

STAYTON FIRE DISTRICT

2006

Annual  
Report



*“Volunteer Service With Pride”*



## *From the Chief's Desk ...*

This has certainly been a great year for the District. We have seen so many good things come to our District from all our work in 2004 and 2005.

The Awards Dinner in March was made a little nicer with the delivery of the new engine and ladder in time for them to make their first appearance at the banquet. The excitement, enthusiasm, and the pride on the faces of the volunteers made the two and half years of hard work, long days, and endless hours of planning and designing all worthwhile.

With the new apparatus in our possession our next challenge was to get everyone trained and certified on the new trucks. In May the new Engine 80 was placed in service and old Engine 80 was transferred to Station 82 in Mehama to start a new career as Engine 82. This was also an important safety accomplishment for the District; it completed a significant goal set by the District of getting all our firefighters into fully enclosed cabs for their safety in the event of an accident. With Engines 80 and 82 in place it was time to concentrate on getting the ladder truck into service. The next several months produced many of hours training on the ladder truck and in September it was placed into service; replacing the 1960 Seagraves that was sold to Russ Strohmeyer for a parade/show vehicle. With the new ladder truck's ability to function in multiple capacities, Stayton Fire District entered a new era of fire service to the community.

By this time we were well into fire season and our other new apparatus, the BRATs (Brush, Rescue, Attack Trucks) as they were so affectionately named,

had been tested on several Wildland fires. The BRATs arrived in January after making a 1700 mile trek across the country from Snider Nebraska. After being outfitted with equipment and after extensive volunteer training, the BRATS were put into service in March. Having performed very well in their new role with the District they are well on their way to becoming an integral part of the District's emergency response capabilities.

In May the District received its new turnouts from L.N Curtis and Sons. The turnouts were the final piece of the 2005 FIRE ACT Grant received by the District for new personal protective equipment (PPE) and PPE dryer. With the issuance of the turnouts to the volunteers the District became one of the best equipped fire departments in the state. We now have state-of-the-art fire engines and Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus as well as the finest personal protective equipment available to protect our volunteers. The incredible thing is all of this happened in less than three years. It is truly amazing what can happen with hard work, commitment, dedication, and most of all team-work.

As we leave behind an incredible year of growth that provided the District with a great deal of new equipment and apparatus, we enter yet another year of opportunities. Although the rewards may not be as physically apparent as apparatus and PPE, I have no doubt that through the continued commitment and sacrifices made by the members of this District that "We will continue to meet the expanding needs of our communities while maintaining a core of dedicated volunteers" as stated in our Mission Statement.

~ Jack R. Carriger, Fire Chief



# PREVENTION & PUBLIC EDUCATION

We had the pleasure of visiting with 772 children in our school district this year. Several volunteer firefighters spent time teaching them how to be safe when cooking, how to test smoke alarms, and why they need to practice home escape plans.



Our goal is to reach as many people as possible with safety messages.

We also had several station tours and set up booths at the Back to School Fair, Santiam Marketplace, Summerfest, and Trade Fair. We also participated in the Public Safety School and Summer School.

Our Halloween Safety Open House brought in 469 kids and 342 adults who learned safety skills at several stations while having fun and filling their candy bags!

The District always has information available for the public on safety in the home, child safety seats, smoke detectors, fire extinguishers, disaster preparedness, and much more.

Thank you to everyone that helped make our prevention program a success in 2006.

~Deborah Gregson, Public Education Officer

# CAPTAIN'S CORNER

2006 was a busy year for the volunteers district-wide.

- The new Ladder 80 and Engine 80 were put into service. A lot of great classes were provided to train the volunteers on the apparatus.
- Stayton firefighters, Ken Rowling and Barbara Nelson, went on the Black Crater Fire conflagration in July near Sisters, OR.
- The new Santiam Canyon Communications Center was built behind Stayton's station
- AC Alley and FF Sisto attended training at Texas A & M on farm rescue and vehicle extrication
- Volunteers converted a small travel trailer to a refrigerated trailer to use for community breakfasts
- Mehama Station's roster grew by five new members
- Marion Station held an Open House in August
- Riley Martinka was promoted to Lt. at Stayton station
- Mehama Station was repainted
- Elkhorn, Mehama, and Marion stations received their new Rescue/Wildland vehicles

## DISTRICT HIRES FF/ EMT, SCOTT MULLEN

Scott came to the Stayton Fire District in Feb. of '06 with a background in Healthcare Administration and facilities management. Being a firefighter has been a life-long goal for Scott. Although he is a career FF he still volunteers his time by serving on the OVFA Board and as a volunteer firefighter and EMT for Lyons Fire District.

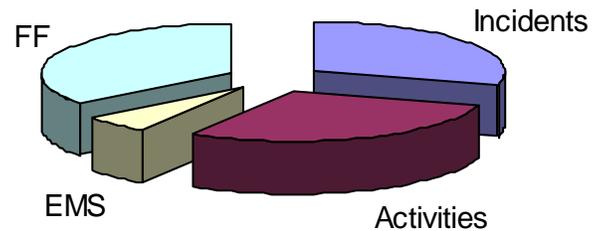


# DEDICATED TO TRAINING

## Training & Activities Hours in 2006

### How do we measure the success of our Training Program?

- No loss-time injuries or deaths; Everyone Goes Home
- Only \$141,986 dollars of property loss with \$8,599,126 dollars protected
- Responding to 276 emergency medical calls
- Five victims rescued from vehicles with the Jaws of Life; 36 motor vehicle accidents
- A strong membership of dedicated volunteers that contributed 4,505 hours of fire and EMS training



Providing outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property requires quality training, equipment, and volunteers. Last year the volunteers of Stayton Fire District committed 4,505 hours to learning the skills to save lives; this training included CPR, driving apparatus, firefighting, jaws of life, specialized rescue, and hazardous materials.

The arrival of new apparatus upgraded our fleet to modern and safe vehicles. As a district we will continue to meet the expanding needs of our communities while maintaining a core of dedicated volunteers to protect the citizens we serve.

Training and protecting our most valuable resource, "volunteers", is a top priority for Stayton Fire District. The training program is delivered with a number of quality instructors within the district and specialized instructors from the area. Stayton Fire District participates in local, regional, and statewide training and education programs for the fire service. It is the teamwork of many who share their knowledge and skills to teach others.

This is our 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." With this, each volunteer firefighter with the Stayton Fire District will strive to do his/her best to be prepared and serve the citizens and communities of the area.

~ Jay Alley, AC / Training Officer

Maybe the best way to measure the success of our training program is this...

*Dear Firefighters,  
Thank you  
for all the ways  
you give so much  
of yourself.  
You saved our home! Without you we  
would have lost so much! Thank you so  
much for risking your lives for us. We  
are forever grateful!*

*Dear Volunteers,  
My heart is full  
of Gratitude for  
all that you have  
done for me.  
America is Beautiful  
because of People  
like you.  
A Big Thankyou*

# 2006 GRANTS

The District applied for two grants in 2006 and was fortunate to receive both grants. The District was awarded an Oregon Department of Forestry VFA Grant for \$4,663 and a Special Districts Association of Oregon (SDAO) Safety Grant for \$1,551.

The VFA grant helped the District purchase Wildland equipment and training materials, including; fire shelters, field packs with canteens, and materials to teach Initial Attack, Incident Commander, Driving for the Fire Service, and Fire Chain Saws. The equipment and training will greatly improve the safety of our firefighters and improve our protection capabilities on Wildland incidents.

The SDAO Grant assisted with the purchase of portable scene lighting equipment. Now each of our first out apparatus in Elkhorn, Marion, Mehama, and Stayton has a portable lighting unit that will improve visibility and reduce trip hazards on night-time incidents. ~ Laura Houston, FF/EMT/IMS

# APPARATUS & FACILITIES

Early in 2006 we had two retired apparatus left to sell. We had a 1991 H&W mini-pumper that we sold on consignment in southern California. Our 1982 E-One pumper with 50' Telesquirt elevated master stream was sold to Lyons Fire District. We received 5 new apparatus in 2006. Three identical brush/rescue trucks were built to our specifications by Danko Fire Apparatus in Snyder, Nebraska. They are stationed at our rural stations. We purchased from Hughes Fire Equipment a Pierce Dash Structural engine and a 105' Aerial ladder truck/pumper. The ladder truck is first out in the city while the engine is first out on calls in the rural.

In 2006 we renewed our maintenance contract with Sublimity Fire District and are performing routine maintenance and some common repairs on our neighbors equipment. This adds a bit of revenue for Stayton and saves Sublimity a few thousand dollars each year.

There were not many changes in our facilities this year. Mehama station got a face-lift with a bit of new paint. The District received a container for storage behind the maintenance building. We now have the tents and grills in storage behind the shop which freed up room in the shop for the equipment that used to be sitting in the way. It is nice to have a place for our volunteer supplies and room to work in the shop.

~ Ken Smith, Maintenance Officer

# District Information

## FIRE SERVICE AREA

City of Stayton - 3 square miles  
Rural Areas - 104 square miles

## 2005-2006 PROPERTY VALUE PROTECTED

Marion County	580,532,469
Linn County	66,857,841
Total Value	\$647,390,310

## PERSONNEL

Career	6
Volunteer FF	51
Volunteer Support	15

## STATIONS

Elkhorn	4 firefighters
Mehama	12 firefighters
Marion	6 firefighters
Stayton	29 firefighters

## 2005-2006 OPERATING BUDGET

Personal Services	445,903
Materials & Services	360,214
Capital Outlay	12,825
Reserve Funds	
Apparatus	10,153
Building	15,094
Length of Service	9,834
Rescue Equipment	1,891
Training	5,307
Contingency	161,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 998,942</b>

## DEBT SERVICE

Permanent Rate	1.3133
Bond 2004 Rate	.3633
Total Rate	1.6766

## Board of Directors

Ray Porter	Gene Coles
Jay Myers	Dick Morley
	Michael Odenthal

# RYAN D. WALKER US ARMY SPECIALIST & MEDIC , 1985 - 2006



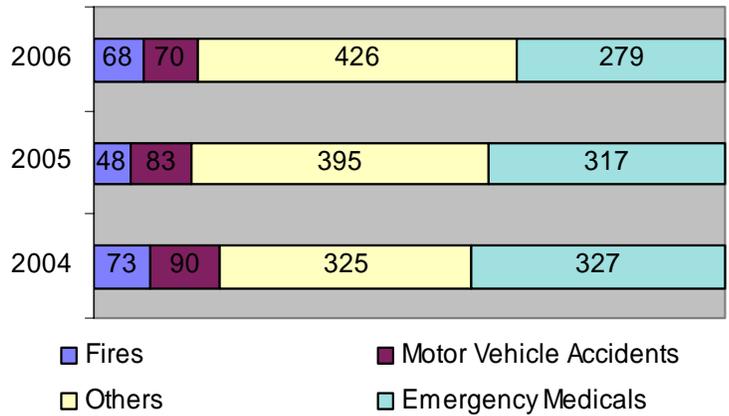
Twenty-two District Volunteers traveled to Pendleton to pay their respects to Ryan D. Walker, who was killed in action on January 5, 2006 while serving as a Medic in Iraq.

Ryan was a Stayton Fire District volunteer firefighter from 2002-2003 before going into the military. He Chemeketa Community College in the Fire Science program.. His dream was to be a Fire-fighter/Paramedic.

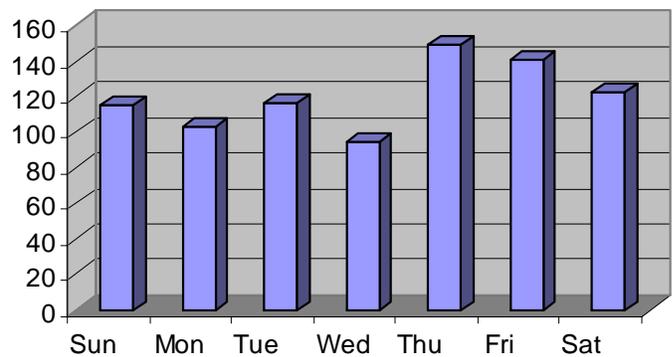


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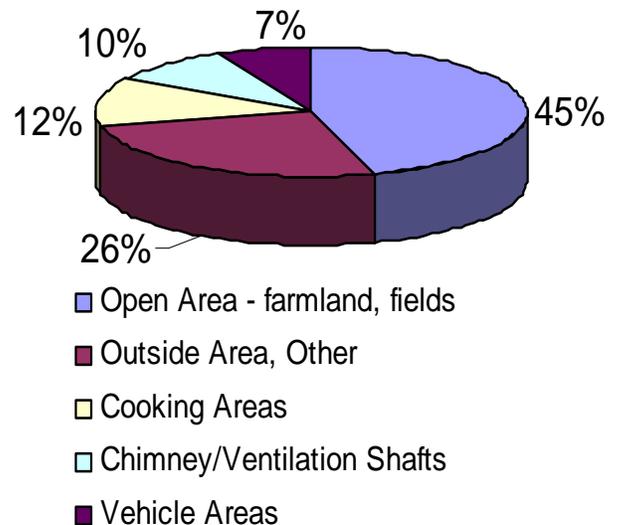
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## Incidents by Day of Week



## Top 5 Fire Areas of Origin



# ANNUAL AWARDS

In March of each year the District holds a banquet to recognize and honor the Volunteers for their committed service to the District and their communities.

**Five** year service wall clocks went to Noah Beaman, Brad Kimsey, Kelly Oliver, Scott Vigil, Leon Grumbo, Barbara Nelson, and Matt Riordan; **Seven** year FF statues went to Taunie Alley, Allen Kibbe, Ruben Sisto, Jeff Harris, and Jay Myers.;

**Ten** year rings went to Riley Martinka and Dunell Coles; A **Fifteen** year dome watch went to Andy Wooldridge; A **Twenty** year leather helmet went to Carla Hazen, and a **Twenty-five** year mantle grandfather clock went to Gary Chrisman.

Eric Weitman received the Length of Service



**Firefighter of the Year  
Barbara Nelson**



**Officer of the Year  
Doug Kintz**



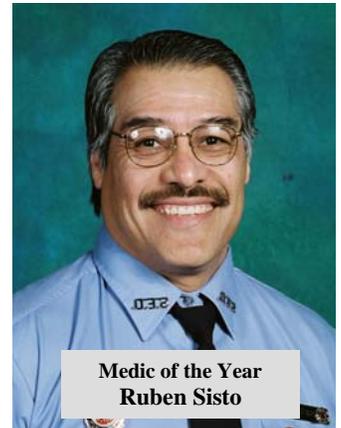
**Support Person of the Year  
Deanna Classen**



**Rookie of the Year  
Byron Smith**



**Vol. Service with Pride  
Rhonda Grant**



**Medic of the Year  
Ruben Sisto**

award for 19.5 years with the District and Kevin Bakke received the fire academy's Top Recruit award.

It has been a great year and we thank the Volunteers for their dedication and their civic pride...they really do make a difference.

## MAJOR CALLS

Type of Fire	Month	Location	\$ Loss
Barn Fire	Jun	KINGSTON-JORDAN	\$40,000
House Fire	Jun	SANTIAM LOOP SE	\$38,000
Shed Fire	May	BRICK RD SE	\$30,000
Greenhouse Fire	Sep	W LOCUST ST	\$5,000
Stack Fire	Aug	FERN RIDGE RD	\$5,000
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Storage Shed Fire	Jul	MCCLELLAN LN SE	\$5,000

Total Annual Risk vs. Loss: Value at Risk: \$8,599,126;  
Value of Loss: \$141,986, Percentage of Risk 98% vs. Loss 2%

### Mission

To provide outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property

### Values

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### Vision

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# 2006 IN REVIEW



Volunteers receive the President's Volunteer Service Award from the President of the United States's Council on Service and Civic Participation

