



Stayton Fire District

Annual Report 2004

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"Volunteer Service With Pride"

From The Chief's Desk ...



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Thank You's

2004 was an incredible year for Stayton Fire District.

The year started off with the continuation of the Strategic Plan that included a list of priorities established in four specific areas: training, equipment, facilities, and apparatus.

The plan identified very important issues that gave the District its direction for long-term goals. One major issue the plan brought to light was the lack of funding to purchase large equipment such as air packs and fire engines and the need to replace aging fire engines and worn out air packs that were starting to fail on a regular basis .

Armed with this information, the Volunteers, Staff and Board of Directors created a plan to generate the funding for the badly needed equipment. The plan included two major strategies: to identify any grants available and to ask the citizens for their support. In March, the District applied for a federal grant called the FIRE ACT. This grant would be used to purchase new air packs. Then work was done to identify the real apparatus needs and the most cost-effective way to purchase that equipment. Once the amount of funds needed was established, a plan to inform and educate the citizens was created. The plan included making posters and flyers, talking to civic groups, holding events in all four communities, and conducting door-to-door information campaigns. All of this was carried out by the Volunteers and members of the community that recognized the need and helped deliver the message.

During this time, the Volunteers were also busy completing other projects identified in the plan such as renovating the outside of our Marion Station. With an amazing amount of help and guidance from Ken Studnick and his crew, the Volunteers and Staff were able to remove and replace all of the old siding and several windows at a huge cost savings to the tax payers. Renovation of the kitchen and bathrooms, as well as a vigorous outside cleaning of our station in Mehama, was also completed by the Volunteers and Staff.

After months of meetings and presentations, the deadline to place the bond measure on the ballot arrived. Having not heard from the Federal Government about our grant application, we filed the bond for the needed funds to purchase the equipment.

Within two weeks of filing, we were notified that our grant had been awarded and they would be making the funds available for us to purchase all new air packs and supporting equipment. The only condition to the grant was that we had to provide a 10% match of the total cost of the project, or about \$23,000. The notice came too late to change the bond amount so the Board of Directors decided that, if the bond passed, we would lower the amount of taxes to be levied by \$200,000 leaving us enough extra in the bond to pay the match.

On Election Day, the Volunteers and other supporters gathered at Ugo's Pizzeria (a great supporter of the District and the bond measure) to celebrate the work they had accomplished during the last year and to monitor the elections results. After seeing that our bond measure was being approved by the voters by a significant margin, the Volunteers were filled with appreciation for the citizen's response to the bond.

Although the initial excitement was for the new apparatus, within hours the firefighter's thoughts began to shift to what the citizens were saying. They began to realize the success of the bond held another message, equally important to them as the equipment and their safety. They began to realize just how much the community believed in and appreciated them and what they do. I can honestly tell you from a Fire Chief's perspective, there is nothing greater for the morale and health of a volunteer fire district than that message sent by the people.

New air packs have been ordered, new fire trucks are being designed and the Volunteers continue to dedicate themselves to providing the community with outstanding service. Stay tuned during the next year to find out how your tax dollars are being used and how fortunate this community is to have such dedicated Volunteers.

~ Jack R. Carriger, Fire Chief



Juvenile Firesetter Program

Our Juvenile Firesetter Intervention program's mission is to reduce the incidence of fire by establishing a continuum of care for child firesetters and their families. Juvenile fire setting is more involved than just filling out a screening form and processing the paperwork. Our JFS specialist meets with the family no less than four times. The youth is given homework assignments, interviews and, depending on their age, community service.

Many times we deal with kids who have personality disorders, such as ADHD, and abuse issues. To help the youth and their family, we take classes dealing with hard to handle children, abuse and ne-

glect education and specialized areas of attention deficit hyperactive disorder.

Of the six reported last year, the majority were male youths between 8-10 years old, using lighters to ignite everything from paper towels to bedroom curtains. We deal with youths living in the Stayton Fire District as well as other districts in the canyon.



when your child sets a fire

With only six youths going through the program last year, some might say that's good – numbers are down! Hopefully, no fires set by youths went unreported.

~ Deborah Gregson, JFS Intervention Specialist I.

MISSION

To provide outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property

VALUES

We will exceed the expectations of those we serve by motivating each other to be the best, while putting the needs of others before our own. We will take responsibility for our actions and perform our duties in a safe manner. We will do the right things for the right reasons.

VISION

We will continue to meet the expanding needs of our communities while maintaining a core of dedicated volunteers.



Fire Service Area:

City of Stayton: 3 sq. mi.
Rural Areas: 104 sq. mi.

Total Property Value Protected:

Marion Cty.	\$533,007,348
Linn Cty.	\$62,257,959
Total	\$595,265,307

Personnel:

Paid	6
Volunteer	60

Stations:

Mehama	Elkhorn
Marion	Stayton

Apparatus:

Command	1
Staff	1
Engines	5
Ladder	1
Tenders	4
Grass	2
Rescues	3
Support	2

2003-2004 Budget:

Personal Services	\$386,315
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Materials & Services	\$305,118
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Capital Outlay	\$25,575
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Reserve Funds	\$48,801
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Contingency /DS	\$74,000
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Total Budget:	\$839,809
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Training Division

Stayton Fire Districts training division is committed to training personnel to meet the needs of our mission statement, "To provide outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property".

A core of dedicated volunteers and minimal career staff train weekly to prepare for a variety of calls for service. The fire district's personnel train to respond on medicals, vehicle accidents, building fires, hazardous materials spills and leaks, wildland fires, and various other incidents.

In 2004, Stayton Fire District personnel trained a total of 3,842 hours which averages out to 64 hours per firefighter in training alone. Included in these hours are weekly night drills, weekend classes, seminars, workshops and conferences. The District strives to provide as much training as possible locally to allow as many volunteers to attend. Weekly drills provide all personnel with the basic skills to respond to a variety of calls. Weekend classes, workshops, seminars and conferences require additional time and provide knowledge beyond the basics.

The future of training grows at a rapid pace. Personnel time is an important issue; volunteer's time is valuable and must be used wisely.

Technology has introduced the ability to offer classes online and obtain knowledge on the Internet to help lesson the time required. The challenge remains the same, time. The vision of the Stayton Fire District is "We will continue to meet the expanding needs of our communities while maintaining a core of dedicated Volunteers". As the needs of the communities grow, so will the training and knowledge of those who serve you.



Fire Academy Burn To Learn

6071 VOLUNTEER HOURS

Firefighter Training	3171
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EMS Training	671
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Activities	2229
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(Activities include business meetings, Safety Committee meetings, Prevention activities, District events, and work parties on training facility or District stations.)

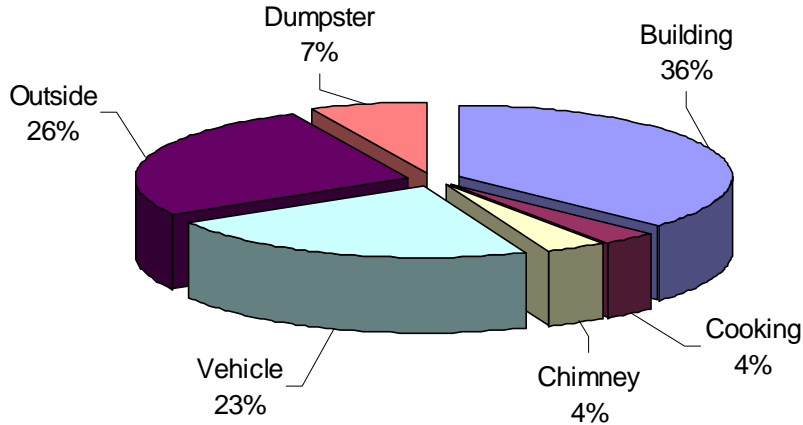


Rope Rescue Training

Staffing for Calls for Service

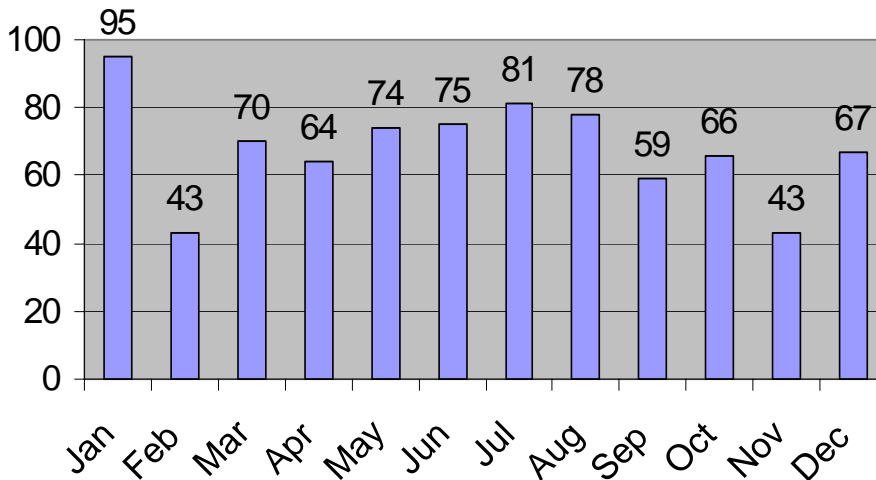
Stayton Fire District utilizes 60 Volunteer firefighters in 4 stations and 5 career personnel in Stayton, to provide 24 hour/365 days a year emergency response. The 5 career personnel staff the Stayton station, Monday-Friday from 8 AM to 5 PM during the times Volunteer staffing is low. The Volunteer firefighters respond when they are available and provide the primary response in the evenings and on weekends. The District is considered a combination fire department utilizing career personnel to supplement a dedicated and committed Volunteer core.

2004 Fire Calls By Type Excluding Mutual Aid

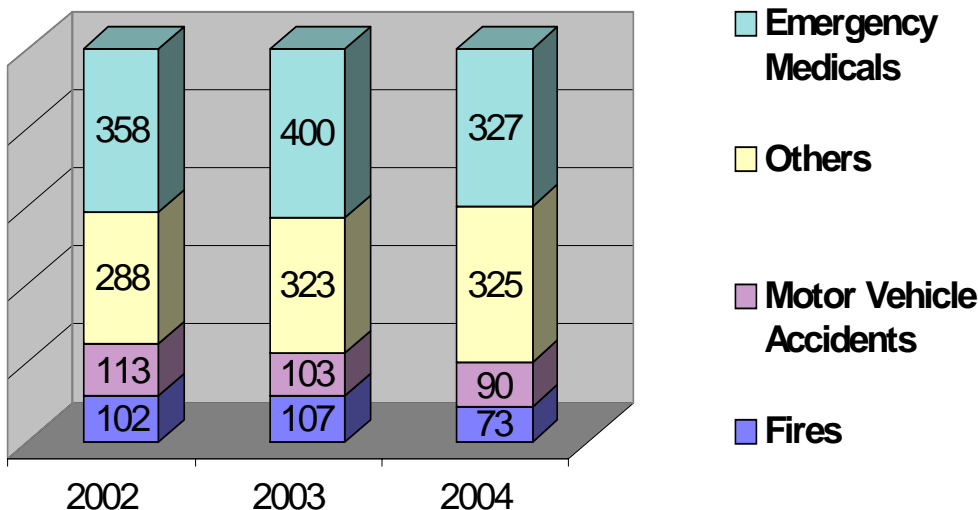


2004 Alarms By Month

815 Total



3 Year Alarm Summary



Recruitment 2004

Approximately half-way through 2004, we began a new system of tracking applications for Firefighter and Support of those hoping to join our district throughout a given year. The goal was to use these statistics to improve our recruiting and retention of volunteers district-wide.

Some of the information used to create these statistics include: dates applications were received, record of how and when applicants were contacted, number of drills applicants attended, board of review results, termination point of application, and a current status of applicant, just to name a few.

Although these statistics might not be entirely accurate due to implementation of this system mid-year, hopefully this will give you an idea of what will come.

2004 Recruitment Summary

Total number of applicants: 36

Number of applicants accepted for membership: 15

Number of applicants that are currently Volunteers with District: 9

~ FF/EMT Riley Martinka

Major Fire Incidents

March 9—Vacation home fire, Dogwood Lane, N. Fork Rd. Lyons
Estimated loss \$106,500

April 3—Residential house fire, Stayton-Scio Rd. Stayton
Estimated loss \$300,150

April 18—Residential house fire, River Rd. Stayton
Estimated loss \$100,000

May 24—Garage fire, 4th Ave. Stayton
Estimated loss \$101,300

June 7—Electrical fire, Locust St. Stayton
Estimated loss \$ 10,000

June 20—Vehicle fire, Siegmund Rd. Stayton
Estimated loss \$5,500

July 12—Barn fire, Kingston-Jordan Rd. Stayton
Estimated loss \$47,000

Sept. 11—Vehicle fire, Brick Rd. Turner
Estimated loss \$7,700

Nov. 2—Manufactured home and shop, Towers Rd. Stayton
Estimated loss \$ 3500

Dec. 10—Vehicle fire, Cole School Rd. Scio
Estimated loss \$3,000

Dec. 17—Shop fire, Old Me-hama Rd. Stayton
Estimated loss \$30,000

Dec 27—Motor home fire, Shaff Rd. Stayton
Estimated loss \$12,500

Total Yearly Risk to Loss
\$8,421,980 / \$751,075
Percent Saved 91.08%

Volunteers Honored for Service

Stayton Fire District recognized the exemplary service and commitment of it's Volunteers in 2004 by holding an Awards Banquet in their honor. Several volunteers received Years of Service Awards. Five year awards went to Taunie Alley, Allen Kibbe, Jay Myers, Ruben Sisto, and Jeff Harris. Seven year awards went to Brad McKenzie, Brian Classen, and Terry Weitman. Ten year awards went to Laura Houston, Bob Berg, and Dick Fisher. A fifteen year award was presented to Director Ray Porter and a leather helmet for twenty years of service went to Captain Doug

Hansen.

Jim Oeder, President of Oregon Volunteer Firefighters Association, presented Chief Carriger with a certificate of appreciation for his representation on behalf of volunteer firefighters on the national level with the National Volunteer Firefighter Council.

Captain George Crosiar presented a unit citation to firefighters Gary Chrisman, Jeff Harris, and Andy Wooldridge.

Overall, it's been a great year, everyone worked hard, and we've made great strides.

Congratulations to everyone for a job well done!



Rookie of the Year
Kurt Hueller



Firefighter of the Year
Matt Riordan



Support Person
of the Year
Laura Houston



Officer of the Year
Brian Classen



Captain Doug Hansen
receives leather helmet
for 20 years of service



Volunteer Service With
Pride awarded to
Ken Rowling

2004 Accomplishments & Events

- Feb Volunteer firefighters, Barbara Nelson and Deborah Gregson, and staff member, Rhonda Grant, attend training at National Fire Academy
Bond measure planning begins
Volunteers hold their annual Sweetheart Breakfast & Bingo
- Mar Joint Fire Academy begins
- Apr Marion Station siding replaced
Staff members, Jay Alley and Laura Houston attend FireHouse training in San Diego.
Door-to-door smoke detector campaign in Stayton; 600 alarms made available by the State Fire Marshal's Office through a federal grant.
- May Volunteer FF, Deb Gregson receives NCEEA scholarship
Volunteers hold their Annual Firemen's Breakfast
- Jun Station 80 patio installed.
Mehama Station kitchen and restroom remodeled
District develops new mission, value and vision statements
District Golf Tournament raises \$3000 for Oregon Burn Center
- Jul District Volunteers work with Power Chevrolet to conduct a Child Safety Seat Clinic
- Aug Volunteer PAC forms to promote bond measure
District assists fledgling fire district, Outback Oregon RFPD, with loan of tender
District holds Reunion picnic for past and present employees and volunteers
- Sep District is awarded FEMA grant for SCBAs for \$231,800.00
Board approves location of new Dispatch Center behind Stayton Station
Lakeside Assisted Living staff holds carwash fundraiser for Fire District
Volunteers hold Safety Open House events in Mehama & Marion
Volunteers honor Patriot Day with remembrance ceremony at Roth's
- Oct Volunteers conduct prevention presentations and station tours for over 980 local school children.
Staff member, Laura Houston receives OFSOA's President's Award for exceptional service to the organization.
- Nov **CITIZENS APPROVE BOND MEASURE FOR EQUIPMENT AND APPARTUS!!**
- Dec Santa Cruise In event raises funds and collects toys for needy families in the area.
Volunteer's Toys For Joy program distributes toys to over 300 local children.

National Fire Academy Training

Volunteer firefighters, Deborah Gregson and Barbara Nelson, and staff member, Rhonda Grant, attended the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, Maryland in February.

Deb, the District's Prevention Officer, attended a class on Leading Community Fire Prevention which focused on reaching your community and working with other agencies.

Barb's class on Advanced Safety Operations and Management taught safety on the fire ground as well as at the station that will assist her in her Safety Committee responsibilities.

The Leadership and Administration class Rhonda attended taught effective communication and leadership skills.

The National Fire Academy works to enhance the ability of fire and emergency services to deal more effectively with fire and related emergencies by providing this training with minimal cost to the fire district.



"Working For A Safer America"

Stations Remodeled

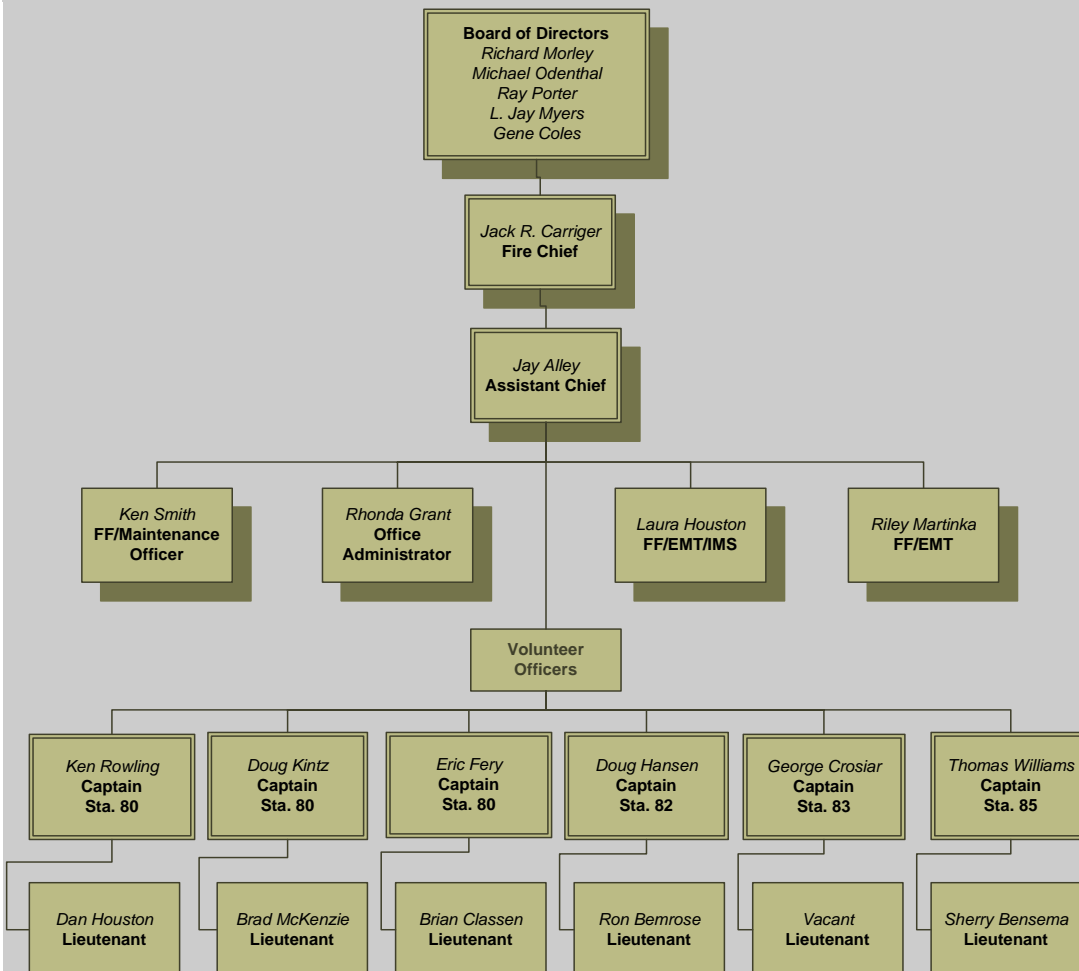
Three of the District's four stations received some form of improvement or remodeling during the year.

- Marion Station had the siding replaced, a new sign and parking lot improvements.
- Mehama Station's kitchen and restrooms got a fresh look with new counter tops and linoleum.
- Stayton Station put in a concrete patio with picnic table in the front of the training room for a comfortable place outdoors to take a break.

Plans are in the works for the Elkhorn Station for the coming year such as repainting the station, landscaping, creating storage space and working on the pump station.



Stayton Fire District Leadership



“Thank you so much for all you do. God bless you all for keeping us safe and coming to our rescue in times of need, be it day or night. Thank you!”

“Dear Firefighters and EMTs, Thank you for all you do. You’ve been a great support to our community and have all of our admiration and respect.”

“To those who helped my husband, you will never know how much I appreciate it. I will always think of you. Thank you.”