



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

November 14, 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

Training

The Truck Committee developed fourth quarter block training for the District which occurred from November 1st to November 8th. The focus of the training was various search techniques inside a structure; Split Search/Floor 1 VES (Vent, Enter, Search), Floor 1 Oriented Search, and Floor 2 VES with Extended Search. Thank you to all the instructors who developed and instructed this training at the Ray Lee Brown Training Center in Snohomish: Chris Stablein, Cary Cronin, Kirk Dunham, Kristopher Christensen, Mitchell Shrauner, Matt Suhayda, Ryan Murstig, Dillon Clinton, Tracy Rider, Dylon Stavros, and Brandon Fairhurst.

Health & Safety

We currently have 15 members who have completed all components of the Wellness Incentive. Thank you for your commitment to Health and Wellness!

SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Relations

Public Education

During Fire Prevention Week, the Public Information and Education Officers (PIEOs) as well as the crew from Station 81 visited five kindergarten classrooms at Mt. Pilchuck Elementary. On October 21st, PIEO King and Station 31 visited Frylands Elementary where they taught three kindergarten classes. Students learned how to respond when they encounter matches and lighters, what steps to take when the smoke alarm sounds, and what firefighters look like in their gear.

Our Fire Prevention Week Open House was a huge success with about 700 members of the public in attendance! Attendees learned safety information, saw forcible entry and auto



extrication demos, and were able to learn about the services we provide while interacting with our wonderful team members! Thank you to all who helped make it possible!

During the month of October, PIEO King visited 19 second grade classrooms at Chain Lake Elementary, Cedarwood Elementary, Monroe Christian School, Woodside Elementary, and Salem Woods Elementary. Students learned about escape planning, calling 9-1-1, and sheltering in place!

On October 31st, Station 81, PIEO Mongillo, Program Specialist Larson, the duty crew, and Chief O'Brien attended Lake Stevens HarvestFest, where they interacted with up to 1,500 residents celebrating the season.

This week, PIEO King, PIEO Mongillo, and GIS Coordinator Sexton presented to the Echo Lake Community about Wildfire Preparedness and Home Fire Safety. Attendees learned about defensible space, fire-resistant landscaping, fire escape plans, and smoke alarms.

School Visits:

- Kinder: 22 Classes Year-to-Date
- 2nd Grade: 58 Classes Year-to-Date
- Middle/High School: 55 Classes Year-to-Date

Adult & Senior Safety Classes Year-to-Date: 14

Upcoming Community Events:

- Lake Stevens Holiday Toy Drive: November 16th
- WinterFest, Lake Stevens: December 14th
- Scout Day Open House: March 15th

Public Information

Social Media Snapshot: September 22 – November 5, 2024

- 64 Posts
- 181 New Followers/Accounts
- 272,618 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks
- 21,366 Total Followers

External Communications:

- Spaghetti Feed
- Lateral Firefighter Job Opening
- HWY 203 FRC
- Lake Stevens FRC
- Hands-Only CPR at Cav and MCSC
- Open House Promo



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- FPW Fire and Life Safety Campaign
- Walk, Bike, Roll to School
- Open House
- High Angle Rescue on Ben Howard
- Lake Stevens Deck/House Fire
- Water Rescue Stranded Anglers
- HarvestFest
- National First Responders Day
- LSMS Crossing Guard Hit
- AR/AP Job Posting
- Lake Stevens Water Rescue
- Change Your Clocks, Check Your Alarm
- Swift Water Refresher

Earned Media:

11/2 Water Rescue in Lake Stevens

<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/police-rescue-woman-from-submerged-car-in-lake-stevens/>

[https://komonews.com/news/local/person-rescued-from-lake-stevens-vehicle-submerged-](https://komonews.com/news/local/person-rescued-from-lake-stevens-vehicle-submerged-snohomich-county-water-rescue-pulse-north-cove-boat-launch)

[snohomich-county-water-rescue-pulse-north-cove-boat-launch](https://komonews.com/news/local/person-rescued-from-lake-stevens-vehicle-submerged-snohomich-county-water-rescue-pulse-north-cove-boat-launch)

<https://mynorthwest.com/4004486/snohomish-county-authorities-rescue-man-from-submerged-car/>

<https://myeverettnews.com/2024/11/01/vehicle-drives-into-lake-stevens-resulting-in-water-rescue/>

<https://www.thenewstribune.com/news/state/washington/article295003854.html>

10/13 Rope Rescue on Ben Howard

<https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/rope-rescue-firefighters-save-person-plunge-over-80-foot-cliff-monroe/2UMOQMSTPNFHF7BTWIXAYKVTE/>

<https://www.fox13seattle.com/news/rescued-80-foot-cliff-snohomish>

9/28 Snohomish Live Fire Homes

<https://www.heraldnet.com/news/nearly-150-firefighters-may-have-been-exposed-to-asbestos-fire-agencies-say/>

ADMINISTRATION

Washington Fire Commissioners Convention

During October 23rd through October 26th, Commissioners and the Chief attended the Washington Fire Commissioner's Conference in Spokane, Washington. Topics at the conference included updates on current laws, labor issues, personnel issues, and other applicable topics.



Fall COMEX Workshop

During November 4th through 6th, Commissioners, Union Leadership, and Staff participated in the Fall COMEX workshop held in Leavenworth, WA. Workshop topics included the 2025 Budget with Divisional Reports, 2024 Review, the Strategic Plan, Capital Plan, Darkhorse Emergency Analytics, District Health and Safety, and other relevant topics.

Sno-Isle Fire Commissioner's Association

SRFR hosted the November Sno-Isle Commissioner's Meeting on November 7, 6:30 p.m., at Station 71. Leadership from Sno911 presented an update regarding operations and future plans for Sno911.

Lateral Firefighter Recruitment

Thanks to the Hiring Committee, interview panelists, HR, and all involved in the Lateral Paramedic/Firefighter and Firefighter recruitment process! Following the Chief's interviews November 12, 13, and 14, employment offers have been accepted by one Paramedic/Firefighter and three Firefighters.

Take care and stay safe,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief