



SNOHOMISH REGIONAL FIRE & RESCUE

Tuesday, October 26, 2021

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue was dispatched to a hazardous materials incident in an industrial park. Responders arrived and safely determined that the unidentified gas leak was a cryogenic container "off gassing" as a normal function of the container. Units were placed back into service about 20 minutes later without issue.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue was dispatched with South County Fire to a report of a vehicle off the roadway with injury. Units arrived on the scene to find a patient in a vehicle without breathing or a pulse. Patient care was established immediately by our first responders. The patient was pronounced deceased from injuries due to trauma. Authorities remained on the scene to conduct an accident investigation.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue was dispatched to a cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) in progress. Immediate high performance CPR and advanced life support measures were begun upon the arrival of first responders. The patient was transported to a local hospital after regaining spontaneous circulation during rescue efforts.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

The Operations Division conducted two 'Chief's Inspection' Drills at Station 32 Delta and Station 76 Bravo shifts respectively. Both crews performed exceptionally well during these inspections.

Staff continue to work with Dr. Steve Knight of Fitch and Associates towards editing a rough draft of our Community Risk Assessment and Standard of Coverage document. It is the expectation that Dr. Knight and the team will present the complete document to the Board of Commissioners in November.

The Operations Division met with representatives of the First Watch System to orient themselves to the data platform that Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue currently utilizes.

Emergency Medical Services

Staff are working on the procedure for daily COVID testing and the training that will go with training employees to administer the daily COVID tests.

Staff have been working on the Member Discipline Procedure and Policy 2-17. The policy will go to the Standards Committee for review.



EMS is working on gathering and sending Dr. Knight the Cares Data for 2017-2019.

The Deputy Chief of EMS and BC Kosiba presented Firefighter Steve Kuhlman a meritorious accommodation for his assistance to Mount Vernon Fire and the Citizens of Mount Vernon. Firefighter Kuhlman was shopping with his family in Mount Vernon when he witnessed a cardiac arrest in the Mount Vernon Safeway. Firefighter Kuhlman stepped in and assisted the Safeway Pharmacist with the resuscitation. He remained on scene and assisted Mount Vernon Fire until they had enough resources on scene. Thank you, Firefighter Kuhlman, for going above and beyond and representing Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue in an extremely positive and professional manner.

Great news! In conjunction with our surrounding fire agencies and in compliance with the Department of Labor and Industries, we will very soon be implementing daily COVID testing for our firefighters. Additionally, after firefighters test negative, they may remove their masks in the fire station. This development will enhance safety for the public and our team while providing a huge morale booster for our responders.

Training

The Training Division has adjusted the timelines for hands on training to support frontline operations and is temporarily withholding on duty members from working as instructors or attending outside training while on duty.

SCFTA Recruit Class 21-02 has reached the halfway mark and conducted a portion of their live fire training at the Sky Valley Fire burn facility. The SFRF Company Officers and Recruits are working extremely hard and learning a lot.

The SFRF Class 21-01 Probationary Firefighters that are currently assigned to Operations are completing their second round of Training Division Evaluations and are proceeding well through their probationary process.

Human Resources and the Training Division concluded the Driver Operator Promotional Process on October 19th. Congratulations to the four candidates that completed the process and are eligible for promotion.

The second round of interviews for Entry Level Firefighter are being conducted October 25th - October 28th with the Chief's interview scheduled for the first week of December. The projected hire date is January 17, 2022.



Administration

Throughout the week of 10/19 through 10/23 staff hosted three community meetings regarding the levy lid lift. Additionally, staff visited with the Monroe Senior Center and Lake Stevens Senior Center to discuss the levy lid lift.

10/20 through 10/23, Commissioners and staff attended the 2021 Washington Fire Commissioners Conference in Marysville.

10/26, staff met with leadership from the City of Monroe to discuss a potential partnership in response to mental health issues.

Thank you to our hard working team members for all you do for the communities we serve!

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief

