



## SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

**Thursday, April 25, 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**

### **Promotions**

Congratulations to Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue's newest Driver/Operators: Nate Brown, Geoff Jacobs, and Ross Rumann.

Congratulations to our newly promoted Lieutenants: Chad Squire, Steve Kuhlman, Travis Rask and Chris Robertson. All have been promoted effective immediately.

Congratulations to our newly promoted Battalion Chiefs: James Hammeren, Jamal Beckham and Chris Stablein. BCs Hammeren and Beckham have been promoted effective immediately and BC Stablein's promotion will be effective September 1st.

### **Significant Alarms**

#### **High Speed Motor Vehicle Accident**

On April 12th, Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue units responded just west of the Snohomish River Bridge on SR522 to a four-vehicle, high speed, motor vehicle accident. Responders found one car was on its top, one had heavy front-end damage, one had moderate front-end damage and one vehicle that was towing a travel trailer had flipped over because of the collision. The crews performed triage and found one ALS patient, three BLS patients, and four that denied care. Medic 31 transported the ALS patient to Providence Everett with MSO71 assisting. Aid 31 transported two patients to Evergreen Health Monroe and Aid 32 transported another patient to Evergreen Health Monroe.

#### **Dump Truck Fire**

On April 9th, units from the East Battalion responded to a dump truck fire on North High Rock Road. Crews found a dump truck with a fully involved cab. The truck was under the power lines, but the crews did a good job with a quick knock down to stop damage to the powerlines directly above. Tender 31 was requested early for a sustained water supply.



### **Motor Vehicle Collision**

On April 9th, units from Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue were dispatched to a motor-vehicle accident that was a high-speed rollover, with a vehicle on its side and off the roadway. A power pole was sheared off with live lines blocking Florence Acres Road. There was a single patient trapped in the vehicle. Units performed extrication and the patient was transported to the hospital by Medic 31.

### **Training & Safety**

#### **Training at Pine Avenue Property in Snohomish**

The Pine Avenue property in Snohomish held its last week of training on April 9th and 10th. Many of our members contributed to the preparation of the houses that would then be burned for live fire training. Snohomish Fire District 4 gave many thanks for the support given by Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue and South County Fire and said they could not have done it without us! We would also like to thank Snohomish Fire District 4 for the opportunity. We also thank the crews that attended this training for being flexible and willing to participate in this training that was above and beyond the normal training workload.

#### **September Cancer Screening Month**

The Snohomish County Health & Safety Officers are collaborating to provide a cancer screening month to the county, in September. This screening event will be offered to all fire department members in the county. The Health and Safety Officer group is looking to bring Multi Cancer Early Detection blood screening (Galleri, one test), ultrasound screening, and coronary calcium scans to one location in the county that will be available to schedule via an online sign-up form. More information will be coming for this valuable screening.

#### **Leadership Meeting**

Thank you to all the SRFR members who participated in the quarterly Leadership Meeting held at Station 31 on Wednesday, April 24th. The meeting was well attended with in-person and online members of the district discussing the recent cultural health survey by Dr. Sikora. Chief O'Brien led the discussion through the results of the survey and facilitated several group discussions surrounding future opportunities for the district to improve on several items.

#### **Newly Formed Hiring Committee**

Thank you to all members of Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue's Hiring Committee which has been recently created and implemented. The committee comprised of Deputy Chief Colby Titland, Battalion Chief Joe Basta, Battalion Chief Evan Adolf, Lieutenant Brendan Grace, Battalion Chief Justyn Shevlin, Battalion Chief Jamal Beckam, Captain Brett Fetcho, HR Analyst Kelsey Ayer and HR Director Pamella Holtgeerts. The committee will be charged with evaluating and implementing any identified changes to Snohomish Regional's current firefighter candidate hiring practices. The committee has already begun soliciting employees to take part in



the first and second rounds of firefighter candidate interviews scheduled in May. Additionally, interview questions and future processes for our firefighter and firefighter/paramedic candidate practices will be evaluated to achieve a transformational adjustment to our hiring process.

## **SUPPORT SERVICES**

### **Office of the Fire Marshal**

#### **Training with the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office**

The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) recently attended fire investigator training in Snohomish, hosted by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's Office. The Pine Street location of the future Fire District 4 headquarters had two homes that were used for live fire training and were pre-loaded with common lithium-ion powered devices. These devices were "found" by the fire investigators after the fire event and provided valuable training in the identification of items in a post fire condition. Training was also provided on how to methodically excavate the debris piles in a method that preserves the scene for the insurance investigators. The OFM is working towards having certified fire investigators in the future.

#### **Congratulations!**

Deputy Fire Marshal LeRoy Schwartz passed the International Code Council Fire Inspector II exam. This achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work that LeRoy brings to the OFM. Congratulations to Deputy Fire Marshal Leroy Schwartz.

#### **Knox eCores Update**

The OFM has started the changeout of the Knox eCores in the city of Monroe. The fire district is close to having eCores changed out in all Knox Boxes north of Hwy 2. Please let the OFM know of any Knox Boxes that you find having the old-style key cores in boxes that are located north of Hwy 2 in our fire district.

Respectfully,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief