

Fire Department meets with Hospital
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In an effort to improve efficiency of operations and develop a better working relationship, Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue Commissioner Chris Caviezel and Fire Chief Matt Cowan recently met with Snoqualmie Valley Hospital Administrator Rodger McCollum and Chief of Staff Dr. Kimberly Witkop.

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital has made a number of significant changes over the last couple of years and has greatly improved their scope and level of emergency medical care. Snoqualmie Pass Fire and Rescue and Snoqualmie Valley Hospital are committed to working more closely together to serve the Community's Emergency Medical Services needs stated Cowan.

Snoqualmie Valley Hospital operates a 24/7 Emergency Room and now has the facilities to serve most of our basic life support (BLS) level emergency medical services incidents Cowan explained. This will reduce the time that it takes to have a patient transported to a hospital.

The hospital is located just north of SE North Bend Way a couple of miles west of North Bend. From I-90, take Exit 31. From the exit ramp, turn north onto Bendigo Blvd. (Hwy 202). After the railroad tracks, turn left onto North Bend Way. Proceed out of town two miles and then turn right onto Meadowbrook Way SE and you will see the hospital sign.

The current location is a little difficult to access, especially from westbound I-90, however, there are active plans which would allow an eventual move to the Highway 18 interchange on I-90.

“We are averaging over 200 calls a year that are medical related calls. Additionally there are a number of medical calls that are exclusively handled by the Ski Patrol. The new location would be tremendous in terms of accessibility for Snoqualmie Pass Residents and for all accident victims in the Snoqualmie Pass area,” stated Commissioner Caviezel.

For more information about Snoqualmie Valley Hospital, please visit their website at www.snoqualmiehospital.org.

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