

Stayton
Fire District
Annual
Report
2017



*"To provide
outstanding
service with
commitment
to saving lives
and property"*

Fire Chief, Jack Carriger

As I look back on 2017, I can't help but be saddened by the loss of one of our long-time members, one of our family, one of our friends. Carla Hazen shared her quick wit and her love for community and young people with us for over 30 years. She devoted her life to making things better for others, to helping others, and to giving of herself with no expectation of reward. It was truly a pleasure to know her. Thank You for your service Carla.

2017 was a year with a different focus for Stayton Fire District. In the last fifteen years, much of our focus has been on apparatus, equipment, and facilities. 2017 provided us with opportunities to focus on training, safety, and health and wellness. We initiated a significant change in our training program and our philosophy on how we approach training. This has allowed us a greater understanding of why we do what we do and how we can do it better. We have seen a huge change in the training facility that supports our new approach to training. The training committee continues to work on the three-year plan to upgrade the facility as it refines the props to offer a more in-depth training experience for our firefighters. Thank you and great job to the committee for all your hard work.

We have also increased our overall emphasis on safety and making sure that we are performing our duties as safely as possible. Our Safety Committee has been very active with station inspections, safety suggestions, and review of injuries and near misses during 2017. The committee also applied for a safety grant from SDAO for a security system for the front door of station 80. Unfortunately the District did not receive the grant because SDAO had more request than funds. Next year will likely provide another opportunity for the committee. Keep up the good work.

Health and Wellness has become a key issue for our firefighters. With research from throughout

the nation showing an increase in cancer and heart issues for firefighters, it has become a priority for our firefighters to do all they can to reduce their exposure to these threats. The District has taken several steps to protect the health of our firefighters. In 2016 we applied for, and received, a grant to purchase and install an exhaust system in station 80. That project was completed in 2017.

The District was also able to purchase a second Nomex hood for all firefighters to assist them in having a clean hood to wear at all times. In addition to clean hoods, the firefighters have recognized and embraced a new standard for keeping their turnouts clean and repaired, greatly reducing their exposure to harmful carcinogens.

The other side of protecting our health is maintaining our wellness. The District encourages its firefighters to exercise and eat healthy. We recognize being fit for duty is one of the most important aspects of firefighting. In 2017, we purchased a new treadmill for St. 82 because they wore their first two out! Great Job St. 82 Crew for leading by example.

As I look forward to 2018, I see another busy year ahead for Stayton Fire District. With our record setting number of calls for service in 2017 already trending higher than last year, our Seismic Upgrade Project, and our continued commitment "To provide outstanding service with a commitment to saving lives and property", we will once again be challenged to be our best.

In recognizing the tradition of saving the best for last, I would like to say "Thank You" and "Great Job" to the 2017 award winners for their dedication and commitment to Stayton Fire District and those we serve.



Firefighters in training get a little “initiation” after a successful burn to learn.



Safety talk and rundown of how the practice burn will go



Training - Asst Chief, Jay Alley

Our training program in 2017 was about **“THEM”**, the patients, victims and citizens we responded to in time of need. Our training focused on being proficient at the basic skills to meet our mission of **“providing outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property”**.

The district held an Emergency Medical Responder class to train members for medical responses. The course was coordinated by Paramedic Scott Cooper, a volunteer firefighter with Stayton Fire District, and involved around 60 hours of training. The class had 18 students from the area, four being from Stayton. Those receiving certification were Damon Button, Kyle Jones, Daniel Koellmann, and Jason Wren.

Santiam Firefighter Recruit Academy is a regional firefighter academy that trains new members. The academy is coordinated by area Training Officers and attended by multiple local fire agencies and involved around 120 hours of training. The class had 18 students from Jefferson, Aumsville, Stayton, Scio, Lyons, Drakes Crossing and Sublimity, 4 were from Stayton. Those completing the academy were Michael Beaumont (Marion station), Daniel Britton II (Stayton station), Daniel Koellmann (Stayton station), and Jason Wren (Stayton station).

The Training Facility project completed its second year with a lot of success. Under the guidance of Doug Kintz and assistance from Doug Smith and Steve Orr and several others, many projects were designed and completed. In the next year we will continue to make improvements and enhance the capabilities the facility has to offer our members and neighboring agencies.

Cardiac arrest training in the last year was our EMS focus. We partnered with Santiam Ambulance and Stayton Police Department to implement a program to increase the survivability of cardiac arrest patients. Today we are providing a very efficient and timely response to cardiac emergencies.

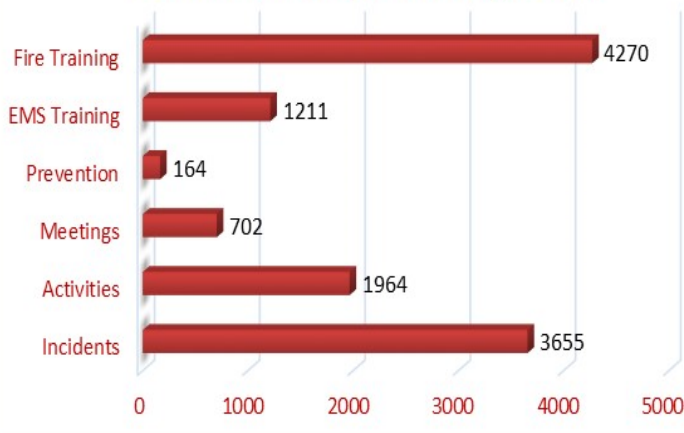


The district participates in the “Green Cross” program offered by Hurst Rescue Systems. This program recognizes individuals who complete a “live extrication” using the Jaws of Life rescue tools. Last year we used our rescue tools on several incidents with members Jeff Deetz, Kevin Bakke, Sean Weitman, Scott Vigil and Doug Kintz receiving their Green Cross recognition.



The district’s training program looks forward to the future with new challenges and opportunities to provide the best training to our members.

Member Activity & Training Hours



Recruitment/Facilities/Quartermaster - Doug Kintz

In 2017 we gained two new members to the District, Josh Starbuck and Kyle Jones both from Marion. We also welcomed Brennan Baker back to the Stayton station after a short leave. We continue to recruit in all areas of the District.

On the facilities side of things, we were awarded a state Seismic Rehabilitation grant for all four stations. We selected RSS Architecture for project management and the construction contract was awarded to Andy Medcalf Construction to perform the work on all stations. The District has been working with both of these companies over the last several months. Construction is anticipated to begin in April of 2018.

In anticipation of the Seismic Grant award, we have held off on some other projects in the hopes of coordinating them to be done during the seismic grant construction, specifically the sprinkler system upgrade and lighting projects that would apply. We can now

look at completing these projects as well.

The Training Facility is coming along as planned. We completed most of the first floor of the search room and burn room in 2017. The interior walls and doors are done as well as most of the exterior openings and covers. Phase 2 should start in 2018 which includes a second story on the search room and a ventilation prop.

We put in a drainage system at the Training Facility to avoid the reoccurring “lake” that appears every time it rains. Canyon Contracting installed the system which allows rain water to drain properly and still have the ability to control the drainage as required by the Water Control District.

The District purchased seven new sets of turnouts and completed hydrostatic testing on all District SCBA cylinders.

Safety Committee



Safety Spot

The Safety Committee meets every month. They perform regular quarterly station inspections, review incidents, accidents, injuries and make recommendations that help keep our members safe. They also assist with the all-member Safety Training drill and annual Driver's Rodeo.

The committee invited a guest speaker, Jason Jantzi from SDAO, who reviewed the Loss Prevention Toolkit and self-evaluation program that the Safety Committee will work on.

The District has a safety culture where all members are invested in promoting safety on the job

through accountability, risk management, training and education. Our leadership takes safety seriously and continuously reminds our members to do their jobs safely and look out for each other so that “everyone goes home”.

The Safety committee trains regularly. Training topics in 2017 included developing and maintaining safety awareness in your facility, heat illness prevention for fire service personnel, safety committee requirements, accident investigation, hazardous communications, lock out/tag out, hazard identification, and forklift safety.

A random OSHA inspection occurred during the year. We were fortunate to have very few infractions, all of which were remedied quickly.

Apparatus Maintenance Program - Sean Weitman



2017 was another great year for me as the Apparatus and Small Equipment Mechanic for Stayton Fire District. Proper maintenance and periodic inspections of equipment and vehicles means reliability.

In addition to the 20 apparatus, there are over 50 pieces of small equipment, 4 trailers, UTV, forklift and many other miscellaneous vehicles that I perform regular inspections and preventative maintenance on.

Quarterly inspections as well as the annual inspections are performed on the mobile reader board trailer, the four station backup generators, and miscellaneous small equipment at all the stations.

Other tasks include pump testing, hose testing, ladder testing along with any unexpected repairs as well as responding to calls for service. A major project this year was the replacement of the transmission in Rescue 81.

2017 personal highlights include: Completion of courses, practical's and competencies for FF 1 and achieving EVT F3 Fire Pumps and Accessory certifi-

cation and also the EVT Ground Ladder testing certification. The classes leading up to these certificates help to provide confidence that comes from education mixed with "hands on training".

The District's mission is "To provide outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property". It is exciting and fulfilling for me to not only be a part of that mission, but to help provide reliable and dependable apparatus and equipment for when the emergencies arise.



Information Management / Grants

The main project of the year was the planning, install and setup of our new computer network. The switch-over also led to the cleanup and restructure of our electronic files, as we moved our data over to the new system.

On the operational side of things, we were able to turn on cellular access for 5 more of our apparatus so that our first out units in each station can obtain dispatch and location information while enroute. Hydrant GPS coordinates for the Mehama area were updated and added to both our Records Management and routing software. We were also able to switch over our unit routing from address to GPS coordinates, which has greatly improved our routing accuracy for emergency incidents. We worked with the City and County on trailer park maps and posted to our routing software for emergency incident access. We tested and deployed several changes to our Records Management Software to improve data entry accuracy and entry speed.

GRANTS: We wrote an amendment to spend excess funds from the AFG 2015 Exhaust System grant to purchase flashlights and spare structural hoods for all our structural firefighters (\$2270).

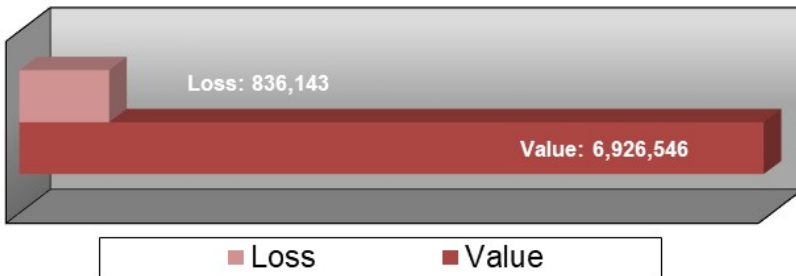
Fire Life Safety

As shown in the chart, the Fire Life Safety Team scheduled presentations and smoke alarm installs. They also made improvements to the Smoke Alarm program and kits, updated fire extinguisher prop documents and maintenance procedures, and updated and created additional prevention messages for electronic reader board, theatre and website.

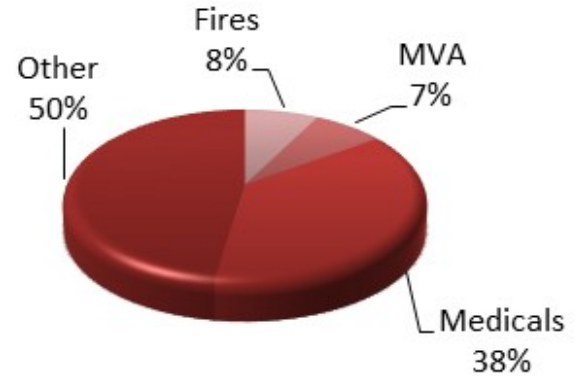


Training/Event Categories	Events	Adults	Children	Smoke Alarms
Station Tours	3	8	23	
Public Education Pre-K	6	39	230	
Pub Ed – Elementary Level	7	65	836	
Pub Ed – Middle School	1	3	69	
Pub Ed/Fire Extng. – High School	2	2	41	
Workplace/Fire Extinguisher	1	10		
Halloween Public Safety Night	1	387	393	
Smoke Alarm install/distributions	10	10		21
(46 training/event hours) Totals	31	524	1592	21

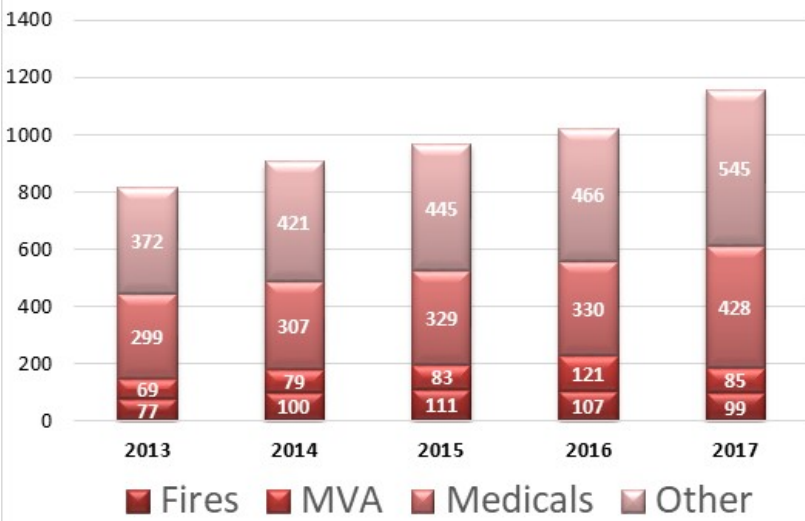
Property Loss vs. Value



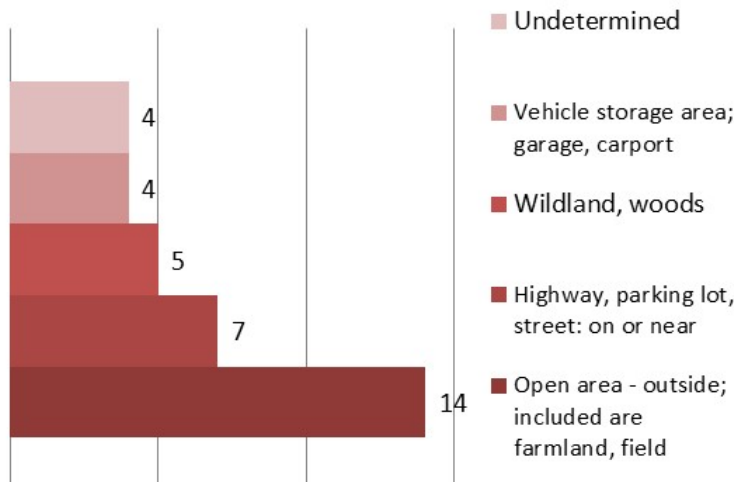
Incidents by Type



5 Year Incident Summary



Top 5 Areas of Fire Origin



<u>Fire Service Area</u>	107 sq. miles
<u>2017-2018 Assessed Value</u>	
Marion County	844,544,812
Linn County	106,224,130
Total Value	950,768,942

Personnel:

Career	6
Volunteer FF	50
Volunteer Support	17

Permanent Tax Rate	\$1.3133
Bond Rate	\$0.2423
Total Calls	1144
Value at Risk	\$6,926,546
Total Loss	\$836,143
Total Saved	\$6,090,403

2017-2018 Operating Budget

Personnel Services	\$801,365
Materials & Services	\$512,275
Capital Outlay	\$2,154,610
Transfers	\$104,500
Contingency	\$30,000
Unappropriated	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total Budget	\$3,902,750

Years of Service Awards



5 years: Scott Orr, Greg Beitel, Sean Weitman, Lucy Hemenway, Sheila Woodsmall, Kaitlyn Woodsmall. Not shown: Nick Lulay, Trent Tegen, Maria Sammons



7 years: Theresa Smith, Allyson Wren

Not shown: Gene Dershewitz

10 years: Monica Johnson

15 years: Chief Jack Carriger

30 years: Captain Dan Houston

Congratulations to this year's award recipients and thank you to all our members for your commitment and dedication!



District & Special Awards



Volunteer Service with Pride—Gary Chrisman, **FF of the Year**—Steve Orr, **Rookie of the Year**—Daniel Koellmann, **Officer of the Year**—Craig Griffith, **FF of the Year**—Doug Smith, **Support Person of the Year**—Jeff Harris Sr.

Not shown: **EMS Person of the Year**—Scott Cooper



Special Recognition Awards: Life Membership: Gene Coles — 20 years as a volunteer FF and 24 years on the Board of Directors; Troy Gulstrom— 24 years of service as a volunteer FF

For their years of work for the **Toys For Joy Program:** Russ Strohmeier, Laura Houston, and Maria Sammons (not shown)

Support Team



Support Team members find a variety of ways to use their abilities to help the District.

Many members are on the Rehab Team. They train regularly so they can assist the firefighters on large training events and

long calls wherever they are needed. It may be for medical monitoring or refreshments and hydration or a place to sit, rest, and cool down or warm up.



Several Rehab Team Members are EMS responders to MVAs. They are EMR certified and trained in ICS

and emergency traffic control.



Other Support members assist with events and fundraisers, help with mailings, photography, recycling, Pub Ed on the Fire Life Safety Team and with many other tasks.

2017 MEMBERS

George Crosiar	Jack Carriger
Gary Chrisman	Kurt Hueller
Doug Hansen	Adam Bailey
Jay Alley	Byron Smith
Sandy Johnson	Eric Peterson
Dan Houston	Jeff Harris SR
Doug Kintz	Craig Griffith
Sherry Bensema	Kevin Bakke
Laura Houston	Monica Johnson
Taunie Alley	Brennan Baker
Jeff Deetz	Linda Lai
Rhonda Grant	Alison Lindsay
Kelly Oliver	Kristin Griffith
Matt Riordan	Tanya McFadden
Barbara Nelson	Gene Dershewitz
Scott Vigil	Allyson Wren

Theresa Smith	Scott Cooper
Steve Orr	Byron Brown
Doug Smith	Angel Cruz
Scott Orr	Aletha Shine
Kaitlyn Woodsmall	Will Comerford
Trent Tegen	Brandon Wallet
Lucy Hemenway	Jacob Adams
Greg Beitel	Damon Button
Sean Weitman	Josh Lindemann
Nick Lulay	Dana Orr
Maria Sammons	Jason Wren
Sheila Woodsmall	Daniel Koellmann
Nastasja Johnson	Michael Beaumont
Josh Pearce	Josh Starbuck
James McDougall	Kyle Jones

STAFF: Chief Jack Carriger, AC Jay Alley, Doug Kintz, Laura Houston, Rhonda Grant, Sean Weitman

<u>Left service in 2017</u>	
Samantha Houston	Rochelle Toon
Gene Coles	Jeff Harris JR
Troy Gulstrom	Daniel Britton
Ruben Sisto	Ashley Griffith
JD Burns	Brian Hendricks
Robert Clark	Jacob Hueller

<u>Life Members:</u>	<u>Board of Directors</u>
Don Dotter	Jay Myers
Ken Rowling	Ray Porter
Dan Kimball	Mike Odenthal
Eric Fery	Russ Strohmeier
Kevin McFadden	Eric Fery
Ruben Sisto	
Troy Gulstrom	

Calls for Service



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