



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

January 11, 2024

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 December 11, SRFR units responded to a report of smoke coming from a building and a fire alarm sounding. B31 arrived and found a small, one-story house with smoke showing from the eaves. B31 initiated command and initiated an offensive strategy. Crews forced entry into the residence and performed fire control and completed a primary search. The fire was quickly controlled and no victims were found on the primary or secondary search. Great job to all crews involved!



Commercial Fire

On December 19, SRFR units responded to a report of a fire in a commercial building located in the Fryelands industrial area. E31 was the first arriving unit and reported a vehicle fire inside a storage bay. B31 arrived and established command. M42 arrived next and assisted E31 with



stretching an attack line for fire control. L33 arrived and went to the roof of the occupancy to check for extension. Other units arrived to assist with checking for extension, searching the occupancy, and ventilation. Great job on a quick stop!

Motor Vehicle Collision

On December 30, East Battalion units and MSO71 responded to a possible Motor Vehicle Collision on SR2. Updated information from Monroe Police reported one male patient with an unknown level of consciousness. B31 arrived, established SR2 Command, and reported one critical patient. Units E31, M31, and A32 arrived and began rapid trauma treatment. The patient was struck by a full-size truck at approximately 35 MPH. M31 and MSO71 transported the patient to Providence. The patient sustained multiple broken bones and a head injury.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

HazMat Team

After successfully completing the Special Operations test and required initial training. We have five new members that will be officially joining the SRFR HazMat Team: Brian Kees, Jessica Hanna, Jerem Rhoades, Matt Millich, and Jacob McCann.

Water Rescue Team

Brandon Huber successfully completed the Special Operations Test and the initial training to become an official member of the SRFR Water Rescue Team.

Four additional members successfully passed the test and will begin the initial training required to join the team.

Rescue Team

Five SRFR members successfully completed the Special Operations Test and will be completing their initial training prior to being assigned to the Technical Rescue Team.

Training & Safety

SCFTA Graduation

On December 14, 12 SRFR recruits successfully graduated from the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy; Katherine Dennis, Rande Gruenwald, Scott Guittar, Bret Litten, Erik Marty, Jordan Noto, Nathaniel Pardo, Shawn Pittman, David Rouse, Ana Tower, Ciara Vargas, Mitchell Wurm.

The new firefighters will transition to Everett Community College and receive their EMT training prior to being assigned shifts on March 1, 2024. Congratulations to all 12 recruits and the three Company Officers who were assigned to this academy; Joe Virnig, Chad Squire, and Chris Robertson.



Several of our recruits received awards during the graduation ceremony: Rande Gruenwald (Brass Tip & First Whip), Scott Guittar (The Key), Bret Litten (Brass Tip), Jordann Noto (Brass Tip), David Rouse (First Whip), Shawn Pittman (Brass Tip, The Key, First Whip, and Top Whip).

Also, a special thank you to Lieutenant Bobby Lowe who is serving as SRFR's Training Officer at the SCFTA.

SRFR Welcomes New Firefighters

On January 2, SRFR welcomed Recruit Firefighters Quinn Evans and Karlie McMillan. Quinn, Karlie, and Recruit Seth Lawson are currently in Pre-Academy training and are slated to attend the Fire Academy in February.

ADMINISTRATION

2022 Financial Audit

The Washington State Auditor completed SRFR's 2022 Financial Audit and reported a "clean" and successful audit. Thank you to our outstanding Administrative Team and every SRFR Team member for your due diligence in keeping us in compliance with Washington State Law.

Cultural Health Assessment

Following a recent online survey, Dr. Pat Sikora is currently on-site conducting interviews with as many SRFR team members as possible regarding the cultural health of SRFR. In the spirit of continuous improvement, we want to learn how we can support the best possible culture for our team. Dr. Sikora will be developing a report of her findings which should be available in the spring. Thanks to the Cultural Leadership Team for their work with Dr. Sikora. Below are tentative dates for Dr. Sikora's visit. (The schedule may change.)

- January 9th- East Battalion
- January 10th- North Battalion
- January 11th- North Battalion
- January 12- West Battalion
- January 13- West Battalion
- January 14th-East Battalion
- January 15th- East Battalion
- January 16th- Administration Staff/ Logistics/ Shop until 1400 Hrs. North Battalion after if time allows
- January 17th North Battalion after 1230 Hrs.

Looking forward to a safe and successful 2024!

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief