

# Stayton Fire District



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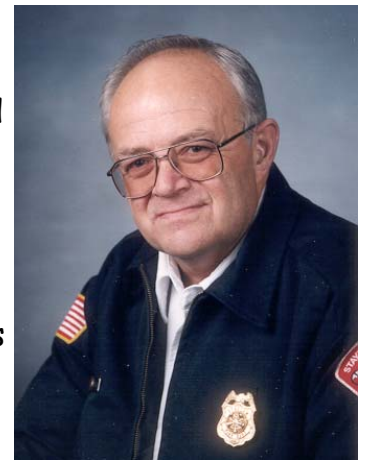
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I couldn't have thought of a more appropriate theme for the 2010 Awards Banquet than "The Show Must Go On"!

2010 was an amazingly diverse year for Stayton Fire District. We experienced the full spectrum of the emotional roller coaster; from incredible highs to heart wrenching lows, the jubilation of receiving an Assistance to Firefighters Grant to the sorrow of losing Chief Tegen, Carl Hansen, and Jerry Heater; three Icons of Santiam Canyon Emergency Services.

Someone once said "what doesn't kill us makes us stronger". I believe this year made us stronger. Although I know at times, for many of us, it did feel like it was killing us. But through it all something very special happened. Something that can only happen naturally, when it's supposed to happen. No one can make it happen, no one can say when or even if it will happen, yet it's the single most important thing that can happen to any organization; unity, bonding, coming together as a whole; the thing that makes good organizations even better. The thing that happens when everything you have worked towards comes together, when the individuals become a team and the organization bonds.

I truly believe that Chief Tegen is very proud of the many accomplishments we have made over the past several years. But what I think he would be most proud of is the unity this District, all of you, have shown in the last year. Stayton Fire District was like one of his kids, he loved it, and he always wanted the best for it. He always wanted it to be its best, to live up to its potential. You did that; all of you demonstrated what this District is made of and who we are.



Chief Tegen defined who we are by creating a foundation on which we can build, a foundation of solid values, high expectations, commitment to service, and dedication to community. The type of solid values that allow an organization to continue to move forward and grow no matter who leaves, because we all do. Chief Tegen built the foundation that establishes who we are, what we do, and what we will be in the future. He did this knowing full well none of us as individuals will be here forever, but that the organization will continue. Chief Tegen set the standard for commitment; we will miss him deeply and will never forget the values he set for us and this organization, but "The Show Must Go On".

# Recruiting

~ FF/EMT/Recruiter, Derek Gilbert

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It was an exciting year for recruitment at Stayton Fire! Over the course of the year we had 167 people express interest in membership and welcomed 32 new members to the district! During 2010 a year-round recruitment plan was developed for the District, with two month recruiting blitzes leading up to academies. We changed our recruitment theme from "Part-time hero, Full-time rewards" to "YOU can make a difference...become a volunteer firefighter" in attempt to capture the true impact volunteer firefighters have on the community. The plan employed many different avenues to advertise for new members, and was designed so that it can be used long after the period of performance of the grant ends, and can be modified to meet changing demographics and recruiting trends.

One of the new tactics in the plan that proved particularly successful was the District's use of the Internet to recruit volunteers. Thanks to funds from the 2008 SAFER grant we were able to update the District's website to make it more interactive, provide more material, and place a strong emphasis on recruitment. We also utilized Facebook and Twitter accounts to put up daily run reports, events information, training activities, and recruiting messages to make Stayton Fire more accessible to the public. At the end of the year, visits to [staytonfire.org](http://staytonfire.org) had increased and 370 people were "fans" of the District's Facebook page, with over 200 of them accessing the page on a regular basis to keep track of what we are doing. The combination of these media allowed us to reach out to new demographics and update the public that would otherwise only see us under emergent circumstances.

The District has also developed partnerships with several local businesses to place a variety of different recruitment materials. The Star Theatre, Ugo's Pizza, High Kick Coffee, Daily Buzz, Gingerbread House, Gene's Meat Market and Java Stop were all very helpful and willing to display recruiting material several times throughout the year. Without the support of businesses like these, we wouldn't have been able to reach nearly the amount of prospective volunteers.

As we look forward to 2011 we are excited to continue building on the foundation established in 2010. We will continue to follow the recruitment plan developed this year while continually looking for new and effective ways to bring new volunteers to Stayton Fire. I'd like to thank all of the members of Stayton Fire for their dedication and tireless efforts...the citizens of our District are proud of the incredible group of people we have here and the difference they are able to make in the community on a daily basis. The reputation these volunteers have built in our community makes my job much easier.

## "Smoke Alarms: A Sound You Can Live With"

This year's focus was on smoke alarms and knowing what to do when they sound. Each group learned age appropriate aspects about where smoke alarms are located, what they sound like, how they work, and what to do when they hear the alarm going off (Crawl Low and Get Out and Stay Out).

The Pre-K and Kindergarten students also learned about safe play with a series of flash cards and story boards. They were asked what things were "safe for play" and what things were "keep away". Students watched as a firefighter put on his gear and were able to see, touch, and hear him so they would not be afraid.

Students in grades 1-5 were taught what types of things were fire hazards and how to correct the problems they found. Visual aids were used to clearly show what a fire hazard is. They also learned about the need for escape plans, to have a meeting place, and to practice their plans with their families. Both groups learned how and when to call 9-1-1 and the information they need to know to give the dispatcher.

For adults we had fire safety ads running monthly at the Star Cinema, gasoline safety ads in the 'Our Town' newspaper, as well as Facebook and website articles. We also had multiple requests for fire extinguisher/fire safety classes for local businesses.

Our team members in 2010 were Chief Jack Carriger, Laura Houston, Barbara Nelson, Brennan Baker, Wendy Scallen, Deborah Gregson, and Deanna Classen.

Thank you to all the Firefighters, Staff, and Support members for helping with the District's prevention and safety programs.

Activity	Adults	Children	Seniors
Blood Pressure Checks			41
Station Tours	31	72	
Pub Ed Pre-K	11	116	
Pub Ed Grades 1-4	98	1095	
Pub Ed Grades 5-8		6	
Back to School Fair	420	700	
Halloween Safety Event	435	554	
Public CPR/1 <sup>st</sup> Aid	12		
Pub Ed Adults	80		6
<b>Totals</b>	<b>1087</b>	<b>2543</b>	<b>47</b>

~ FF/EMT/IMS, Laura Houston

## **2010 was another busy year for grants.**

Work continued on our 2008 SAFER (Staffing for Adequate Fire & Emergency Response) grant for Recruitment & Retention. We also submitted a grant to implement the second phase of our 2008 SAFER grant that will continue for four years and will focus on retention as well as continue with volunteer firefighter recruitment.

In addition, we submitted an AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) for a thermal imaging camera, fire hose, nozzles, and hose appliances. We also submitted a grant for a fire extinguisher prop and associated equipment to help reduce civilian fire injuries. These props and training will teach our citizens how to properly use an extinguisher or determine if they should "get out and stay out".

We were awarded an AFG grant for \$94,360 that we submitted in 2009 for the purchase of pagers and radios. The grant provided for mobile and portable radios in our vehicles and new base stations at each of our four stations, as well as emergency alert pagers for our volunteer firefighters.

Grants continue to be an important part of our ability to keep our firefighters and citizens safe while reducing the financial impact for our tax payers in tough economic times. We have been very fortunate that the Assistance to Firefighters program exists and continues to be funded.

## Support Team

The volunteer support members (citizen volunteers) continue to enhance the services of the district by dedicating their time and talents to serving the firefighters and the community. Support members serve on the Rehab Team, Fire Life Safety Team, and the Safety Committee. They regularly assist with district fundraisers and events, photography, station and apparatus cleanup, maintenance, and recycling, community events, board of reviews, administrative tasks, station tours, and public education.

It is a privilege to honor the Volunteers and their families at the annual Awards Banquet but try as we may, it does not fully express the appreciation and gratitude we feel for the day-to-day sacrifices that they make all year long. But we do our best to recognize their achievements starting with the Years of Service awards. In 2010 the following years of service awards went to:

5 years	Betty Lackner, Byron Smith
7 years	Kurt Hueller
10 years	Deb Gregson, Pat Clokey, Greg Peevy, Brad McKenzie, Rhonda Grant, Mike Odenthal
20 years	Doug Kintz
25 years	Sandra Johnson, Dick Morley, Jay Alley, Eric Fery
30 years	Doug Cathcart

Several District Awards were given in the following categories:

Support Person of the Year	Bonnie Reid
Rookie of the Year	Brandon Hansen and Tom Lemons
Officer of the Year	Dan Houston
Volunteer Service with Pride	Mehama Station crew: Doug Hansen, Kurt Hueller, Troy Gulstrom, Kelly Oliver, Kevin Bakke, JD Burns, Brandon Hansen, Bonnie Reid
Firefighter of the Year	Taunie Alley

We have such a great group of volunteers who regularly provide outstanding service with a commitment to saving lives and property.



**25 Years of Service**



**Firefighter of the Year**

# Training

~ Asst. Chief/Training Officer, Jay Alley

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Training for the Stayton Fire District aligns with our vision of "We will continue to meet the expanding needs of our communities while maintaining a core of dedicated volunteers". One of those expanding needs is training our responders to be prepared for any situation they may encounter.

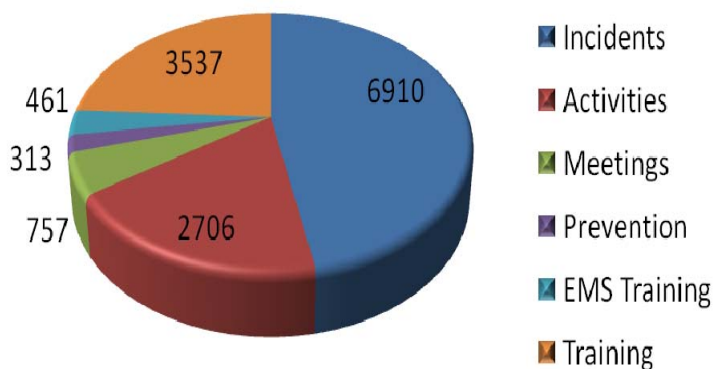
The training of our personnel extends well beyond the two hour weekly Thursday night drills. Many hours are sacrificed on weeknights and weekends. These hours include classes, conferences, seminars, and workshops. Training includes, but is not limited to, structural firefighting, Emergency Medical Services, vehicle fires, hazardous materials, wild land firefighting, motor vehicle accident response, traffic control, jaws of life (extrication), fire prevention, rescues (water & rope), support services, rehab response, operations of fire apparatus, leadership training, personal communications, and safety.

The safety of our responders is our first priority. Our staff and instructors take great pride in providing our responders with the newest and safest ways to perform their duties.

The success of our training is measured by our teamwork, efficient operations, and safety, whether it's during the day-to-day operations or on emergency incidents. The district also takes great pride in the partnerships we have with our neighbors; together we all benefit from each other's successes.

The Stayton Fire District's Training Program continues to strive for excellence while ensuring "Everyone Goes Home".

Training & Detailed Activity Hours 2010



During 2010, Ken Smith, our FF/Maintenance Officer retired from the district after 17 years/8 months paid and 23 years as a member of the district.

This position has proven to be very valuable for the district in cost savings and generating revenue by contracting our services to other fire agencies. The district will fill the position during the 2011 year.

The district had one addition to our fleet in 2010; a new Expedition for use as a Command Vehicle. The district also ordered a new Rescue/Brush unit to be placed at the Elkhorn station to replace the 2006 International that will be moved to Stayton station as a brush truck for wildland/grass fires.

Our current fleet consists of:

**Elkhorn Station:**

R85 - 2006 International Rescue/Brush truck

T85 - 1994 Freightliner 1800 gallon attack tender

**Marion Station:**

R83 - 2006 International Rescue/Brush truck

T83 - 1994 Freightliner 1800 gallon attack tender

**Mehama Station:**

R82 - 2006 International Rescue/Brush truck

T82 - 1994 Freightliner 1800 gallon attack tender

E82 - 1991 Pierce Dash pumper

**Stayton Station:**

SU80 - 2009 Rehab trailer

ST80 - 2007 Ford Expedition for staff use

E80 - 2006 Pierce Dash pumper

L80 - 2006 Pierce Dash 105' aerial ladder truck

C80 - 2010 Ford Expedition command vehicle - **NEW**

R81 - 2005 Ford Expedition light rescue

SQ80 - 2005 Ford F250 4 door pickup

T80 - 1995 Freightliner 3000 gallon water tender

SQ81 - 1995 Chevrolet Suburban squad

M80 - 1994 Ford F250 maintenance truck

R80 - 993 Freightliner rescue

E81 - 1990 Pierce pumper (reserve)

G80 - 1989 Ford 1 Ton grass firefighting vehicle



# Facilities

~ FF/EMT/Facilities, Doug Kintz

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Several projects were completed in 2010 with every station having its share.

A 100-gallon reserve water tank was installed and the remainder of the electrical system placed on the backup generator at the Elkhorn station. Repairs for the water damage to the ceiling were also wrapped up as well as the upgrade to the airline in the station.



The Marion station received a new roof and the training room was completed to include new office furniture and A/V equipment. The apparatus bay remodel was completed which included painting by the volunteers at Station 83. The back up generator was installed and powers the entire electrical system in the station.

The Mehama station's training room was upgraded with new carpet, vinyl, a fresh coat of paint by the volunteers and new A/V equipment was installed. New network and speaker cabling was also installed. The "gap" between the apparatus bays and the day-room was closed to prevent fumes from drifting to the upstairs quarters.

The main station in Stayton received new soffits around the entire building, a new ice machine, wireless access point in the bays and the reopening of the west parking entrance.

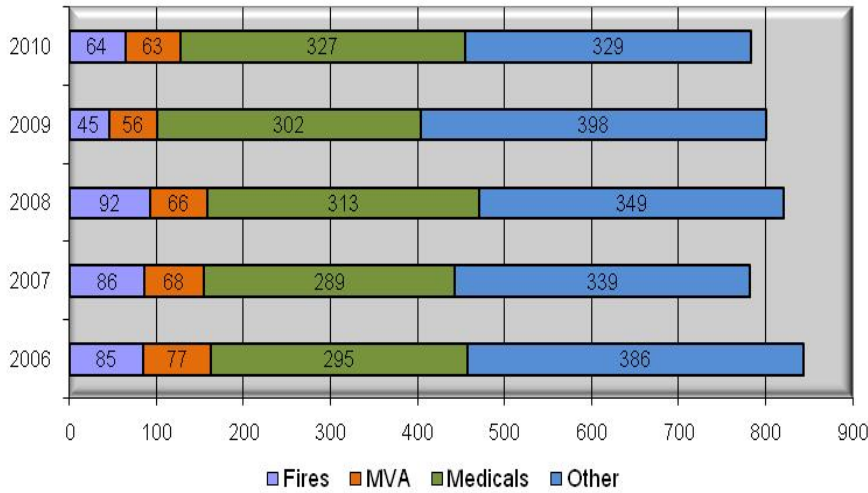


Mehama Volunteers painting their training room

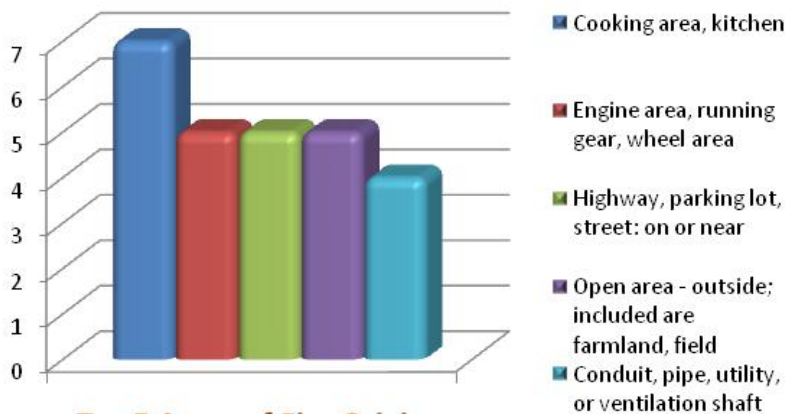
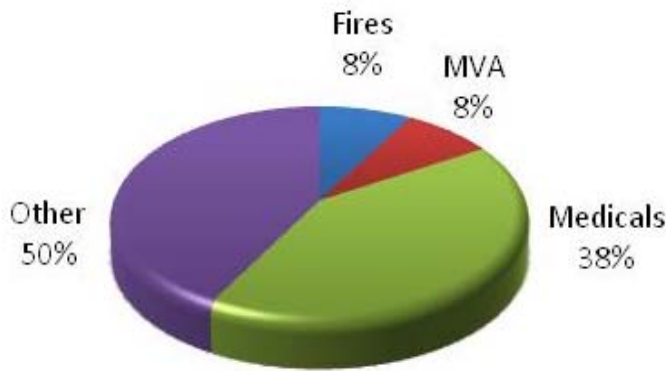
## Board ~ Staff

President	Jay Myers	Fire Chief	Jack Carriger	FF/EMT/Facilities	Doug Kintz
Vice Pres.	Richard Morley	Asst Chief	Jay Alley	FF/EMT/Mechanic	Ken Smith
Secretary	Ray Porter	Office Admin.	Rhonda Grant	FF/EMT/IMS	Laura Houston
Director	Gene Coles			FF/EMT/Recruiter	Derek Gilbert
Director	Mike Odenthal				

5 Year Incident Summary



2010 Incidents by Type



Top 5 Areas of Fire Origin

District Statistics

Fire Service Area

107 square miles

2010-2011 Assessed Value

Marion Cty. 702,261,180

Linn Cty. 84,404,680

Total Value 786,665,860

Personnel

Career	7
Volunteer FF	54
Volunteer Support	18

2010-11 Operating Budget

Personal Services	638,174
Mat. & Services	493,772
Capital Outlay	177,400
Transfers	
Apparatus	41,000
Building	30,000
Equipment	41,231
Length of Serv.	5,000
Contingency	30,000
Unappropriated	300,000
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>1,756,577</b>

Permanent Rate 1.3133

Bond Rate .2694

Total Calls for Service

783

Value at Risk \$636,000

Total Loss \$1,000

Total Saved \$635,000

# Volunteers

~ Listed by length of service

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Don Dotter  
Ron Tegen  
George Crosiar  
Doug Cathcart  
Gary Chrisman  
Ken Rowling  
Bonnie Reid  
Doug Hansen  
Sandy Johnson  
Eric Fery  
Carla Hazen  
Dan Houston  
Dan Kimball  
Andy Wooldridge  
Troy Gulstrom  
Sherry Bensema  
John Lackner  
Allen Kibbe  
Taunie Alley  
Ruben Sisto  
Brad McKenzie  
Greg Peevy  
Pat Clokey  
Deb Gregson  
Jeff Harris  
Kelly Oliver  
Matt Riordan  
Barbara Nelson  
Scott Vigil  
Kevin McFadden  
Leon Grumbo  
Kurt Hueller

Noah Beaman  
Adam Bailey  
Brad Kimsey  
Byron Smith  
Betty Lackner  
Deanna Classen  
Eric Peterson  
Craig Griffith  
Nick Classen  
Kevin Bakke  
Frank Ehrmantraut  
Brennan Baker  
Evan Underwood  
Monica Johnson  
JD Burns  
Cari Grumbo  
Nick Rowling  
Linda Lai  
Candi Riordan  
Alison Lindsay  
Kristin Griffith  
Tyler Fitzpatrick  
Alan Hussey Jr.  
Brenda Chapman  
Patrick Chapman  
Ed Zeyen-Hall  
Tom Lemons  
Tanya McFadden  
Kyle Nielson  
Gene Dershewitz  
Brandon Hansen  
Brian Harris

Doug Smith  
Jennifer Leseman  
Lloyd Small  
Levi Kunkel  
Matt Blaylock  
Nichole Axhelm  
Justin Nichols  
Andrew Probst  
Lorie Bays  
Allyson Asher  
Brian McFadden  
Brian Wilson  
Ben Miley  
Michael Beeson  
Donovan Foust  
Nick Tyrrell  
Lucy Hernandez  
Samantha Jager  
Kenneth Beyer  
Brent Hofmann  
David Champion  
Sean Hunt  
Ashley Mitchell  
Tom Branton  
David Stollery  
John Welter  
Theresa Smith  
Justin Maunder  
Allison Printz  
Brad Fief  
Justin Gregory  
Trevor Leseman

