



The SPANNER

A Bi-Monthly Publication for the Friends and Firefighters of the Stayton Fire District

www.staytonfire.org

January—February 2024



From the Chief's Desk

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jay Alley*

Goodbye 2023, welcome 2024!!! As we start the New Year we can reflect on the past year.

- ✿ We completed the first year with the shift crews, that has been a success with reducing response times, more community involvement and helping with station duties and responsibilities.
- ✿ We had two long- time board directors retire (thank you Jay Myers and Ray Porter) and two new board members join (welcome Tom Etzel and Ken Rich).
- ✿ We saw the Mehama Bingo return (no breakfast) as a Volunteer Association

fundraiser.

- ✿ FF James McDougall cut down hazard trees next to the Elkhorn station; FFs Steve Orr and Sean Weitman removed the wood and



cleaned up the site.

- ✿ We had another successful Toys for Joy program for the Stayton/Sublimity Fire Districts; thank you Maria Sammons and gang.

- ✿ We were successful with four grants: the SAFER grant for Recruit

(Continued on page 2)

2023 Santa Cruise-In & Toys for Joy Report:

102 Families signed up for toys and/or Christmas Food Baskets

249 Children received toys



Thank you to:

- Dana Orr, Allyson Wren, Dan Houston and Lavon Maskell for registering the families.
- Adam Bailey for distributing and collecting the toy barrels at various locations
- Laura Houston for helping with the admin-

istrative side of the TFJ Program

- SVPC#1 Volunteers and Beta Sigma Phi Sorority for attending the work parties to sort toys and fill bags
- Russ Strohmeyer and car club for cash donations and 825 toys donated during the Santa Cruise-In breakfast. 535 meals sold — thank you everyone for your support!

Thank you Braedon Davison for coordinating the breakfast!

Thank you Maria Sammons for your many, many hours coordinating and chairing the Toys for Joy program!

DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

Dan Houston—37 yrs.
Gene Dershewitz—14 yrs.
Tim Wilson—5 yrs.
Lavon Maskell—2 yrs.

FEBRUARY

Steve Orr—13 yrs.
Scott Orr— 12 yrs.
Kaitlyn Woodsmall—12 yrs.
Nathan Hemenway—2 yrs.

MARCH

Eric Peterson—18 yrs.
Jeff Harris Sr—18 yrs.
Doug Smith—14 yrs.
Trent Tegen—12 yrs.
Ashley Wessley—8 yrs.

***Congratulations
And Thank You
For 167 Years
of Service!***

***Thank You
for Your
Service***

Volunteer Recruitment

It has been a busy few months for recruitment.

- We currently have 4 members enrolled in Fire Academy this year; 5 total for new Stayton Fire memberships.
- Congratulations and welcome to Scott Salazar, Justin Jones, Connor Leonard, Tony Menk, and Lucas Langer.
- Our updated recruitment video is finished and playing at our local theater.
- Aumsville Fire District is officially on board with recruitment. I'm excited to be able to help boost personnel for Stayton, Sublimity and Aumsville Fire.
- I have more recruitment media being finalized and these will be spread throughout our communities soon.

Join up and make a difference!

(Continued from page 1)

and Retention Coordinator, AFG for new SCBA, Siletz Tribe for new wildland pants, and the VFA grant for fire shelters and drip torches; Thank you FF Laura Houston, AC Doug Kintz, FF David Champion, FF Marcus Andrews and all who helped.

✿ Thank You to Lt Taunie Alley for again bringing Santa to the community with the L80 light show, music and Santa and his helpers.

✿ As the year ended we had the rare event of a victim rescued from a house fire; C shift crew of Lt Angela Har-

gin, FF Micole Heater and FF Nate Hemenway had a life save.

The dedication and commitment of our volunteers and career staff makes a difference in our communities, THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!!! The actions of our members truly define our mission

***“TO PROVIDE
OUTSTANDING SERVICE
WITH COMMITMENT TO
SAVING LIVES
AND PROPERTY”***

STAYTON VOLUNTEER PROTECTION CO. #1

Sweetheart BINGO

FEBRUARY 10TH 2024
6PM TO 9PM

Annual Sweetheart Bingo Fundraiser
Where: Mehama Fire Station
21475 Ferry RD - Stayton, OR 97383
(Parking available behind station)

CASH PRIZES AND CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE!

\$10 per card played for all games, and you can buy more than one card!

Thank you for your support!

DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

- 5—Jeff Harris Sr
- 8—Justin Large
- 31—Nathan Hemenway

FEBRUARY

- 3—Doug Kintz
- 3—Anthony Menk
- 4—Tom Etzel
- 5—Mike Beaumont
- 7—Jonny Jensen
- 7—Sean Mullins
- 12—Nastasja Johnson
- 13—Chris Enquist
- 14—Lucy Hemenway
- 26—Kevin Bakke
- 26—Doug Smith

MARCH

- 11—Lavon Maskell
- 22—Rhonda Grant
- 30—Maria Sammons

Happy Birthday!



Congratulations to FF Nathan Hemenway, FF Micole Heater, Lt Angela Hargin for receiving Meritorious Life Saving Award.

Upcoming Events...

Happy New Year!

Jan 4—Fire Academy started

**Feb 10—Sweetheart BINGO at
Mehama Station**

Feb 14—*Happy Valentine's Day*

EMT classes in progress

March 23—Awards Banquet

**Watch your emails or check
calendar on website for more info.**

Congratulations Corner

- Thank you to Lucy Hemenway for serving as Vice President of SVPC
- Congratulations to Jonny Jenson, new Vice President of SVPC
- Congratulations to Ashley Wessel as new Secretary of SVPC
- Congratulations to Scott Salazar for completing EMR course prior to Fire Academy.



1988 W. Ida St.
Stayton, OR 97383

