



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE



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Fatal Machias House Fire

[Lake Stevens, WA] – On May 18th at 12:20 AM, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue was dispatched to a fully engulfed house fire in the 600 Block of Carlson Rd in Machias.

First responding crews arrived at the scene with a large amount of fire on the front of the house, and the front door already burnt down. Engine 81 and Aid 81 pulled an attack hose to start knocking down the fire and at the same time perform a 360-degree evaluation of the structure. Engine 83 arrived and laid down approximately 400 feet of supply line and begin to supply water from their engine to the scene.

Engine 82, Medic 82, and Engine 42 arrived. E82 connected to a fire hydrant and laid down an additional 700 feet of supply line to connect to the already laid down 400 feet of supply line. Once crews established a connection to the fire hydrant, firefighters continued to attack the fire on all sides including the basement and attic.

A primary search of the house was performed but difficult conditions inside the house slowed the firefighter's progress. As firefighters were defensively fighting the fire, crews located the deceased victim in a back bedroom. Ladder 71 and Engine 41 arrived and joined in the efforts.

The fire was under control within 20 minutes of arrival and a full search was conducted 30 minutes later when conditions were safer for crews to go in.

The Snohomish County Fire Marshals office was on scene and is investigating the cause of the fire.

The victim was the only occupant in the home at the time. No firefighters were injured during the attack.

We thank Snohomish County Fire District 4, Washington State Patrol and Snohomish County Sherrif for assisting.



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