



Chief's Report, January 27,2022

OPERATIONS

Significant Alarms

The North Battalion responded to a residential fire in the Lake Stevens area on January 15. Firefighters from Stations 82 and 81 were the first to arrive and quickly determined there was a small fire in a bedroom. Firefighters quickly extinguished the fire, confining it to the room of origin. Firefighters performed a search of the structure to ensure there were no occupants.

Promotions

We are very pleased to announce the following promotions:

- Justyn Shevlin, Battalion Chief, effective 2/1/22
- Mike Eagle, Battalion Chief, effective 4/1/22
- Vincent Read, Deputy Chief, EMS, effective 2/1/22

Thank you to everyone who participated the promotional processes.

Fire Suppression / Special Operations

A big thank you to Firefighter Austin Murdock! Two children, Cayden and Grady, were dropped off at the wrong location for basketball practice by their parents. The kids walked to Station 81 to call their parents. Austin called their parents and gave the kids a tour of Station 81 while they waited.

The East Battalion (Monroe vicinity) experienced flooding in several areas due to the warmer weather and large snowfall early in January. Firefighters were prepared to respond into the flooded areas and identified how the flooded areas would impact response to certain areas of the fire district.

Emergency Medical Services

Staff have initiated discussions with leadership from the City of Monroe, Monroe PD, Sultan, Snohomish County Fire District 5 (Sultan), the Snohomish County Sheriff's Office, and Volunteers of America to evaluate the possibility of partnering in some type of program that would assist patients with mental health issues.

Health & Safety

Return to Work Guidelines - The District moved to Contingency Operations in accordance with the SRRFR Return to Work Guidelines due to a ten percent (10%) or greater unavailability in the



workforce. The adjusted operations are set for a ten (10) day review period and are likely to be extended due to current trends.

COVID Illness & Exposure Data Base – Human Resources and Health & Safety have partnered to increase the value of our internal COVID tracking data base. The increased access and accuracy of the information has given the Op's group the ability to make real-time and informed decisions regarding the impacts of COVID on the available workforce.

In House Rapid PCR Testing – With the support of our regional partners in the Force Protection workgroup, SRFR is pursuing in house rapid PCR testing to assist our return to work process. We are currently filing the necessary paperwork with the Washington State Department of Health. The test kits are being ordered with the support of the SRFR Logistics Team. ETA is unknown currently due to supply chain delays.

PLANNING

Community Relations

Public Education Updates

Schools YTD: 2nd Grade Classes Visited: **5 out of 77**

- Last week, Public Education Specialist Kaitlin King reached out to the schools in the district and has scheduled **17** 2nd grade lessons so far.

Adult & Senior Safety Classes YTD: **2**

- Public Education Specialist Kaitlin King taught a virtual Disaster Preparedness class on January 12
- We received the following praise from a class attendee: "Thank you for teaching the class this evening...There was a lot of good information presented. I would consider myself advanced levels of prepared for most things that fall under "crisis" and "emergency" (with training). I still found plenty of the information very useful, and it was a good refresher for the other stuff. There were several "Oh yeah! That reminds me!" moments, as complacency does tend to get the best of us if we aren't careful. I'm looking forward to receiving the PDF and getting into the websites and apps." Great job Kaitlin!

Social Media Snapshot: 1/1-1/18

- **27** Posts
- **47** New Followers/Accounts
- **46,421** Impressions/Engagement/Clicks

Public Education Specialist Kaitlin King is working with our webmaster to update our SRFR website with current content on the following pages:

- Community Education Programs



- School Education Programs
- Safety and Information & Emergency Preparedness

Our SRFR Winter Newsletter was distributed to mailboxes on January 7th, sharing lots of great information with our communities.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Administration

Staff are working to complete strategic plan critical task components and finalize technical writing for Accreditation.

Finance

Staff are working on the comprehensive version of the 2022 Budget and budget reinfusion plan. We hope to have that completed and reviewed in time for the workshop in February.

Commissioner and Executive Staff Workshop

The District is working with the Health and Safety Officer to develop a safety plan for the upcoming Commissioner and Executive Staff workshop scheduled for February 15, 16, and 17. Topics at the workshop are slated to include the Strategic Plan, Standards of Cover, Capital Facilities Plan, Accreditation, Policies, Mill Creek, and other Topics.

I appreciate the team's hard work during this challenging time.

Take care and stay safe,

Kevin O'Brien, Fire Chief