



## Chief's Report

November 9, 2021

### OPERATIONS

#### Emergency Medical Services

COVID Testing has commenced for line personnel at the start of shift each day. We currently have a limited supply of testing kits but anticipate delivery of bulk supply in the next week. We will then be able to start routine testing of all non-response personnel.

Granite Falls Fire has hired their fourth Paramedic and she has started her initial field training with Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue Paramedics. Granite Falls anticipates their new Paramedics field time to conclude mid-November.

The EMS Division is working with HR and Training on the Paramedic School Eligibility List and the process to establish an Entry Level Paramedic Eligibility List.

The Washington State Department of Health is looking at expanding the role of EMS in the vaccination process to allow for the administration of the COVID vaccine to pediatrics as well as allowing EMS to administer the flu vaccine.

The EMS Division conducted a Paramedic Skills Lab at Station 71 on November 2. The lab was well conducted and proctored by the MSOs and Dr. Talley.

Snohomish Regional Fire & Rescue, in partnership with Snohomish County EMS are hosting a countywide Supraglottic Airway Class. This will be a DOH approved course instructed on each organization's site taught by their own approved instructors. The class will be open November 1, 2021 - December 31, 2021. A big thank you to Battalion Chief Perry Putnam for spear heading this project.

Staff and leadership from the City of Monroe and Compass Health met to discuss a possible partnership in responding to mental health emergencies.

### FIRE & LIFE SAFETY

#### Office of the Fire Marshal

Both the District Finance Committee and Board of Commissioners have been briefed on the Sultan Fire Marshal Services ILA and its projected impact to all parties. An associated interlocal



agreement has been moved to an action item for consideration at the November 9 Board of Commissioners meeting.

We have been working closely with Knox Company to resolve issues with our (1) District product page, (2) KnoxConnect cloud, and (3) Knox administration account. Both the product page and cloud account have been updated and are back to supporting the eCore devices. We are also working with Knox to provide eCores for devices shipped between March and November.

### Community Relations

THE LEVY IS PASSING AT 57%!! THANK YOU to the community, Local 2781 and the entire SRFR team for all your support and hard work.

We appreciate the following community groups and organizations for allowing us to share information about the Fire Levy Lid Lift over the past month and a half: Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce, Original Pilot House Coffee Shop, The Pointe at Crosswater, Lake Stevens Rotary Club, Lake Stevens Lions Club, Monroe Kiwanis Club, Monroe Rotary Club, Monroe VFW Post 7511, Monroe Community Senior Center, Lake Stevens Senior Center, Monroe Farmer's Market and the Lake Stevens Harvest Market.

We participated in the Lake Stevens Harvest Market on October 23<sup>rd</sup> with an estimated attendance of 1500-2000. Our booth had levy and fire safety information available, the Spin the Wheel with fire safety questions for families, fun giveaways, and the fire engine was on site for guests to explore and ask questions. The Lake Stevens community was excited to connect with us and our booth kept very busy. Thank you to B Shift and staff for the awesome support!

We submitted a shared ad with the Lake Stevens Police Department in support of Smart911 for the next Lake Stevens map distribution by the Lake Stevens Chamber of Commerce.

Saturday, November 5, Chief O'Brien was honored to MC the Lake Stevens Food Bank annual fundraiser "Hungry Bowls."

### Strategic Analysis

The Strategic Plan was sent to our community stakeholder group for final review and approval. We are finishing minor edits to the document prior to Board approval.

The accreditation team is finalizing edits to the Community Risk Assessment: Standard of Cover with Fitch & Associates. Final edits are grammatical in nature and do not affect the analysis of deployment and response.



We are meeting with the Accreditation Core Team to update our plan on the Self-Assessment Manual technical writing. Our goal is to complete all draft writing by December 31, 2021. The first quarter of 2022 will be dedicated to quality assurance.

Lexipol KMS 5 has been updated with all new @SRFR.org email addresses and the District is using the platform to create, edit, approve and publish our new policies and procedures.

#### Administration

In preparation for upcoming retirements and the proposed changes to leadership structure, Assistant Chief candidates were interviewed on 10/27/21 and Deputy Chief candidates were interviewed on 11/8/21.

With appreciation,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief

