of the fair. To



accommodate the increased call volume created by the fair, A31 was staffed over both weekends. The attendance for the 2023 fair was down slightly from 2022. Great job to all on another successful year at the Evergreen State Fair!

Fair Aid Station numbers: 14 transports from the fairgrounds; 12 ALS and 2 BLS. 1 of the transports was a fairgrounds related injury, a 9-year-old female with a broken leg from the large slide in Kiddy Land, 40 bee stings and lots of band aids!

High Angle Rescue

On Sunday, September 3rd at 9:30 PM units from the East Battalion were dispatched to a High Angle Rescue on Horizon Way. The units arrived to find a 23-year-old female who had slipped down a 70' embankment. Crews created an anchor and accessed the patient using a rope system. The patient was loaded into a stokes basket and secured, then the crew used a rope raising system to get her up the embankment. The patient had a sprained ankle and was left in the care of her father. Great job by the crews involved!

Emergency Medical Services

Snohomish County EMS QA Committee

Paramedic Christian Wigington also stepped up and will be joining the SCEMS QA Committee. Dr. Keay was excited to hear of this addition and looks forward to working with our members!

Ballistic Vest Committee

The Ballistic Vest Committee is meeting with sales reps this month. The committee has done an impressive amount of research regarding pricing and protection levels. Keep up the good work!

Standardization

MSO Aamold has been working with Central Welding to standardize how we receive and distribute O2 at SRFR. This project is nearly complete and will create consistency across the battalions.

MSO Rouse has been working with Stericycle to standardize how SRFR processes our red biohazard bins. We believe we have found a straightforward and safe solution.

Medic Students

All four of our members attending CWU are back at SRFR and finishing up their program. We expect them to hit the streets as soon as their return-to-work training is complete and paperwork is done. We are excited to have them back!

Firefighter Oleg Mikhaylov starts training at Harborview this week. Congratulations!



Training & Safety

Snohomish County Fire Training Academy

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue will be sending 3 company officers and 13 recruits to the Fire Training Academy held in Stanwood at the new North County Training Facility starting September 18th. Our 3 company officers are Chad Squire, Joseph Virnig, and Chris Robertson.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Relations

On August 23rd, multiple SRFR firefighters participated in the Nick of Time Foundation's heart/wellness check at Lake Stevens High School. Our firefighters helped to screen 216 students!

On August 23rd, PIEO King and PIEO Mongillo hosted a booth at the Lake Stevens Farmers Market at North Cove Park in Lake Stevens. Residents who stopped by our booth learned about our fire district, our upcoming levy lid lift, our open houses, and about water safety.

The Evergreen State Fair kicked off on August 24th. PIEO Mongillo, DFM Bowen, and SRFR crews participated in the Monroe Fair Days Parade with the Pirsch Fire Engine, Ladder 71, and Boat 31.

On August 29th, PIEO Mongillo and PIEO King taught Hands Only CPR at the Monroe Senior Center. Attendees learned about how to do compressions, how to use an AED, and the difference between cardiac arrest and a heart attack. The following week, PIEO King taught an Aging in Place class to 20 seniors at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Lake Stevens. Attendees learned about home fire safety, falls prevention, and medication safety.

The PIEOs, along with Battalion Chief Shevlin, Lieutenant Stablein, Driver/Operator Norris, and Firefighter Kerr attended the Monroe Back to School Resource Fair on August 30th. In addition to giving tours of Ladder 71, we fit and distributed over 300 bike helmets to students in preparation for the school year. The event was hugely successful with over 1000 attendees!

On September 9th the PIEOs hosted a booth at the Monroe Equity Council's Belonging Day celebration. Residents who stopped by our booth learned about our fire district, our upcoming levy lid lift, our open houses, and about fire safety.

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: 12

Upcoming Community Events:

- September 15th Serving Dinner at Monroe Senior Center
- September 28th Woodside Elementary Back to School Event



- October 9th Small Open Houses at Station 71 and Station 81
- October 14th Open House at Station 31

Social Media Snapshot: August 17 – September 6

- Followers 18,935 + 198 New Followers
- Published Posts 29
- Impressions 154,348

External Media:

- Fox 13 – Red Card Training. **It's just a matter of time: Crews training to battle wildfires in western Washington.** <https://www.fox13seattle.com/news/its-just-a-matter-of-time-firefighters-training-to-battle-wildfires-in-western-washington>
- KING – Red Card Training. **New firefighting recruits train as wildfire seasons grow longer and hotter.** <https://www.king5.com/article/news/local/wildfire/new-firefighting-recruits-train-as-wildfire-seasons-grow-longer-hotter/281-e2499a6b-986a-4f59-909a-d62baea83c05>
- KOMO – Red Card Training. **Wildland firefighters undergo training in Snohomish County amid high wildfire risk.** <https://komonews.com/news/local/wildfire-wildland-fire-training-firefighters-get-red-card-training-snohomish-county-washington-regional-fire-and-rescue-crews-incident-qualification-card-ready-set-go-evacuation-plan-fires-pacific-northwest-washington-state>
- KOMO – Dump Truck Rollover - **Dump truck rollover prompts closure after soil spills onto roadway in Snohomish.** <https://komonews.com/news/local/snohomish-regional-fire-and-rescue-first-responders-county-dump-truck-spilled-soil-load-downs-road-crews-local-hospital-condition-traffic-disruptions-washington-state-law-enforcement>
- KIRO – Dump Truck Rollover **Crashed dump truck spills dirt across Snohomish road.** <https://www.kiro7.com/news/north-sound-news/crashed-dump-truck-spills-dirt-across-snohomish-road/HKSV4YYEXVE3PDPIX5D5YIFAAM/>

Internal Media:

- Bothell Brush Fire
- Stage 2 Burn Ban
- Red Card Training
- Rescue Training – Bernethy Pictures
- Job Postings
- School Bus Safety



- E77 Car Fire Rainbow – Thanks Lieutenant Squire
- Burn Ban Downgraded
- Labor Day
- Dump truck Rollover
- Monroe School Resource Fair

Office of the Fire Marshal

On August 18th FM71 responded to a fire in the area of Chain Lake Road and Tjerne Place at the request of incident command. The fire was a 50' x 50' brush and grass fire in a water detention pond adjacent to a walking path between Lowes and the Alfy's shopping center. The cause of the fire is undetermined after investigation.

On September 7th FM71 responded to a fire off of 112th PINE in Lake Steves for an exterior structure fire with extension to the interior of the home. SRFR Fire Marshals determined that the fire originated at a primary electrical breaker panel adjacent to the PUD meter panel outside the home and was caused by electrical arching from the main power supply wiring shorting out to the junction panel box it was housed in. There were no injuries to home occupants, pets, or firefighters at the incident.

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

Take care and stay safe,
Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief