



## SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

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### **Busy 4th of July for SRFR Firefighters**

[Monroe, WA] - Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue responded to approximately 40 calls of service in the North Battalion (Lake Stevens), 30 in the East Battalion (Monroe), and 20 in the West Battalion (Clearview).

Dozens of brush fires, firework related fires, and structure fires were reported throughout the district.

At 11:30 PM in the 11400 block of 29th PI NE in Lake Stevens, a vegetation fire erupted beside a house and spread into the structure. A family sleeping inside at the time were awakened by people yelling. The fence was completely consumed in the fire along with other combustibles and propane tanks located around the house. Fire and smoke extended into the house and attic. The cause of the fire is being investigated by the Snohomish County Fire Marshal's office.

Shortly after that fire was contained, the same crews were dispatched at 12:14 AM to the 8200 block of 23rd PI NE in Lake Stevens with reports of a garbage can next to the house that was on fire and burning the side of the house. It was determined that spent fireworks were placed in the garbage can without properly being drenched with water. The fire damaged the power meter box and the siding. It is always advised to completely drench spent fireworks before placing them in the garbage. Do not place garbage cans with fireworks next to the house or in the garage.

At 12:33 AM, SRFR crews were dispatched to a garage fire located in the 2400 block of 108th Ave SE in Lake Stevens. When crews arrived, they observed smoke and fire coming from the garage. Once they gained access, the smell of petroleum products filled the air and coated the driveway. A golf cart sustained significant damage. Thankfully, the fire was quickly under control and did not spread into the house. Crews checked for fire in the attic above the garage for any embers or hotspots.

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