



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

October 19, 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

Water Rescue

Multiple units responded to a Water Rescue at the Bob Heirman Wildlife Park on Connelly Road in the West Battalion. The units arrived to find two fishermen stranded on an island in the river after water levels rose. They were unable to return to safety without assistance. BT 31 was launched to access the island, but prior to their arrival, another boater accessed the island and moved the fishermen to safety.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

Trench Rescue Class

SRFR hosted an initial Trench Rescue Class for the Snohomish County Technical Rescue Team from October 2-6 at Station 82 and the proposed Station 84 site. This initial course is a requirement to be a member of the County Trench Rescue Team. Thank you to Battalion Chief Kosiba for helping coordinate this class.

Emergency Medical Services

IGel Training

Over the past month, the MSO group has trained 51 members between SRFR and Snohomish County Fire District 4 in IGel placement. This is part of an ongoing effort to get all SRFR members state-certified in this skill. A big thanks to Battalion Chief Putnam for his help in getting these individuals state-certified!

Beyond the Street Conference

The MSO group attended a two-day EMS Leadership Workshop put on by Fitch and Associates. Topics included Just Culture, QI Processes, and Customer Service.



Training & Safety

Hazmat

Marysville Fire District hosted a county hazmat technician-level course and nine SRFR members participated. The District thanks these nine members for taking the opportunity to learn this specialty.

Vehicle Fires

Braven Metals in Lake Stevens gave SRFR the opportunity to train with a new foam that works well on electric vehicle fires. The Training Division invited surrounding agencies to join the training so they could also evaluate the capability of the foam on electric vehicle fires. Braven has been extremely accommodating with our training needs and we are so appreciative of our relationship with them.

Training Conference

The Truck Committee along with two additional SRFR members attended the Mile High Conference in Denver, Colorado. Our members reported that it was a great conference and there was a great deal learned through both classroom and hands-on training. Our members were able to see our very own Battalion Chief Rob Fisher speak about leadership at the conference. Thank you for sharing your experiences and insights Battalion Chief Fisher!

Annual Physicals

Our annual PHS physicals concluded at the end of September. Thank you everyone for your patience and for making the process run smoothly! The PHS providers reported that our members were some of the nicest and most accommodating employees they have worked with. Our number of completed physicals surpassed what we accomplished last year, leaving only a handful of employees needing to reschedule with Health Force.

ADMINISTRATION

COMEX Workshop

From October 11 through 13 the Commissioners, Union Leadership, and Executive Staff participated in an intensive workshop where the team reviewed the Strategic Plan, 2023 accomplishments, and preliminary discussion of the 2024 Budget. The workshop also included a presentation about the current economic conditions presented by two professors from Western Washington University.

November Fire Levy Lid Lift Election

SRFR members have been working with the public to inform them about Proposition One. Voters will be considering approval of a Fire Levy lid lift of \$0.36 per \$1,000 during the November 7, 2023, general election. The lid lift would return the rate to \$1.50.



The \$0.36 lid lift supports the following:

- Fill open positions for emergency personnel to improve service reliability across the District.
- Rebuild Station 81 in Lake Stevens, relocate and rebuild Station 32 in Monroe, and remodel the vehicle repair shop in Monroe.
- Replace lost funding due to changes in how the federal government reimburses fire Districts for the transport of Medicaid patients.

Below is a current list of the Lid Lift public education presentations. Please let us know if you are aware of any groups that wish to hear from us. Thanks to all for your great work in this process!

Wednesday, August 9, 3 pm – 7 pm LS Farmers Market
Wednesday, August 16, 3 pm – 7 pm Monroe Farmers Market / Canceled due to heat
Wednesday, August 23, 3 pm – 7 pm LS Farmers Market
Wednesday, September 13, 11:30-1 pm LS Chamber of Commerce
Wednesday, September 13, 3 pm – 7 pm Monroe Farmers Market
Thursday, September 14, 6 pm Monroe VFW 7511
Tuesday, September 19, 6:15 pm – 7:15 pm LS The Pointe at Crosswater via Zoom
Wednesday, September 20, Noon – 1 pm Monroe Rotary
Wednesday, September 27, 12:30-1:30 pm Monroe Community Senior Center
Tuesday, October 3, 6:30-8 pm LS Lions
Wednesday, October 4, 9 am – 11 am Monroe Coffee Co.
Thursday, October 5, 6 pm Monroe Kiwanis
Friday, October 6, 7:30-8:30 am LS Rotary
Tuesday, October 10, 11:30-1 pm Monroe Chamber of Commerce
Wednesday, October 18, 11:30-12:30 pm Lake Stevens Senior Center
Wednesday, October 18, 6 pm In-Person Q&A Session at S31
Monday, October 23, 6 pm Online Q&A Session
Thursday, October 26, 7 pm Lake Stevens Kiwanis

Thanks to all for the great things you do!

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief