



Chief's Report

December 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

East Battalion: On November 26, at 11:40 p.m., East Battalion units responded to the Sky Valley area to assist with a confirmed residential fire in an attached garage. Firefighters arrived to find an active, working fire in the garage. The fire was quickly extinguished and the home was searched with no occupants found. There was a family dog in the home that would not initially exit, but firefighters were ultimately successful in helping the pooch exit the home. There was a significant number of items stored in the garage which presented a challenge to the firefighters. One occupant of the home was treated for medical conditions and transported to Evergreen Hospital in stable condition. There were no other injuries to civilians or responders. The fire is under investigation by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal. Great teamwork by all responders!

Residential Fire

East Battalion: On December 3, at 4:25 a.m., East Battalion units responded to a residential fire. On location, responders found a two-story home with an active, working fire on the second floor. Firefighters quickly extended a hose to the second floor of the home and successfully extinguished the fire and contained it to the second floor. There were no injuries to civilians or responders. The fire is under investigation by Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue. We appreciate the great job by the responders.



Fire Suppression / Special Operations

Special Operations Testing

The Special Operations Team, Operations, and Human Resources conducted Special Operations Technician testing during the week of December 2. The testing process encompassed all three Special Operations disciplines: Water Rescue, Hazardous Materials, and Technical Rescue. Test components included a written test, an oral board interview, and a practical evaluation. All candidates successfully completed the testing process with seven passing Hazardous Materials, 10 passing Water Rescue, and 10 passing Technical Rescue. Congratulations and great work by all members involved in this process. The next step is to complete the training required for each team. Also, a special thank you to Lieutenant Scott Rybar and Battalion Chief Jamal Beckham for taking the lead on this testing process.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Community Relations

Public Information

Social Media Snapshot: November 5 – December 4, 2024

- 44 Posts
- 212 New Followers/Accounts
- 238,393 Impressions/Engagement/Clicks
- 21,923 Total Followers

External Communications

- AP/AR Job Posting
- E31 Wetdown
- Veterans Day
- Recruits Update
- Citizens Award – Lake Stevens Truck in Water
- Monroe FRC
- Weather Safety Tips Before the Storm
- Washington Alliance for Better Schools Visit
- Windstorm Reporting (Made National News)
- Power Outage Safety
- Lake Stevens FRC
- CO Safety
- Monroe Police and Fire Appreciation Week
- Monroe Semi-Truck Fire
- Thanksgiving Safety
- Foggy Driving Tips
- Snohomish DEM Storm Survey



Earned Media

Semi-Truck Fire

- KOMO - "Snohomish fire crews avert disaster as semi-truck catches fire near gas pumps" <https://komonews.com/news/local/snohomish-fire-crews-avert-disaster-semi-truck-catches-fire-near-gas-pumps-monroe-chevron-extinguish-main-street-flames-blaze>
- KIRO - "Semi-truck catches on fire in Monroe" <https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/semi-truck-catches-fire-monroe/OA2ONUCJENBDLN5UT3GAES2WBY/>

Storm Reporting

- Fox News - "Bomb cyclone slams Seattle area with fierce winds leaving at least 2 dead, hundreds of thousands without power" <https://www.foxweather.com/weather-news/bomb-cyclone-seattle-power-outages>
- Weather Channel - "At Least Two Dead In Northwest Bomb Cyclone" <https://weather.com/news/news/2024-11-20-live-updates-bomb-cyclone-hits-western-us>

All local news picked up our content.

Strategic Analysis

Geographic Information Services (GIS) Customer Service

A Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (SRFR) resident came to the administrative office because they were expecting a child soon and were concerned that their home address might be missing from the Sno911 dispatch system. Some quick research by the SRFR Strategic Analysis team showed the property address had been changed many years ago but was never updated in the dispatch system. An address update was promptly submitted to correct the issue. The SRFR team notified Google Maps to update their system as well. Now our crews will be able to find the address, and those gifts for the new baby should find their way. Great job by the team for their outstanding customer service and dedication! This situation is a good reminder to report any issues with addresses, routing, or missing hydrants so they can be corrected.

Capital Facilities

Station 31 Shop Remodel

This week at the Shop, garage doors were installed, and concrete for the aprons and carport was poured. Additionally, inside lights and tube heaters were installed. We are still on track for a January completion.

Stations 32 and 81

On December 4, the SRFR Capital Facilities and Station Design Committees toured new Bothell Fire Stations 42 and 45. BNB Builders and Miller Hull Architects facilitated the tours, which were very informative as we move forward in the design process for Stations 32 and 81.



Station 72

A few weeks ago, we noticed a groundwater intrusion problem with the septic tanks at Station 72. Superior Septic attempted to seal the potential areas of groundwater intrusion. We are monitoring the repair and currently pumping the tanks twice a week to keep up with demand. The septic design completed by Donna Breske and Associates is under review by Alderwood Water District for approval.

I hope you are having a safe and warm holiday season.

With appreciation,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief

