

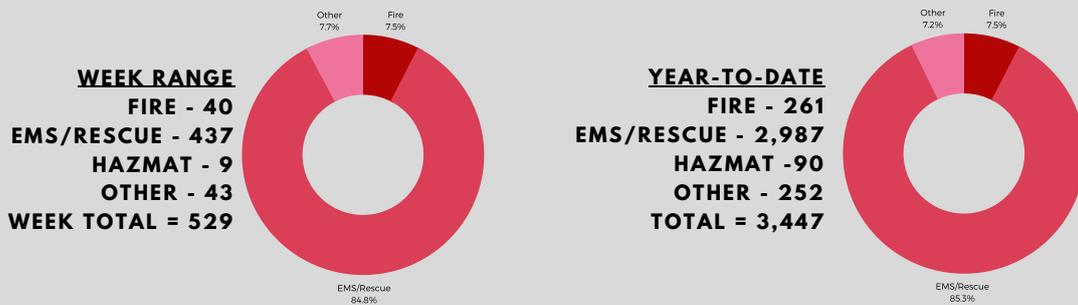
# CHIEF'S REPORT

## SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

DATE RANGE: 4/5/21 - 4/18/21



### **CALL VOLUME: SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE RESPONDED TO 529 CALLS FROM APRIL 5, 2021 - APRIL 18, 2021.**



\*These are responses only within Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue boundaries.

### **Calls for Service**

FIRE - April 6, 2:44 am: Ladder 72 was dispatched to a residential structure fire at the 2400 block of 177th Street SE. Firefighters went inside and found the fire was already extinguished. While removing debris and clearing the smoke, firefighters noticed there were no smoke detectors in the house. Ladder 72 installed one from the Public Education supply box that is on all apparatus. The residents were advised to get multiple smoke detectors for early notification in the event of another fire.

FIRE - April 6, 6:52 am: Firefighters were dispatched to a fully involved structure fire at the 10400 block of Woods Creek Road. Responders arrived to find an out building fully involved with fire but was not threatening the residence. Firefighters were able to quickly extinguish the fire. There were no injuries.

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - April 10, 6:09 am: First Responders were dispatched to a two-vehicle high speed motor vehicle collision with entrapment at the 14600 block 35th Avenue SE. Upon arrival firefighters worked to conduct an immediate rescue of one of the drivers while additional personnel started Advanced Life Support treatment of the patient. Additional firefighters worked to rescue the other driver. Both patients were transported to Providence in Everett. One patient was in critical condition, the other was in stable condition.

MOTOR VEHICLE COLLISION - April 15, 12:45 pm: Firefighters were dispatched to a single car roll-over motor vehicle collision at the 19900 block of SR 2, just outside of Monroe. Responders arrived to find one vehicle that had left the roadway and rolled onto its top with a single occupant inside. Firefighters were able to quickly rescue the patient and transport to Evergreen Health in Monroe.

SEARCH FOR MISSING PERSON - April 18: At 9:36 pm Water Rescue crews were dispatched to a report of a missing person on the river without a life jacket near the Lewis Street Boat Launch in Monroe. Boat 31, along with multiple drones and first responders searched the water for several hours. The rescue mission was canceled when the missing person walked into the command area unharmed.

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### CHIEF UPDATE:

- Captain Colby Titland will be promoted to Battalion Chief following the retirement of Battalion Chief Bill Wirtz. Thank you to all who participated and supported the process. Congratulations B.C. Titland!
- Staff are in the process of updating the SRFR Chaplain Program to reflect the District's current mission, and goals. Key factors include service, care, compassion, professionalism, and fiscal accountability. Other Chaplain programs throughout the area are being reviewed for comparison. Staff is preparing to present an update to the program at the Regular Board meeting on May 27, 2021.

### LOGISTICS:

- Congratulations to Zachary Lewis (Logistics Technician) and his wife on the birth of their first baby, Molly Rae Anne Lewis, born on March 30th at 0722.
- Zachary Lewis finished his CDL training. All three Logistics Technicians now have a Class A CDL license.
- Two of our Logistics Technician have received their Forklift Operators Certification.
- Logistics has moved the SCBA compressor from Station 72 to Station 31. A.C. Guptill, DC Lundquist and A.C. Silva met to discuss the quotes for the mobile SCBA compressor. We will be working with the Finance Division to bring a proposal for purchasing the mobile SCBA compressor at a future Commissioner Meeting.
- All new SCBA masks and regulators have been deployed throughout the District.
- The Logistics Division has started installing the new SRFR district boundary signs.
- Logistics is working with DSHS on getting quotes for tenant improvements to the first floor. They have requested we put a door in the South wall of the lobby that will lead into a private family room.
- The new SNO911 portable radios have been deployed throughout the District.
- Staff have been working diligently to acquire designs and costs for new SRFR facility signs. This includes three electronic reader boards that will be at stations 71, 72, 82.
- The Capital Facilities Committee, Senior Staff and members from Rice Fergus Miller Architects have been working on the conceptual design of our facilities. This includes prioritization of these projects.
- Melissa Jenkins (Logistics - Administrative Specialist) continues to work with Operative IQ in an effort to improve the various modules within the program. Operative IQ is used for asset tracking, service tickets, vehicle checks/inventory, EMS/station supply ordering, and other services. We get requests fairly frequently from other agencies requesting to meet with Melissa to learn more about the program. Melissa is becoming an expert in Operative IQ. Kudos to Melissa!

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### ADMINISTRATION:

- The District has initiated a community survey to assess the options for District funding and to ensure there is alignment between the District's priorities and the public's thoughts and opinions. Alison Peters with CAYA Communications will be administering online and phone surveys to both maximize participation and promote transparency and credibility. The tone of the survey is friendly, questions will be clear and a resident should be able to complete the survey in less than 10 minutes. The survey data will provide SRFR valuable and relevant information to align District and community priorities. The process should be complete by the end of May.
- The Revenue Planning Committee (PRC) had its initial meeting on Wednesday April 15, 2021. The RPC is a team comprised of people who are committed to the financial sustainability of SRFR. The RPC will develop, and with the consent of the Board of Fire Commissioners, execute a plan to secure financial sustainability to successfully execute the SRFR Mission. The next meeting will be scheduled in May to review Key Messages.
- Covid Finance Update: The Covid Financial Situational Report has been updated for April 2021 and will be reported to the Finance Committee and Board of Commissioners at an upcoming Board meeting. The report was initiated as an action plan in 2020 in response to the Covid-19 pandemic and monitors economic environmental factors including CPI, assessed values and the housing market, unemployment rates as well as other financial indicators.
- Fire Benefit Charge: The District has initiated a study by Neil Blindheim to deliver analytical information to evaluate the funding option of a Fire Benefit Charge (FBC). Unlike traditional tax levies, a Fire Benefit Charge (FBC) is based on building size and use instead of assessed value. With the FBC, the \$1.50 fire levy rate is reduced to \$1.00 per \$1,000 of assessed value and the benefit charge is intended to provide alternative funding to replace the \$0.50 in addition to offering financial flexibility and sustainability. The benefit charge rate is set annually by the Board of Fire Commissioners during a public hearing at an amount that supports emergency service operations. The Finance Committee will be meeting April 22, 2021 to review the results of this study.
- Long-Term Care Act: The Washington State Long Term Care Act (LTSS) is the first publicly-funded state long-term care program in the country. Currently, long-term care is not covered by Medicare or health insurance plans, Medicaid coverage is struggling to retain solvency and private long-term care insurance is both expensive and unaffordable to most citizens. The LTSS is intended to provide a lifetime benefit of \$36,000 for qualified citizens who require services and who have paid into a state-operated trust account. The benefit is administered by the Employment Security Department and funded by a payroll tax for all employees working in the State of Washington. As of April 14, 2021, the House passed an amendment that allows individuals to submit a request to opt-out of this program to the Employment Security Department by November 1, 2021. The Finance Committee will be reviewing this information on April 22, 2021.

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### TRAINING

- Staff recently completed evaluations on our five current probationary firefighters. All five are currently meeting the expectation of the District.
- Staff recently attend the second formal evaluation for each of our four recruits attending the SCFTA. All four are currently meeting the academy standard.
- Our four recruits will be graduating from the SCFTA on May 4th. There will be a small graduation ceremony with a link to virtually attend for all members of Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue.

### COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- Staff are working with Human Resources and the Training Division on a Hiring Recruitment Retention video series. The videos will be sent to Career Firefighter Candidates who have reached the background portion of the process.
- Staff participated in the initial Revenue Planning Committee meeting.
- Staff continue to work with the Accreditation and Strategic Planning Teams to develop District education and communications goals.
- Staff are working to finalize the 2020 Annual Report
- Staff virtually visited six Second Grade Classrooms:
  - Hillcrest Elementary (5 classes)
  - Mt. Pilchuck Elementary (1 class)

### Virtual School Visits Year-To-Date:

- 2nd Grade Classes Visited: 43 out of 77
- Chief O'Brien visited with first graders at Stevens Creek Elementary
- Kindergarten Classes Visited: 3
- HS Classes Visited: 7
- Home Education Lessons: 3



\*Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue has an average of 77 - 2nd grade classes for the 2020-2021 school year within our jurisdiction. Staff have visited 43 classes so far this school year.

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### **FIRE & LIFE SAFETY**

- Staff are working on fee schedule update for board review and adoption. The update will include land use review fees and special event fees.
- Staff are assisting the Sultan Building Department with a fire alarm inspection. Sultan staff are the code enforcement personnel, Snohomish Regional staff are acting in a training mentor capacity.
- Draft Fire & Life Safety staff needs analysis has been completed. This was based on data from 2017-2019. Workload indicators used are divided by function with average time. The analysis establishes an average usable FTE for staff and workload FTE by jurisdiction and function.
- New Altair 5x gas monitors and GX2 calibration station are ready to deploy. Staff will be issuing 18 - Altair 5x monitors and 8 - GX2 calibration stations. Training will be conducted as well.
- Fit Test equipment has been misplaced since Fall fit testing. Looking for a particle generator and can't send one Portacount out for calibration until found. Small items were also missing (data cable, filter).

### **ACCREDITATION**

- Staff sent R&A a sample presentation to the core team for review and potential future implementation. This would meet CFAI requirements for quarterly review and annual program appraisal.

### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

- The SCBA Compressor at Station 81 failed its quarterly air test. MES is repairing the compressor 4/8/21 and will send an air sample in for confirmation the repair solved the issue.
- The Quarterly Health & Safety meeting held on 4/6/2021.
- The Force Protection Group has developed guidance for SNO911 to question potential Ebola patients due to current outbreak in Snohomish County.

### **STRATEGIC ANALYSIS**

- The Strategic Planning Team reviewed goals from the team. The next step is to have the team provide written feedback on the sub group goals.

### **STANDARDS OF COVER**

- A meeting was held on 4/8/21 to review the risk matrix.

### **OPERATIONS**

- Operations continues to perform station inspections throughout the organization. A thank you to Station 81 crews for taking such good care of the station and apparatus for B shift. Bravo 81 performed very well throughout the inspection. Station 82 D Shift is scheduled for inspection on the 8th of April.
- On April 21st SRFR leadership met with Granite Falls Fire Leadership to discuss SRFR assistance as Granite Falls Fire transitions to provide Advanced Life Support EMS service.