



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Chief's Report

January 9, 2025

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

Christmas Day Residential Fire

On Christmas Day, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue's Battalion 81 and Engine 82 were dispatched to a residential fire with the Everett Fire Department. The call involved a situation where an occupant, who was reportedly in a standoff with the Everett Police Department, had set the house on fire.

Everett Fire Department arrived first and observed light smoke coming from a second-floor window of the two-story home with an occupant visible inside. Battalion 81 arrived next and waited nearby until the police had the situation under control. The Everett firefighters started combating the fire by deploying water through the upstairs window, while coordinating with police officers to maintain safety.

For about 20-30 minutes, firefighters were required to wait as the situation resolved with the occupant. The occupant eventually evacuated the house by climbing onto the roof, where he started knocking over ladders and arguing with the police. At one point, a second alarm was called, and additional firefighters from Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue were dispatched to assist. Eventually, the occupant left the roof and was taken into custody. As the situation calmed down and the fire was extinguished, Battalion 81 was cleared.

Deployment to Fires in L.A.

On Wednesday, January 8th, SRFR sent one Strike Team Leader and one Structural Engine Company to the fires in the Los Angeles area. SRFR is one of an assortment of fire agencies from Snohomish County and Washington State assisting with the devastating fires.



Special Operations

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the following members for successfully completing the Special Operations Test and the necessary training to join their respective teams.

- Technical Rescue: Logan Harding
- Hazardous Materials: Dillon Clinton, Ross Fahlen, Chris Pack, Sam Stevens, Dmitriy Surkanov, and Jordan Moyes.

Emergency Medical Services

CARES Responder

Congratulations to Christian Wigington who was appointed to the Community Advocates for Referral and Education Services (CARES) position beginning January 1, 2025. The CARES position (formerly the Community Resource Paramedic) is a contractual position in Local 2781's collective bargaining agreement. Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue firefighters frequently respond to incidents where additional needs are identified outside their scope of responsibilities. Paramedic Wigington will meet with residents in their homes, identify their needs, and connect them to community resources that will better meet those needs, rather than a call to 911.

To promote greater support to paramedic Wigington in his new role, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue is preparing a collaborative inter-local agreement with South Snohomish County Fire Authority as an opportunity to partner our position with their team and bolster the CARES role in our community.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Logistics

Station 31 Shop Remodel

The shop carport is currently being installed, and interior finishes are nearing completion. On January 10th, PUD performed a transformer upgrade, causing power to Station 31 to be offline for up to six hours. Temporary power measures were in place during this time. We remain on track for the January completion.

Stations 32 and 81

This week, approximately 20 members from the Station Committee and Capital Facilities Committee gathered with BN Builders and Miller Hull for a Design and Station Programming Kick-Off meeting for Station 32 and Station 81. The group shared valuable insights into the development of our future stations.

Additionally, the team had a productive meeting with the City of Lake Stevens about the current progress of the Joint Storm Water and discussed the next steps to get the Station 81 project moving forward.



Station 72

The Station 72 Sewer and Water project is currently under review by the Alderwood Water District.

Fleet/Shop Review

Members of the Engine Spec committee will be returning to Brandon, South Dakota, in early February for the Engine Pre-Construction Meeting.

Congratulations to Daniel Kindig on his promotion to Lead Mechanic. Four shop members participated in the promotional process, and all of them performed exceptionally well.

ADMINISTRATION

Community Advisory Committee

On January 6th, SRFR hosted our first biannual Community Advisory Committee meeting at Station 31 in Monroe. The Community Advisory Committee is comprised of citizens of the District with the purpose of fostering collaboration and engagement between Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue (SRFR) and the local community. The committee's focus includes:

- Representing the community
- Providing feedback, input, and recommendations
- Future planning
- Advocacy and non-partisan support

Take care and stay safe,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief