



2021 Annual Report

Stayton Rural Fire Protection District



Chief's Message . . . Chief Jack Carriger

Hopefully 2021 will be the end of life as we have come to know it over the last two years and we will be returning to a more “normal” life as we want to know it. COVID continued to influence the direction of the fire service and Stayton Fire District throughout 2021. Although we were able to return to in-person training in 2021 we were still greatly restricted in almost every other aspect of the District which significantly reduced our ability to socialize and network. However, there was plenty to keep the district busy.

Throughout the year the district responded to a wide array of calls. The wind and ice storms created several days of high call volume sending responders from call to call including structure fires, down power and communications lines, down trees blocking roads and driveways, and numerous other calls for service.

The extremely busy fire season of 2021 in Oregon also provided Stayton Fire the opportunity to assist the State Fire Marshal's Office on five different conflagration fires across the state. As resources from across the state came here in 2020 to assist us with our fires, Stayton was able to send resources to assist other communities during their time of need. The District sent apparatus and personnel to the Wrentham/Sunset fire in The Dalles, the Bootleg fire from Chiloquin to Lakeview, the Jack fire in Roseburg/Glide, the Patton Meadows fire outside of Lakeview, and the Middle Fork fire in Oakridge. The district also sent resources to our neighboring districts to assist on several large fires.

As a result of being so actively engaged in wild-fire events, the district qualified to apply for

funding made possible by the legislature to assist local agencies with rejuvenating their wildland equipment and capabilities. The district was awarded \$34,383 to purchase new fire hose, 50 Fire Shelters, 4 chainsaws, and chainsaw training.

In addition to the wildland funding, the citizens of the district approved a Local Option Levy for the district to hire 9 new fulltime paid firefighter positions. With response dwindling on evenings and weekends, it became increasingly important to have 24/7 paid coverage to insure consistent, timely response. Because the levy was passed in November of 2021, after the tax cutoff date, it does not apply until July of 2022 with 24/7 paid coverage starting around October of 2022.

One sad note for the district in 2021 was the passing of “First Lady” Rosie Tegen. Rosie was the wife of Chief Ron Tegen (the District's first full-time paid Fire Chief) and was always active around the community and with the fire district. Rosie always brought a beam of light and joy whenever she was around. Although you could always count on Rosie to be the life of the party she was much more than that, she was the energy of life. She is deeply missed.



Assistant Chief—Training Officer . . . AC Jay Alley

In 2021 we rebounded from the wildfires and were faced with continued restrictions from the outbreak of COVID, an ice storm, a wind storm and a heat wave. Through all this our training program began to recover and we were able to return to some in-person learning.

As we moved through the pandemic and were faced with increased calls for service, our staff and volunteers continued to attend regular weekly training on Thursday nights. We participated in regional recruit firefighter academy, regional EMS training and hosted an EMR course.

We continued to provide training to our members which included structure and wildland fires, EMS, specialized rescues (rope and water and vehicle extrication), and other hazards.

In the last year we have seen an increased use of our training facility due to the improvements that have been made with district funds and volunteer labor. The facility, that is located behind the fire station in Stayton, provides the local

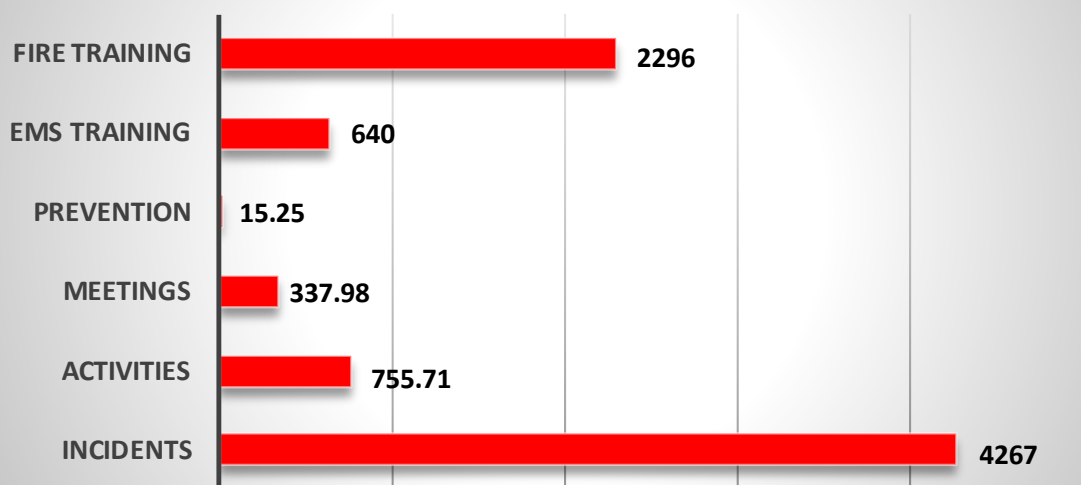
area agencies with a place to practice fire and rescue skills. The facility has several props and a burn room where we can provide realistic fire conditions with minimal risk; giving firefighters an opportunity to enter a building with heat, smoke and real fire conditions.

The success of our training program lies with the dedicated men and women who instruct, participate and respond to calls in our communities. The countless hours these people commit to learning, prepares us to save lives and property when called upon.

As we venture into 2022, the district will continue to provide the training and facility to prepare our staff, volunteers and neighboring agencies with the knowledge and skills to perform their duties in a safe manner.

Thank you to everyone who instructed, trained, and supported the district's training in the last year. We have been through a lot and can face future challenges together.

Member Activity & Training Hours



Facility - PPE . . . Facility Manager, Doug Kintz

Besides regular maintenance and systems testing, and repairs, several smaller projects were accomplished this year.

Stayton Station: new flooring, exterior painting, new TV and chairs in Conference Room (damaged during ice storm power outage), and eye wash stations installed.

Elkhorn Station: new water system installed

PPE: new suspenders, wildland packs and shelters, and labeling equipment for turnout and wildland gear inventory

Training Facility: ventilation prop completed, installation of 4th level on the training tower,



completed construction of search building, new LED lighting on tower, and made modifications to burn room.

Apparatus . . . Apparatus Maintenance Officer, Sean Weitman

The District has 20 apparatus and over 50 pieces of small equipment, 5 trailers, and many other misc. vehicles that need inspections, unexpected repairs, and preventative maintenance.

Reliability is of the utmost importance for fire service apparatus to assure ready response to emergency calls for service so regular inspections and maintenance are consistently performed.

Quarterly inspections are completed on the mobile reader board trailer, the four station's backup generators, the backup Dispatch Center's generator, the mobile breathing air trailer, and the District's ladder truck.

Annual inspections are required on all the district's apparatus and equipment. Ladders are tested for strength and safety, and all the district's fire pumps are tested to insure reliability and performance.

Stayton Fire also assists with annual inspections

and pump testing on Gates FD apparatus, and works with Aumsville and Sublimity Fire on Pump Testing.

In addition, there is the repairing and testing of the wildland hose and overseeing the fire hose testing for Stayton and Gates Fire Districts.

Recertification of F1 EVT certification for Maintenance, Inspection, and Testing of Fire Apparatus, and Recertification for ASE Medium/Heavy Truck Suspension and Steering, and Brakes were completed. A new ASE certification in the area of Drive Train was added to the list of accreditations.

Apparatus headlights and scene lighting were upgraded to LED.

2021 brought added challenges, such as responding to more medical calls, and the opportunity to help fight fire at the Bootleg conflagration for 11 days.

Calls For Service

Tank Truck Roll Over, Golf Club Rd.



McClellan Lane fire



MVA on Kingston-Jordan



Downed power line energized a chain link fence, traveled along the fence to the natural gas pipe at house on Kathy St.



Mt. Pleasant house fire



District Stats

Fire Service Area 107 sq. miles

Stations : Stayton - Mehama - Marion - Elkhorn

Personnel: Career (7) Volunteer FF (42)
Volunteer Support (15)

2021-2022 Assessed Value

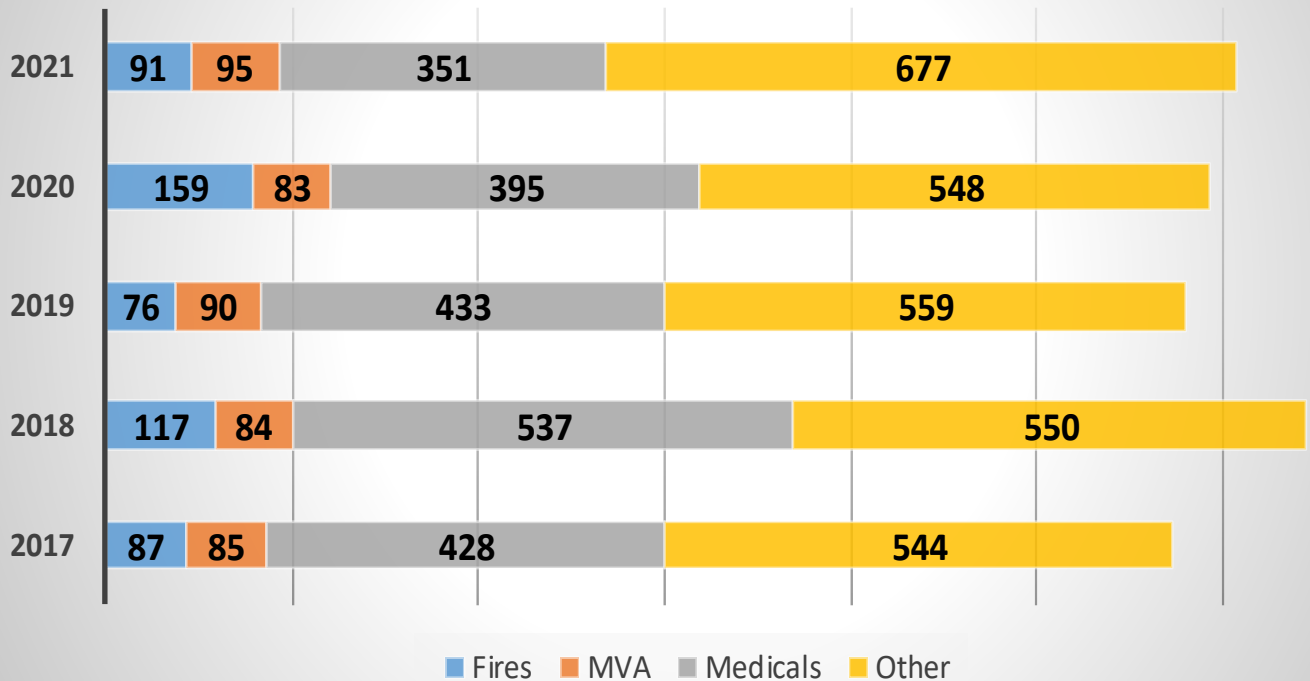
Marion County	\$969,907,035
Linn County	\$124,460,098
Total Value	\$1,094,367,133

Permanent Tax Rate \$1.3133

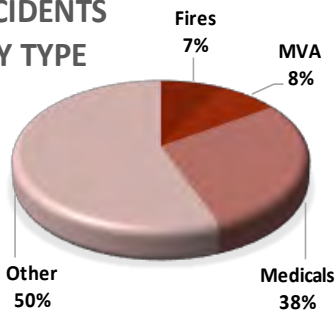
2021-2022 Operating Budget

Personnel Services	\$1,043,169
Materials & Services	\$759,888
Capital Outlay	\$37,225
Transfers	\$140,200
Contingency	\$30,000
Unappropriated	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total Budget	\$2,310,482

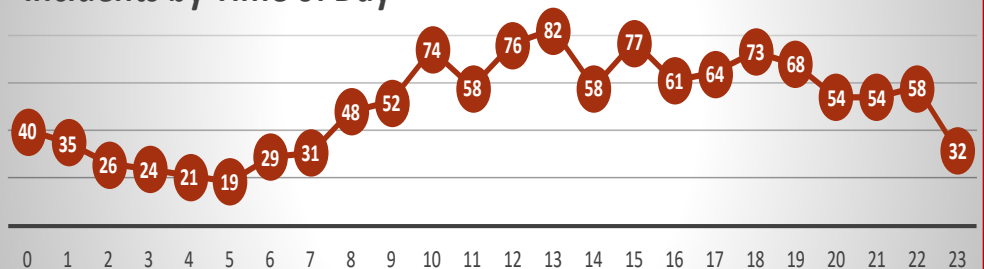
5 Year Incident Summary



INCIDENTS BY TYPE



Incidents by Time of Day



IMS—Information Management Systems

The District Information Management Specialist, manages the District’s website, computer systems and IT contracted work, record management systems, member records, grant writing and management, and apparatus tablets and provides technical and administrative assistance and support to various district programs.

This year we deployed CrewForce software among other apps, on our apparatus iPads, moved iPads around and purchased four new ones, researched and purchased new iPad mounting options for several apparatus. Other duties included monitoring phone and cellular connections, and testing and setup of Internet service in the various areas of the district.

During the ice storm, we lost the conference room computer, UPS, and TV which all had to be replaced. During the Beachie Creek Fire, our solar sign controller was damaged and sent in for repairs.

We replaced the computer in the training room, purchased a new server, expanded our backup capacity, and upgraded our wireless network.

The largest project of the year was the continued review of Records Management Systems. We decided to migrate to the new ESO platform, which spurred local discussion and the eventual decision to agree to share a system with four other Fire Districts, including Sublimity, Gates, Jefferson, and Silverton. It is a

great way to share costs and work together. This project will be ongoing as we meet weekly to make joint decisions and design the customizable parts of the system to meet each of our needs.

Prevention

District volunteers and staff installed 12 smoke alarms in local homes, handed out treats on Halloween, and assisted OSFM with Fire Safety Booth at the county fair. The Office of State Fire Marshal provided “Bigfoot– Believe in Fire Safety” coffee sleeves and stickers that we distributed to local businesses. In addition, I attended a Wildfire Home Ignition Zone Training and Tour in our District with several members of OSFM’s Community Risk Reduction Unit.

Grants

In 2021, the Oregon Legislature Emergency Board granted approximately two million dollars to the Oregon Office of State Fire Marshal for distribution to the Oregon Fire Service. The objective of the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Assistance Grant program was to improve the capacity and capability of fire protection districts and fire departments across Oregon. The Stayton Fire District was awarded a Wildland Urban Interface Grant for \$34,383 in May to purchase Wildland and Structural Hose, Fire Shelters and Paks, Chainsaws, and chainsaw classes for our firefighters.

I continue working with Sublimity Fire District and our joint Recruit and Retention Coordinator on the 2018 SAFER Recruitment and Retention grant.

Awards

Congratulations to our volunteers for your commitment over the past year and for the many years of service provided to our communities.

2021 Awards

Length Service Awards:

5 Years: Dana Orr, Daniel Koellmann, Michael Beaumont

10 Years: Steve Orr, Doug Smith

15 Years: Jeff Harris Sr., Eric Peterson, Craig Griffith, Kevin Bakke

20 Years: Barbara Nelson, Kelly Oliver, Matt Riordan, Scott Vigil



Matt Shine



Tim Wilson



Dana Orr



Trent Tegen



Chris Enquist



Doug Smith

District Awards:

- Rookie of the Year:Matt Shine
- Volunteer Service With Pride Award: Tim Wilson
- Support Person of the Year:Dana Orr
- Officer of the Year:Trent Tegen
- Medic of the Year: Christopher Enquist
- Firefighter of the Year:Doug Smith

2021, recruitment efforts were very successful despite the ebbs and flows of COVID-19 restrictions. We utilized our social media platforms to reach the community members within the district. Our Facebook has seen an 18% increase in followers. Sublimity's social media's following grew as well this year. The continued growth of our social media platform allows us to reach the diverse community we serve. As a district, we are doing a fantastic job of sharing posts and liking posts, this allows more community members to see our messages.

This past year we utilized several other marketing platforms to reach our community, and those platforms included a billboard on Hwy 22 just before you get into Salem, a radio advertisement with 98.7 The Bull, and we had our recruitment video aired on several occasions.

The district's most productive recruitment efforts came from our mobile reader board that was rotated throughout Stayton, Sublimity, and Gates Fire districts. Word of mouth from volunteers was a very productive source of recruitment last year, as it has been for so many years. These recruitment efforts brought in 40 inquiries about volunteering and led to 9 of those individuals joining our roster and 7 of them were enrolled in fire academy. One of our EMS-only responders switched over to become a firefighter and we were able to get him enrolled in fire academy which brought our academy total up to 8. While the district was able to welcome several recruits, we did have some attrition.

2022 brings great opportunities for recruitment and retention. This year we plan to implement recruitment blitzes and utilize several methods to reach members of our community. A few of those methods will include radio advertisements, updated yard signs, and public interactions. We have partnered up with Allied Video Production to update our recruitment video and to include Sublimity Fire District. Once completed, this video will become a valuable asset for sparking the interest of potential recruits.

I would like to take a moment and say thank you to all of the members of Stayton Fire District for your continued support and drive to help me recruit and retain volunteers. I look forward to this next year; the opportunities are endless.

2021 New Members

Grant Vogel	Support	Stayton
Wyatt McDougall	FF	Mehama
Jonny Jensen	FF	Stayton
Curtis Deetz	FF	Mehama
Audrey Anderson	FF	Marion
Matthew Rule	FF	Stayton
Cody Murphy	FF	Stayton
Drake Smith	FF	Stayton
Corey Rhinevault	FF	Stayton

Members - Board of Directors - Staff

Volunteers

Alley, Taunie
Bailey, Adam
Bakke, Kevin
Beaumont, Mike
Beitel, Greg
Bensema, Sherry
Cooper, Scott
Davidson, Braedon
Dees, Bradford
Deetz, Curtis
Dershewitz, Gene
Enquist, Christopher
Griffith, Ashley
Griffith, Craig
Griffith, Kristin
Hansen, Doug
Harris SR, Jeff
Hemenway, Lucy
Houston, Dan
Hueller, Kurt
Johnson, Antonio
Johnson, Sandy
Kent, Kathi
Koellmann, Daniel
Lulay, Nick
McDougall, James
McFadden, Tanya
Mitchell, Ashley
Nelson, Barbara
Nichols, Christopher
Oliver, Kelly
Orr, Dana
Orr, Scott

Orr, Steve
Peterson, Eric
Pomme, Nick
Ponot, Alexandre
Potter, Rachel
Randall, Craig
Riordan, Matt
Sammons, Maria
Shine, Aletha
Shine, Matt
Smith, Doug
Stacey, Monica
Starbuck, Josh
Tegen, Trent
Trahan, Tim
Vigil, Scott
Wilson, Tim
Woodsmall, Kaitlyn
Wren, Allyson

New in 2021

Anderson, Audrey
Jenson, Jonathan
McDougall, Wyatt
Murphy, Cody
Rhinevault, Corey
Rule, Matthew
Smith, Drake
Vogel, Grant

Left service in 2021

Deetz, Jeff
Diehl, Ryan
Foster, Anjuli

Godfrey, Tim
Heinrich, Rachel
Johnson, Nastasja
Lindemann, Josh
Wren, Jason

Career Staff:

Carriger, Jack
Alley, Jay
Andrews, Marcus
Grant, Rhonda
Houston, Laura
Kintz, Doug
Weitman, Sean

Board of Directors:

Fery, Eric
Myers, Jay
Odenthal, Mike
Porter, Ray
Strohmeyer, Russ

Life Members

Chrisman, Gary
Coles, Gene
Crosiar, George
Dotter, Don
Fery, Eric
Gulstrom, Troy
Kimball, Dan
McFadden, Kevin
Reid, Bonnie
Rowling, Ken
Sisto, Ruben