



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jay Alley*

As we start into the summer we already are seeing signs of a busy wildfire season with some early fires occurring around the state and locally.

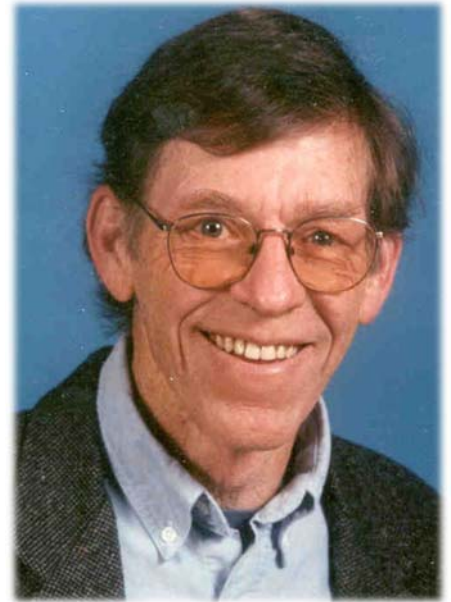
To assist us with wildfire prevention and response, the Oregon State Fire Marshal's Office has awarded Stayton Fire District with \$10,000 for wildfire prevention and education, \$35,000 to hire seasonal firefighters to aid in response, and \$44,500 to help with fuel reduction around homes. We also received

\$5,000 from Siletz Tribal Charitable Contribution Fund to combine with \$8,000 from our budget to purchase wildfire personal protective equipment. All these funds will help the district be prepared to educate and respond to wildfires.

A tradition in the fire service for years has been the bell. "The sound of a bell holds

special significance for firefighters. Historically, the toll of a bell summoned members to the station, signaled the beginning of a shift, notified departments of a call for help, and indicated a call was completed and the unit had returned to the station".

Thank You to Jay and Joanne Myers for the plaque with the bell. It is proudly displayed in the hall outside the Fire Chief's office.



We wish to thank retired Volunteer Assistant Chief Jay Myers (and his wife Joanne) for his 45 years with the district, 21 years as a Volunteer Firefighter and 24 years on the Board of Directors. Jay retired from the Board of Directors at the end of May 2023. THANK YOU for your service!!



Wildfire Awareness

The Oregon State Fire Marshal (OSFM) is hosting a series of webinars in April, May, and June geared towards being prepared for wildfires.

[Oregon State Police : Wildfire Awareness Month : Office of the State Fire Marshal : State of Oregon](#)

There are many things Oregonians can do to be prepared for wildfire. One of which is creating defensible space. The OSFM has several resources to help Oregonians create and maintain defensible space. These simple actions could make all the difference in the event of a wildfire.



DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

Eric Fery—36 yrs.
Adam Bailey—19 yrs.
Craig Griffith—17 yrs.

MAY

Jay Alley—38 yrs.
Tunie Alley—24 yrs.
Mike Odenthal—23 yrs.

JUNE

Doug Smith—12 yrs.
Wyatt McDougall—2 yrs.

*Congratulations
And Thank You
For 171 Years
of Service!*

*Thank You
for Your
Service*

Firefighters train on fire behavior

Besides training at Burn-to-Learns where they experience real life, hands on training, firefighters also use “doll houses” to see closely how fire behaves in an easy, cost effective way.



This is a beneficial firefighting tool that instructors can use to simulate the various phases of fire for new firefighters.

The model allows a safe, controlled way of demonstrating things such as flashovers, smoke explosions and backdrafts.

The houses are made of materials commonly found in home

January thru April Calls for Service = 417

**Mutual Aid to
Lyons Fire -
Tanker explosion**



Ida St. Fire



Neal St MVA



Stayton Fire participates in Oregon Fire Service Day at the State Capitol.



A time to recognize all members of the Oregon Fire Service who keep our communities safe from the ravages of fire by stopping fires before they start through prevention, suppressing fires after they start, and by investigating fires to determine how they start. We appreciate our members for their dedication, commitment and sacrifice and honor those who have lost their lives in service.

Santiam Fire Academy Graduation

New Stayton Fire Recruit, Sean Mullins Jr, graduates Santiam Firefighter Academy.

This year's Academy concluded in May with a graduation ceremony for those who completed the training. There were 29 graduates from area districts: including

Aumsville, Gates, Idanha-Detroit, Jefferson, Keizer, Lyons, Scio, Stayton, Sublimity and Turner.

The academy is 6 months of training held on every other weekend with many hours of online courses, totaling approximately 200 hours of training.



Recruits who complete Academy have training in NFPA Firefighter I and II, NFPA Driver, NFPA Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations and Basic Wildland Firefighter. Congratulations Graduates!

Stayton Fire Welcomes New Firefighters



Stayton Fire welcomes two new shift firefighters, Richelle Lundervold and Nicole Heater.

Richelle Lundervold started her fire service career with Sublimity Fire District as a volunteer in 2019 and completed her Academy training in 2020. Richelle is mother to 3 daughters. She is an Air National Guard veteran. She loves animals and has been a Certified Veterinary Technician

for 23 years and, fun fact, she would love to have a pet opossum.

Micole Heater started her fire service career with Sublimity Fire District as a volunteer in 2019 and completed her academy training in 2020. Micole is an active Army National Guard Reservist. She is passionate about fitness, family and her favorite collectable is hot sauces.



Stayton Sanitary Sewer Pipe Replacement Project:

Be aware of closures on W. Ida Street at the intersection with Jeters Way starting Monday June 5—June 9. The closure will be each day from 7 am to 6 pm. A detour will be set up to route traffic to N. Oak Avenue. Access for local traffic only will be assisted into the work zone. Delays in this area should be expected. Please be patient and exercise caution while traveling through the construction area.

Thank you to all the volunteers and staff who assisted with the Fire-fighter Breakfast Fundraiser and Raffle and
Thank you to our community for all your support!

Paid and Volunteer Firefighters assist middle school students with hands-on CPR training



Recruiter Rachael Potter and Volunteer FF Jonny Jensen, share information on fire-fighting at Stayton HS Job Fair

Volunteer Recruitment

Recruit and Retention has been busy with events and candidates! We have seen an increase in interest cards and orientations. We brought on a new support volunteer, Beverly Holzman. Beverly is new to the Stayton area. She and her dog have come to love Stayton and its community and are excited to get involved and meet everyone.

Recently, the Recruitment and Retention Committee was reinstated and the first order of business has been reworking the Retention plan. Good progress has been made so far!

Better weather and winding down of the school year

brings more opportunities for events and community involvement. Senior breakfast at Stayton high school, CPR at Stayton Middle school, Station tours with elementary students, Stayton High School Career Fair and more.

I am looking forward to planning an open house "summer kick-off" event at ST80 to bring the public in the doors for a recruitment-centered event along with Wildfire awareness as we enter that season.

Our recruit, Sean Mullins, graduated Academy on May 31. Please take a moment to congratulate him!

DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

1—Ashley Griffith
12—Jay Alley
17—Bradford Dees
18—Gene Dershewitz
26—Braedon Davidson

MAY

3—Jay Myers
9—Tim Wilson
13—Barbara Nelson
13—Rachael Potter
14—Kurt Hueller
16—Allyson Wren
21—Scott Orr

JUNE

3—Cody Murphy
5—Dan Houston
10—Nick Lulay
11—Tunie Alley
14—Craig Griffith
17—Marcus Andrews
17—James McDougall
18—BJ Hollensteiner
24—Chris Nichols

Happy
Birthday!

Upcoming Events...

June 18—Happy Father's Day!

June 24— Golf Tournament for Oregon Burn Center

July 4—Happy Independence Day!

July 21-22—Santiam Canyon Stampede

July 29—SummerFest

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

** Congratulations Corner**



Congratulations to Marcus and Taylor Andrews and welcome Dawson Mitchell Andrews born 3-17-2023



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