



## SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

### **Chief's Report**

**September 12, 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**

Thank you to the Delta Station 31 crews for detailing a Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue medic unit in preparation for Dr. Michael Copass's service on Tuesday, September 10th. Participants from SRFR that attended the service include, Deputy Chief Vince Read, Firefighter/Paramedic's, Jesse Freer and Rohan Peterson, and Commissioner Roy Waugh.

Chief Kevin O'Brien, staff, and Commissioners Steinruck and Schaub attended a kickoff meeting with BN Builders and Miller Hull members on Monday morning of September 9th. The kickoff meeting involved establishing a project charter, project team planning, site updates for both locations and project starting points. SRFR is extremely excited to begin working with our partners on the Stations 81 and 32 projects.

#### **Significant Alarms**

##### **Water Rescue**

On August 18th, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue sent Engine 81 mutual aid with the Everett Fire Department (EFD), with a rescue swimmer. EFD requested rescue swimmers from SRFR for a report of multiple people in the water at Edgewater Beach in Everett. It was reported that five paddleboarders and one kayaker needed help. The five paddleboarders were located and rescued, but the kayaker was unaccounted for. Lieutenant Virnig arrived and assisted the rescue swimmer already on the scene with a grid search. After two hours of searching, the kayaker was not located, and the search was canceled. Great job by the Engine 81 crew and Lieutenant Virnig.

##### **Residential Fire**

At approximately 3:30 PM on September 2nd, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue and mutual aid units responded to a residential fire. Units Engine 81, Medic 82 and Battalion 81 arrived



simultaneously. Medic 82 parked out of the way and came forward. Engine 81 positioned on Bravo and pulled the first line. Battalion 81 performed a short report and started a 360 attempting to locate a resident and get a number of potential occupants since the initial report said seven people lived there. Engine 82 arrived and gave Engine 81 their tank water. Medic 82 pulled a second line to assist with the attack. Heavy fire was noted on floor 2, with light smoke on floor 1. There were no injuries to firefighters or the public. The Snohomish County Fire Marshal's office is investigating the cause of the fire.





## **Fire Suppression / Special Operations**

### **Special Operations Testing**

It was recently announced in our department memos that the department will be running a Special Operations Team test this December. There are multiple positions on all three teams. Please consider testing to be a member of one of the Special Operations Teams. Letters of Intent to test are due to the Human Resources Division by Monday, September 16th at 1500 hours. The test is planned for the week of December 2nd.

### **Evergreen State Fair**

The 2024 Evergreen State Fair ran from Thursday, August 22nd through Monday, September 2nd. Overall, the fair was a success. The total attendance number for 2024 was 232,168. This is an increase over last year's total of 228,681.

## **Training & Safety**

### **Welcome to the Training Division**

The Training Division would like to welcome two new members to the training team, Captain Randy Mickels and Firefighter Mason Timm. We are excited to work with these two talented and hardworking individuals.

### **Welcome New Recruits**

The Training Division welcomes two new recruits this week, Hunter Fritz and Romey Xayamouangbo. They will join the other nine recruits in the Pre-Academy. We look forward to getting to know Hunter and Romey and seeing them grow with the SRFR family.

### **Training Academy Update**

The Training Division is sending three company officers to the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy 24-02. The CO's Lieutenant Neil Merritt, Lieutenant David Pick, and Lieutenant Travis Rask are starting the day shift this week and will be helping Lieutenant Bobby Lowe at the SCFTA drill site in preparation for the Academy that starts on September 16th.

### **Training Partnerships**

The Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue Training Division has formed an alliance with South County Fire, Sno4 Fire, and Everett Fire training divisions to assist each other in developing high-quality training and deliver it consistently across all departments. This partnership will mirror what the Snohomish County Training Officers' goal has always been, to share training resources, work collaboratively on quarterly training, build multi-company operations to include multiple departments, and build relationships with the neighbors we work with on our fire department borders.



## **Safety Update**

A recent safety update has been completed by the shop. The shop has completed the installation of carbon monoxide monitors in all EMS patient compartments as required by the Washington Administrative Code. Thank you, Daniel Kindig, for recognizing and mitigating this hazardous situation.

## **BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

### **Human Resources**

#### **Supporting the Hiring Processes**

Human Resources is currently supporting the following Divisions & Committee with the current hiring processes:

#### **Training, Operations & Hiring Committee:**

1. Driver/Operator - Testing Dates are set for the weeks of September 23rd and September 30th.
2. CARES Specialist – First-round interviews are scheduled for the week of September 16th.
3. Special Operations Teams – Currently open. The position announcement closes Monday, September 16th.
4. Lateral Firefighter – The position announcement closes Sunday, October 6th. The first round of interviews is tentatively scheduled for the week of October 21, 2024.
5. Lateral Firefighter Paramedic – Same as Lateral Firefighter.

#### **Administrative Division:**

1. IT Administrative Assistant – Final step in the hiring process.
2. Leaves Administrative Specialist - Closed September 8, 2024. Currently screening for minimum qualifications.
3. Confidential Support Assistant – Chief's interview scheduled for October 1st.

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

Take care and stay safe,

Ryan Lundquist, Assistant Fire Chief