



## Chief's Report September 23, 2021

### **Significant Alarms**

#### Commercial Fire

9/12, Maltby: Firefighters responded to a large scrap metal fire at a recycling facility on Yew Way. Water supply was limited. Five tenders (tanker trucks) were used during the incident. Approximately 160,000 gallons of water were used to extinguish the fire.

### **Operations**

#### EMS Standby

Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue conducted advanced life-support stand-by for the Spartan Race on Nordstrom Farm in Snohomish over the weekend of September 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>.

#### Wildland Response

SRFR has six members currently deployed on wildland incidents to different areas around the region. Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue deployed a Type 6 brush truck and a Strike Team Leader to California on an Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) request.

#### Hose Manual

SRFR's Engine Operations Committee presented the final draft for the updated hose manual to Training and Operations. The document will be sent to Senior Staff for review and approval.

#### Chief's Inspections

The Deputy Chiefs of Training and Operations conducted a Chief's Inspection for Station 73C and 31B this last week. Both crews performed incredibly well, and their uniforms, stations and apparatus were very professional. Thank you to those crews for their hard work in preparation for this inspection.

### **Emergency Medical Services**

#### Online Training

Staff are working to transition EMS online training from EMS1 to Target Solutions in 2022.

### Paramedic Training for Dist. 17 Granite Falls

Staff and Legal are working on a Paramedic Preceptor agreement between Snohomish Regional and Snohomish County Fire District 17. This will allow our Paramedics to mentor and precept the new Snohomish County District 17 Paramedics and assist them in getting experience and meeting the requirements from Snohomish County EMS. The agreement is completed, and we are working on final approval.

### Pediatric Resuscitation Training

The EMS Division in conjunction with the Training Division are holding a pediatric resuscitation class in the next two weeks in Snohomish.

### Code-Stat Training

Staff are planning and scheduling Code-Stat training with our Medical Service Officers (MSO's). MSO Jay ford from South County Fire will deliver training on the basics of Code-Stat. Reviewing Code-Stat Data will help Snohomish Fire and Rescue with Quality improvement in Cardiac Arrests.

## **Training**

### Strategy and Tactics Training

Battalion Chief's DiMonda and Fisher presented their Strategy and Tactics class to the company officer cadre for the Snohomish County Fire Training Academy.

### Recruit Academy

Snohomish Regional Fire and Rescue's six new recruits started the Recruit Academy on 9/13/2021. Additionally, three probationary Lieutenants started the academy on September 7 to serve as Company Officers.

### Long Range Planning

The Training Division continues to update the 2022 and long-range training plan. The Training Division met with the leads of the training committees and the Deputy Chiefs of Operations and EMS to go over the plan on 9/16<sup>th</sup>. Members from Snohomish County Fire District 4 attended as well.

### Employment Practices

The Training Division and Human Resources are researching training on equal employment opportunities and a productive work environment. Staff will work with labor leadership to discuss a plan to review and implement the training.

### Firefighter Recruitment

Human Resources and Training are reviewing future tests for entry level firefighter, part time firefighter, hazmat team and paramedic students.

## **Health and Safety**

### Mandatory Vaccinations

Health and Safety is working with HR on accommodation documentation and record keeping for vaccination mandates.

### COVID 19 Testing

With the goal of daily COVID testing for emergency responders, Health and Safety is working on procuring the COVID tests.

### Firefighter Physical Exams

Health and Safety is continuing with department physicals this week in the North Battalion

## **Fire Marshal**

### Fire Safety Inspections

Deputy Fire Marshall Bowen and Fire Inspector Fisher have worked hard to completed school inspections in East and West Battalions.

### Possible Partnership with Sultan

Staff continue to work with the City of Sultan to provide Fire Marshal services.

## **Community Relations**

### Community Presentations

Staff continue to work on Levy presentations, Open House, Fire Prevention Week.

### Public Information Education Officer

The Public Information Education Officer (PIEO) job description is being reviewed by HR.

### Coffee With the Chief

Pilot House Coffee in Monroe hosted Coffee with the Chief on September 16. It was a great event and well attended.

### Monroe Chamber

9/14, staff attended the Monroe Chamber of Commerce meeting and spoke briefly about the levy lid lift.

## **Standards Committee**

### Policy Review

The Committee continues to move forward with policy review.

## **Accreditation**

### Standards of Cover

The District has received a final draft version of the Standards of Cover (SOC) from Fitch and Associates. Executive staff is reviewing.

### Accreditation

Staff continue to work on the Accreditation process.

## **Technical Services**

### Fire Engine Replacement

After a collaborative effort including Technical Services and Operations, the SRFR fire engine specifications have been released to vendors. The bids are due on Thursday, October 21, 2021. Per the SRFR Capital Plan, the specifications are designated for the purchase four engines. Thank you to the Engine Committee and everyone involved.

### SRFR Domain Merge

The domain merge and server upgrade project has been completed. Small elements of cleanup including phone text archiving and a few other supporting tasks are ongoing but the bulk of the large project have been completed. Thank you to the entire IT team for their diligence in completing this huge undertaking!

### Network Security

We have reached an all-time high confidence level in our network security with the addition of the Kroll system monitoring that we recently added to our system. We have been asked to present to the WFCA at the upcoming conference on our recent experiences related to cyber security. Staff and a team from IS Outsource will be presenting.

### Station Alerting

Location station alerting upgrades to stations 72 and 77 are in works. The project is targeted to be completed before the end of the year. Station 76 has been put on pause until the status of Station 76 has been determined.

### Ambulance Replacement/Refurbishment

Staff are beginning the planning work with DC Rasmussen on the 2022 and 2023 plan to remount and replace the EMS units as forecasted in the apparatus replacement plan. A committee is being stood up for this process.

### Shop

The shop workload continues to be high. We are beginning the new 800 MHz mobile radio installation within the next month. That work will continue into 2022. The Apprentice position is working out great. Workspace continues to be an issue and discussions are ongoing about a long term solution.

## **Administration**

### Social/Mental Health Response

9/15, staff met with the City of Monroe to discuss a possible partnership in a social/mental health response program.

### Real Estate

Staff have been working with CBRE real estate professionals to plan for the sale of the administration building and surplus property.

### Mill Creek Service Contract

9/20, Chief O'Brien met with the Mill Creek City Manager to maintain open communication and discuss emergency services.

### PulsePoint

Chief O'Brien, along with leaders from Snohomish County 911, South County Fire, Marysville Fire and Everett Fire spoke at the media release launch of PulsePoint in Snohomish County.

### Washington State Auditor

The Washington State Auditor's Office will be starting its annual audit in September.

### Lieutenant Promotions

Staff interviewed candidates for two open lieutenant positions due to the retirements of Lt. Barry and Lt. Hunt. Congratulations to Mike Thomas and Bill Gunterman! Both will be promoted to Lieutenant effective October 1, 2021. A special thank you to all candidates, assessors, and Human Resources!

Thank you to all SRFR team member for your hard work and dedication!

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief