



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk

~ Fire Chief Jack Carriger

When it rains it pours . . . even in July! Much like the weather the last few days the District has had good things falling on it also. Recently the board passed the 2016-2017 FY budget and I am pleased to say we were able to include several purchases that will enhance our service delivery and training.

Due to our reserve funds and good financial planning, we were able to purchase all new battery-powered extrication tools which will allow us to deal effectively with the metals in new vehicles. The tools have been ordered and should be here around the end of August.

Thanks to the training committee and their development of a three-year strategic plan, the training facility will see great improvements. Thanks to all that have been dedicating their time to these projects.

The Board will be awarding the contract for the Seismic Rehab Grant at the July board meeting. This will allow us to move forward with the cost analysis and the application for the grants. We will apply for grants for all four stations.

We received word last week that we were awarded the AFG Grant for an exhaust extraction system at station 80 so we will be moving forward with that project as well.

All-in-all, this is great news for the District but it also means a great deal of work over the next two years so be prepared for a lot of construction around the District.



FIRE ACADEMY students received hands-on training on the Burn to Learn on June 4. The old dentist office / future home of Maps Credit Union on Fern Ridge, was used for training for new fire recruits from districts throughout the Santiam Canyon.

Buildings donated for Burn to Learns are used for several weeks for training before they are eventually burned down. Students learn fire behavior and fire fighting skills that will help them when called upon to respond to the real thing.



DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

Don Dotter—54 yrs
George Crosiar—43 yrs
Doug Smith—5 yrs
Angel Cruz—2 yrs

JULY

Gary Chrisman—35 yrs
Sandy Johnson—31 yrs
Ray Porter—27 yrs
Gene Coles—23 yrs
Troy Gulstrom—23 yrs
Jay Myers—17 yrs
Rhonda Grant—16 yrs
Lucy Hemenway—4 yrs
James McDougall—3 yrs
Russ Strohmeyer—1 yr

Congratulations!
284 Years
of Service!

Quick list to protect your computer and information:

- Use passwords that can't be easily guessed. Don't reuse passwords.
- Minimize storage of sensitive information.
- Be aware of scams.
- Protect information when using the Internet and email.
- Make sure your computer is protected with anti-virus and all necessary security "patches" and updates.
- Secure laptop computers and mobile devices at all times: Lock them up or carry them with you.
- Don't install or download unknown or unsolicited programs/apps/attachments
- Make backup copies of files or data you are not willing to lose.

FACILITIES UPDATE

There is a lot of ongoing facilities projects that we are working on in the district. First, Chief and I are working on a grant for seismic upgrades for all stations. We are currently seeking bids for structural analysis to get an idea of what improvements might need to be made. This is the first step in the process before moving forward and applying for the grant.

We are also working with our electrician and the Energy Trust of Oregon regarding some lighting upgrades in the District. We have had an initial walk through and are now developing a plan which will then be submitted to the

Energy Trust for evaluation to see how much of the project will be covered by the Energy Trust.

The Training Facility Committee has developed a long term plan for the facility. We are in the process of removing the roof prop and are going to separate the search room containers to pour new footings that will allow us to add a second story in the future.

Lastly, we have a few upgrades in the district. We have purchased and installed a new range and hood in the kitchen at Station 80 and a new treadmill at Station 82.

~Doug Kintz



Congratulations to Stayton Fire District Fire Academy graduates – Brandon Wallet, Ashley Griffith, Josh Lindemann, Steve Orr, Damon Button, Jacob Adams .

Special congrats to Steve Orr for receiving the Ember Award AND the Silent Hero Award!



Eye Injury Prevention Month



DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

5—Dan Houston
9—JD Burns
10—Nick Lulay
11—Tanie Alley
14—Craig Griffith
15—Angel Cruz
17—James McDougall
20—Genna Higdon
22—Brennan Baker

JULY

5—Doug Hansen
5—Sean Weitman
10—Kaitlyn Woodsmall
19—Kristin Griffith
19—Scott Cooper
22—Ruben Sisto
23—Mike Odenthal
31—Rochelle Toon



Happy
Birthday!

TRAINING FACILITY UPGRADE WORK PARTY

Last Saturday's work party accomplished a lot with some general cleanup of the facility and separating and moving the search room containers.

The next step will be to form and pour new footings for the search room containers. We will also be moving the search room next to the tower so that we can join the two buildings and have direct access between them.

Once the search room has been reassembled, we will seal it up and reattach the burn room. We are also looking at sealing the tower and replacing the burn room floor.

Thank you to AC Jay Alley, Lt Tanie Alley, Jeff Deetz, Josh Pearce, Lt Ruben Sisto, and Doug Smith for all their help. I also want to thank volunteers Will Comerford, Monica Johnson, Doug Smith and Jeff Deetz for working on the facility during the past few weeks.

And last but not least, thanks to Steve Orr for providing the lift and excavator, it was a huge help. The facility upgrade is coming along as planned and will allow us to expand the use of the facility in the future.

~ Doug Kintz





Upcoming Events...

- July 30 Summerfest
- Aug 2 National Night Out, Marion Station Open House
- D. Kintz Training Facility work parties
- Sept 18 FF Reunion picnic

Watch your email or check the website calendar for activity and event notifications
www.staytonfire.org

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****Congratulations Corner****

Congratulations to "Grandpa" Carriger on the arrival of his first grandbaby, Jackson Oliver, born May 31, weighing 6 lbs 13 oz

Congratulations Matt Aalto on your new position at Gaston Fire District! Matt will continue to work for us as a private contractor to maintain our website and social media updates.



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AND
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Training schedule, burn information and links to events can be found at www.staytonfire.org