



## SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

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#### **Lake Stevens Multi-unit Structure Fire**

Lake Stevens, WA. – At 1:47 AM in the 1600 block of 127<sup>th</sup> Ave NE in Lake Stevens, Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue responded to a 1 alarm multi-unit structure fire. A total of 8 units were affected by the fire. As fire crews were enroute, there were reports of people jumping from second-story windows to escape. Lake Stevens PD assisted those victims before fire crews arrived. SCFD4, Marysville Fire, Everett Fire, Granite Falls Fire, and Getchell Fire were also dispatched.

Once on scene, SRFR contacted the two people that had jumped from the second story and confirmed that they had sustained minor injuries. After this, crews started an offensive attack. As the firefighters went around the backside of the building, they located one person hanging out a window with smoke billowing out of it. A ladder was pulled to the window and fire crews, with the assistance of LSPD, were able to get the person out.

Smoke and fire were pouring heavily out of most of the windows as crews were attacking the fire and conducting a primary search. During the primary search, crews located another person in a bedroom that had its door closed. They were able to bring that person out safely and quickly with no injuries.

Once all occupants were accounted for, Battalion Chief 81 was notified of three cats were reportedly still in the structure. Crews inside were able to locate the cats hiding under beds and in cabinets. Thankfully, all three cats were found alive and uninjured.

Red Cross arrived and were able to help those affected and find them temporary shelter. Snohomish County Fire Marshals are on scene investigating the cause of the fire. At this time, the cause of the fire is unknown.

SRFR urges residents to plan and practice their fire escape. When there is smoke and fire, stay low and go! Working smoke alarms are the best first-line of defense to escape a fire safely. Test your smoke alarms regularly to ensure that they are working properly, and replace the units after they have reached 10 years past from the manufacturer date.

Sleeping with bedroom doors closed has proven to increase chances of survival in the event of a fire that you cannot escape. A closed door during a fire delays fire, heat, and smoke from entering the room and blocks air supply from the fire. Open a window and yell for help. Throw a pillow or another item out the window. Fire crews are trained to look for these as they do a primary 360 search around the structure.

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*Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue serves 160,000 residents in the cities of Lake Stevens, Monroe, and unincorporated southeast Snohomish County. SRFR responds to an average of 16,000 emergency calls a year with highly trained personnel and state-of-the-art rescue programs. SRFR became the first accredited agency in Snohomish County by the Commission on Fire Accreditation International, which is the highest level of achievement possible for a fire agency. More information about SRFR can be found at [www.sfrf.org](http://www.sfrf.org).*

