



Stayton Fire District
2007 Annual Report

Year In Review ~ Chief Jack Carriger



First I would like to say congratulations and thank you to the 2007 District award winners. Your dedication and commitment to the District and the community are an excellent example of the mission and values of Stayton Fire District.

2007 was another great year for Stayton Fire District. In an on going effort to keep pace with the needs of the community and service delivery, the District applied for and was awarded it's third FIRE ACT Grant. Although official notification from FEMA did not come until February of 2008, the grant is from the 2007 process. The grant will be used to purchase and equip a trailer that will be used for supporting operations during training, community events, large scale and long-duration incidents.

In June of 2007, the District achieved its long-term goal of financial independence with the adoption of the 2007/2008 budget. The adoption of the budget marked the first time in more than ten years the District did not borrow money to meet its financial responsibilities while waiting for tax revenues. Achieving this goal has had a very positive financial affect on the District. It has also allowed us to move towards our next set of budgeting goals which includes slowly building reserve funds for future purchases of equipment, apparatus, and building needs. These reserves will allow the District to make the most of our needed purchases, upgrades, and repairs with the exception of purchasing fire engines, without going to the tax payers each time we need funds.

The most significant achievement by the District was its growth as an organization. Although the District has been a strong, successful agency for many years, it is, as with any organization, very important for our agency to continue to grow, to achieve new goals, and set new standards. During 2007, the District experienced significant growth in two impor-

tant areas. First, the District turned its weakest link into one of its biggest assets. We learned how to convert the challenge of accepting diversity into the power to make our organization stronger. As we learned to accept diversity as an asset we found ways to use each individual's talents and skills to strengthen our organization.

The second area in which we strengthened the organization was in the quality of individuals we recruited. As an organization we have always strived to recruit the highest quality people; people with good character that are dedicated to the community and committed to service and we have done well with that approach. The 2006 and 2007 recruit classes were excellent examples of the quality of people this organization is able to attract. These individuals have set good examples for all of us to follow in the pursuit of excellence.

There is little doubt as to the success we will experience as an organization and as individuals if we continue to maintain high standards, recruit quality people, and stay open minded to all opportunities to improve our team.

Awards



Rookie of the Year—Kevin Bakke; Volunteer Service with Pride—Kurt Hueller; Support Person of the Year—Adam Bailey; Firefighter of the Year—Greg Peevy; Officer of the Year—Capt. George Crosiar

Lt. Dan Houston and Lt. Brian Classen.



Capt. Ken Rowling



Five years of service awards went to Chief Jack Carriger, Support Steve Garelli, FF Kevin McFadden, and FF Jim Potter.

Seven years of service awards were given to Support Pat Clokey, Rhonda Grant, Support Deborah Gregson, Director Michael Odenthal, and FF Greg Peevy.

Ten years of service— Lt. Brian Classen. Fifteen years of service - FF Matt Pietrok

Twenty years of service - FF Dan Kimball, FF Ken Smith, Lt. Dan Houston. Twenty-five years of service to Capt. Ken Rowling.



Support, Deborah Gregson



Support, Adam Bailey

Training ~ Assistant Chief Jay Alley



PRIDE – HONOR - INTEGRITY

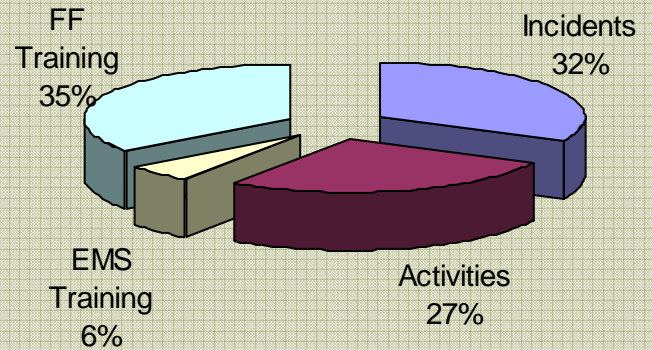
In the last year our dedication and commitment to training can only be proven by the 3,892 hours of our 52 volunteer and 6 staff members towards excellence. It is in the beginning of every member's venture into the fire service that they learn three key words, **PRIDE – HONOR – INTEGRITY**. Values that they will carry with them while they are in the fire service and beyond.

Train-ing 1 a: the act, process, or method of one who trains b: the knowledge or experience acquired by one who trains 2 : the state of being trained
(as defined by Webster's dictionary)

It is with great **PRIDE** the members of the district participate in weekly drills, weekend classes, and conferences to improve their performance and response to incidents. It is with great **PRIDE** the members respond day and night, 24/7, 365 to the 765 calls for help. It is with great **PRIDE** the members of this district provide outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property.

It is with great **HONOR** the men and women of the fire district continue the 122 years of tradition to respond and protect the citizens we serve. It is with great **HONOR** that the high standards and leader-

Training & Activity Hours in 2007



ship of the fire district are appreciated locally and statewide. It is with great **HONOR** the Stayton Fire District protects its citizens with dedicated volunteers and staff.

It is with great **INTEGRITY** that the members of the district are responsible for our actions and perform our duties in a safe manner. It is with great **INTEGRITY** that each member will risk their life to save a life.

The volunteers and staff of the fire district are dedicated to maintaining a high quality of training to prepare for incidents. Each member takes great **PRIDE – HONOR – INTEGRITY** to respond and serve the citizens and communities of our district and our neighbors.

Training / Activity Hours in 2007

Incidents	3,077.71
Activities	2,603.96
EMS Training	527.42
FF Training	3,364.66
Total Hours	9,573.75

Clockwise: Wild land fire training, new storage building, drivers rodeo, ladder drill, fall fire academy graduates, Rainwater burn to learn.



Prevention ~ Support Member Deanna Classen



Fire Life Safety Team

This year the fire prevention program was restructured. Under the direction of Chief Carriger, a new team was formed in August and renamed Stayton Fire District Fire Life Safety Team. The team members are Chief Carriger, Barbara Nelson, Cari

Grumbo, Deanna Classen, Brennan Baker, Deb Gregson, Beth Gregson, Laura Houston, and Jay Hinderks. Our goal is to have a 6-8 person team who are trained and dedicated to fire prevention public education.

Team members were assigned tasks: Deanna Classen as meeting facilitator, Laura Houston as event reporting, Barbara Nelson and Deb Gregson will oversee training, Brennan Baker will oversee organization of mail and catalogs, and Cari Grumbo will record minutes of the meetings.

This year's NFPA campaign theme "Practice Your Escape Plan" was presented by firefighters and support team members. The plan focused on children and their families to prepare, discuss, and practice home escape plans, and the importance of a family meeting place. Letters were mailed to the schools requesting that they call to schedule presentation. Our target audience was children preschool through fourth grade. The children were encouraged to participate in a question and answer session after the presentation to insure that they understood the material presented.

The transition process and coordination of fire prevention month went very smoothly and the team worked well together to help with station tours and school

	Event Hours	Staff Hours	Volunteer Hours	# Kids/ Adults
Presentations and Tours	39.67	43	95	831/121
High School Wildland Classes	11	11	41.5	57/0
Halloween Open House	3	19	57	424/346

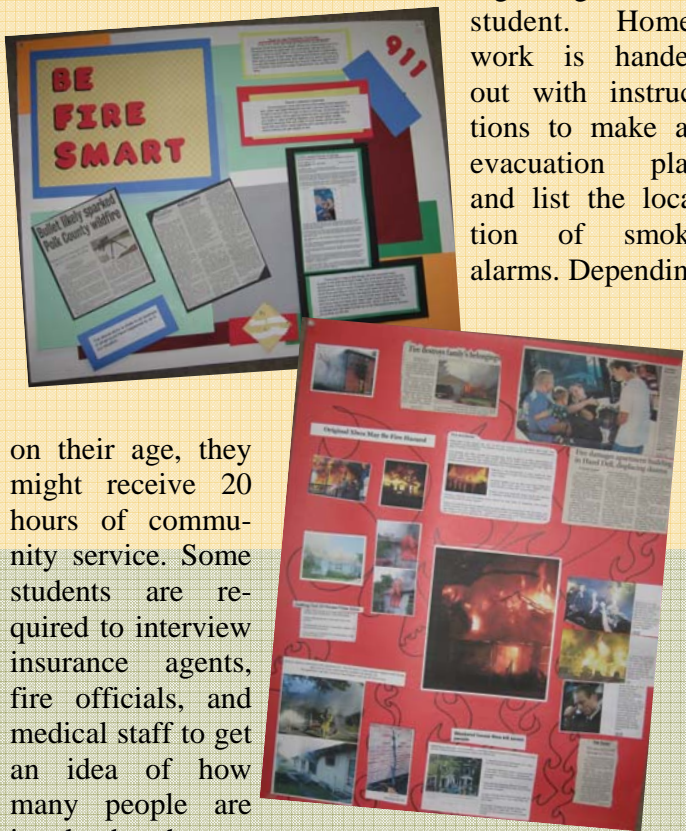
Fifteen schools, one institution, and six civic associations were visited with a total of 1779 people attending.

presentations along with other activities listed in the chart.

Juvenile Fire Setter Counseling

Chief Carriger and Deborah Gregson are involved with the JFS program. This year they had five students go through the program. They had a good year with no repeat offenders. Families are included in the counseling

along with the student. Homework is handed out with instructions to make an evacuation plan and list the location of smoke alarms. Depending



on their age, they might receive 20 hours of community service. Some students are required to interview insurance agents, fire officials, and medical staff to get an idea of how many people are involved when a fire occurs. This also gives them an idea of the economic impact of a fire. Each student is required to finish a 4-week process including all homework and community service hours.

They are then required to watch a video titled "Brian's Story". By the time the process is over the entire family has a much better understanding of the fire environment, the cost to families, and the cost to public agencies. Parents also learn that they are responsible financially for the actions of minors. Everyone realizes that they do not want this devastating activity ever repeated.

Thank you to this year's Fire Life Safety Team members for your dedication in making this an efficient and effective program.

FF/EMT Scott Mullen ~ *Facilities*

Last year saw some changes with the district facilities. First, the responsibilities shifted from Ken Smith, the Maintenance Officer, to Scott Mullen, FF/EMT. Scott has 15 years experience in healthcare facility management so the transition seemed like a natural one to make. This will allow more time for Ken and Scott to address the growing facilities and apparatus needs as they arise.

Some of the major projects that were completed last year included installing new emergency back up generators at the Mehama, Elkhorn and Marion stations. Funds received from the SDAO Safety and Security grant were used to help complete this project. Mehama and Elkhorn generators went on line this last summer but we decided to hold off on installing the generator at Marion until the remodel we anticipate to happen has been completed.

AC Alley also had a new 30 X 90 storage building built down at the training facility. This project was a success in large part due to the volunteers chipping in to do some of the finish work to offset the cost of the building.

We are always looking for ways to “go green” so this past year FF/EMT Mullen started installing low-use, energy-efficient light bulbs and ballasts as the old ones went bad. This is going to be an ongoing project until most of the fixtures can be retrofitted. Also we strategically placed motion sensor light switches in some of the rooms we knew had an issue with lights being left on. We hope to see a reduction in our energy consumption as we continue to be more conscientious about the environment.



Grants and Information Management

~ IMS Laura Houston

In 2007, we wrote and received a \$3000 SDAO Safety & Security grant to assist with our project for three backup generators for the Elkhorn, Marion, and Mehama stations. The new generators will provide enough reliable power during power outage events to run all basic functions of the stations including; heat, water (hot and cold), refrigeration, lights, and cooking.

We also wrote two FEMA grants, one for the Assistance to Firefighters Grant to implement an on-scene firefighter rehabilitation program, and a second one for the SAFER grant to hire a volunteer recruiter to design a recruitment program for Stayton Fire District and our neighboring fire departments. In Febru-

ary of 2008, we were awarded the AFG grant for our rehab trailer and equipment. We have yet to hear on the SAFER grant.

We were unsuccessful in our grant writing efforts to obtain two additional thermal imaging cameras, Wildland boots and radios, and a summer intern for testing and painting fire hydrants.

As for our computer network, we installed a new server in April. We also relocated the server which took the help of several volunteers to run the new network cable. We also replaced Elkhorn's and FF/EMT Mullen's computer, purchased a new training laptop, and gave the old server a new purpose as the Terminal Server for use with the FireHouse software.

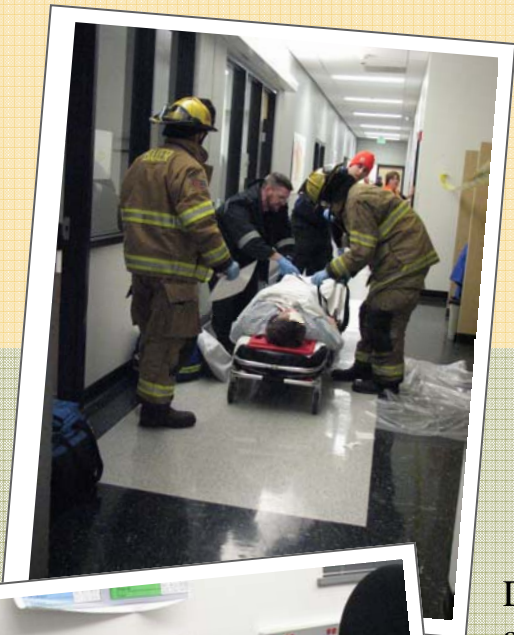
Calls for Service



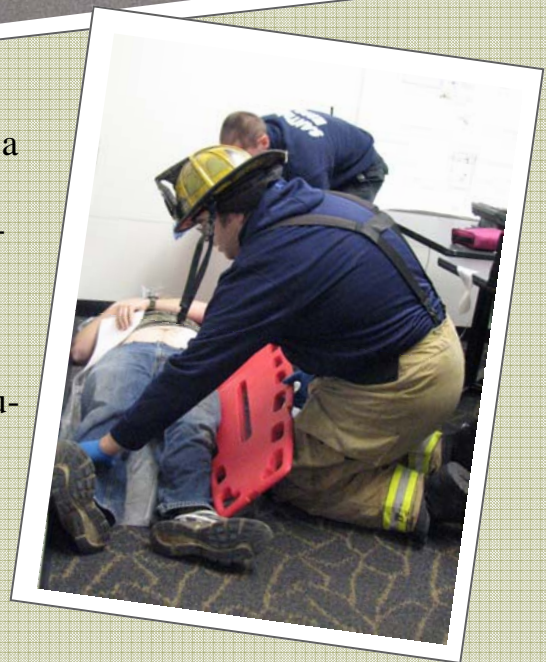


E.M.S. ~ Captain Sherry Bensema

Tones sounding for medical calls are common occurrences in the fire stations around the district. Over 270 immediate families and many more extended families' lives were impacted by our fire district's response to medical calls this year. With twenty-two minutes of a volunteer's time, (the average time spent on an individual medical call in 2007) someone's life was changed for the better. This total does not include the numerous motor vehicle collisions or other incidents where medical care was provided.

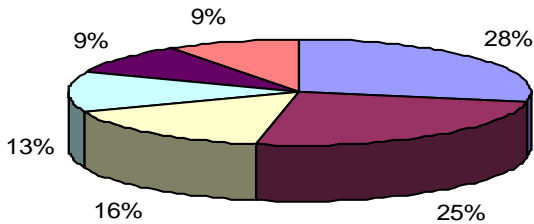


District personnel also participated in a multi-agency mass casualty drill in December. The drill was a great success and provided area agencies an opportunity to coordinate and improve their mutual response to a large incident.



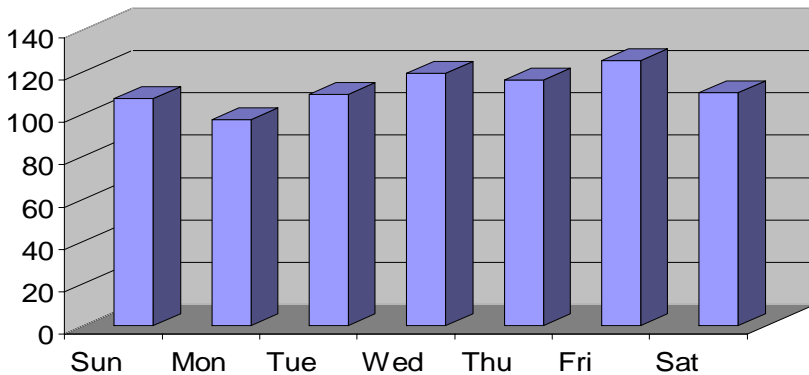
District Information

SFD 2007 Top 6 Areas of Fire Origin

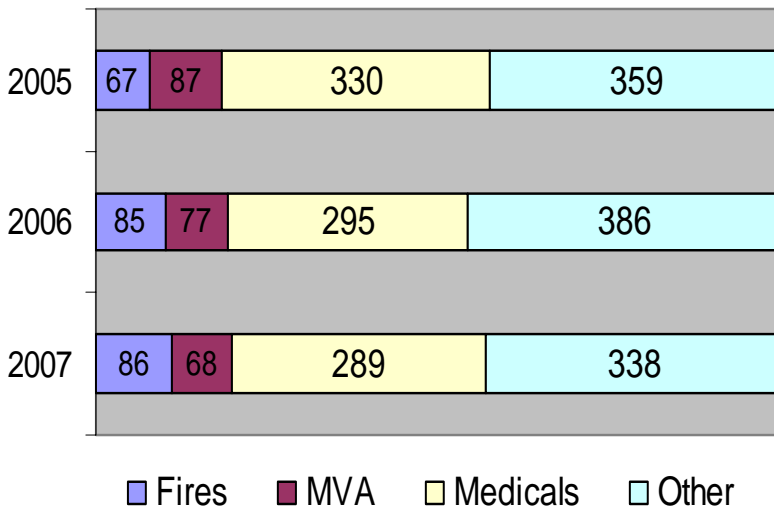


- Open Area - farmland, fields
- Engine/Running Gear
- Outside area, Other
- Chimney/Ventilation Shaft
- Storage area, Other
- Cooking Area

Incidents by Day of Week



3 Year Incident Summary By Type



TOTAL PROPERTY VALUE PROTECTED

Marion County	648,365,992
Linn County	74,565,302
Total Value	722,931,294

PERSONNEL

Career	6
Volunteer FF	48
Volunteer Support	15

STATIONS

Elkhorn	4 firefighters
Mehama	11 firefighters
Marion	5 firefighters
Stayton	28 firefighters

07-08 OPERATING BUDGET

Personal Services	438,554
Materials & Services	425,596
Capital Outlay	152,500
Transfers	72,615
Contingency	30,000
Unappropriated	300,000

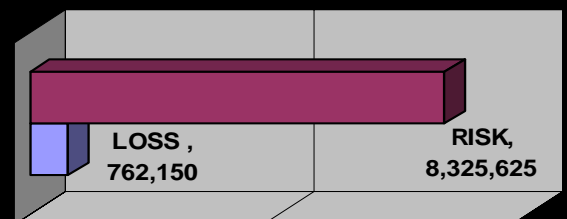
TOTAL GF BUDGET \$ 1,419,265

Reserve Funds	
Apparatus	65,153
Equipment	20,000
Building	5,000
Length of Service	10,145
Rescue Equipment	2,646
Training	4,850

DEBT SERVICE

Permanent Rate	1.3133
Total Bond Rates	.3615

Loss vs. Risk



2007 Volunteers

Stayton Firefighters

Alley, Taunie
Baker, Brennan
Cathcart, Doug
Clary, Adam
Classen, Brian
Classen, Nick
Fery, Eric
Forsythe, Shawn
Gilbert, Derek
Griffith, Craig
Grumbo, Leon
Harris, Jeff
Hinderks, Jay
Houston, Dan
Johnson, Monica
Kibbe, Allen
Kintz, Doug
Lackner, John
Martinka, Riley
McFadden, Kevin

Nelson, Barbara
Riordan, Matt
Rowling, Ken
Sisto, Ruben
Vigil, Scott

Mehama Firefighters

Bakke, Kevin
Bemrose, Ron
Fosmark, Trevor
Grover, James
Gulstrom, Troy
Hansen, Doug
Hueller, Kurt
Kimsey, Brad
Oliver, Kelly
Potter, Jim
Reid, Bonnie

Marion Firefighters

Chrisman, Gary

Crosiar, George
Kimball, Dan
Wooldridge, Andy
Smith, Byron

Elkhorn Firefighters

Bensema, Sherry
Hazen, Carla
Johnson, Sandy
Peterson, Eric

Resident Firefighters

Fitzpatrick, Ryan
Nelson, Tyler
Ehrmantraut, Frank
Peevy, Greg

Support Team

Bailey, Adam
Classen, Deanna
Clokey, Pat
Dotter, Don

Garelli, Steve
Gregson, Beth
Gregson, Deborah
Grumbo, Cari
Lackner, Betty
Seales, Barbara
Tegen, Ron
Weitman, Terry
Wright, Steven

Chaplains

Berg, Bob
Fisher, Dick

Resigning Members

Beaman, Noah
Cole, Dunell
Fletcher, Michael
Hart, Dawn
Stephens, Jack
Vaughn, Brad

Community Events

