



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk ~ Asst. Chief Alley

As we draw near to the end of another fiscal year, I'm happy to report that the District has had a good year financially. We have exceeded our projected income and are under our projected spending for the year. The number of conflagrations we sent apparatus on assisted in the increase on the revenue side but the real contributor was all of you and your efforts in conserving funds, spending when it was necessary and saving when you could. Everyone's commitment to our financial plan over the years has made us very stable and allowed us to have the reserve funds in place when we do need to make purchases.

As we work through the budget process for 2016-2017 we are assessing the needs for the

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coming years as well as looking several years down the road at future needs. Our most immediate need is to replace our aging extrication tools. The Rescue Tool Committee has met several times, analyzed our needs, and formulated a plan with several options for purchasing new tools. As we finalize the budget we will select a replacement option that matches our resources and move forward with the purchase when its decided which tools to purchase. This will be a significant upgrade to our tools and allow us to operate more efficiently on the metals we are confronted with in new cars.

Again I would like to thank all of you for your commitment to maintaining a sound financial plan that serves the needs of the District and respects the value of tax dollars our community entrust us with.

Welcome to Sean Weitman!

Stayton Fire District would like to welcome our newest employee, Sean Weitman. Sean



grew up in the Stayton area and graduated from Stayton HS in 1991. After graduation, he attended Universal Technical Institute where he received a degree in Diesel Technology.

During this time, Sean also served first as a cadet for the Stayton Fire District for a few years and then as a volunteer firefighter for two years.

Sean and his wife Britta have been married for 19 years and have four children: Seth, Abigail, Paige, and Rachel. After 12 years living in Salem, the Weitmans moved back to the Stayton area in 2008.

Sean has continued his career as a mechanic for the last 24 years, and is honored to serve his community and it's firefighters through apparatus maintenance, and eventually responding to emergency calls as needed.



DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

Adam Bailey—12 yrs
 Craig Griffith—10 yrs
 Emily Wall—2 yrs
 Samantha Houston—2 yrs
 Byron Brown—2 yrs

MAY

Jay Alley—31 yrs
 Carla Hazen—30 yrs
 Tanie Alley—17 yrs
 Mike Odenthal—16 yrs
 Doug Ahlberg—5 yrs
 Rochelle Toon—1 yr

JUNE

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

Congratulations!
232 Years
of Service!

Several firefighters from Stayton recently participated in recent Stairclimb challenges. They were the Seattle Stairclimb sponsored by Scott Airpacks, benefitting the Leukemia Lymphoma Society and the Calgary Stairclimb in Canada which benefits the Wellspring Calgary Cancer Research Institute.

The Seattle Stairclimb is held at the Columbia Tower in downtown Seattle and contains 1311 steps to the top. What makes this climb especially difficult is that climbers are wearing all of their firefighting gear (PPE) and are “on air” which means they are masked up and using the air from their bottles. Stay-

ton Fire participants were Brennan Baker, Byron Brown, and Will Comerford.

The Calgary Stairclimb is held at the Bow Tower in downtown Calgary Canada and contains 1204 steps to the top. Firefighters wear full gear and packs for this climb, but are not breathing the bottled air. The challenge from this climb is the elevation of over 7000 feet to get to the top.

In only its second year, this climb is rapidly becoming one of the more popular climbs available. Stayton Fire participants were Matt Aalto and Scott Orr.



From this year’s Calgary Stairclimb where Stayton’s Scott Orr and Matt Aalto competed. Also pictured are Cornelius Fire’s Steve Black and Aumsville Fire’s Storm Morlan.



FF Sandy Johnson receives 30 Years of Service Award



Don Dotter receives Life Membership



Chief Carriger swears in FF Genna Higdon



Congratulations to our 2015 District Award Winners: Support Person of the Year, Kaitlyn Woodsmall; Rookie of the Year Jeff Harris JR; FF of the Year Byron Brown; Officer of the Year Doug Hansen; and Volunteer Service with Pride recipient James McDougall.

Life Membership has been awarded to Eric Fery, Don Dotter, Ken Rowling, and Dan Kimball.

Years of Service Awards went to Theresa Smith, Gene Dershewitz, Allyson Wren, Brian Harris, and Brandon Hansen for 5 years; Linda Lai, Kristin Griffith, and Alison Lindsay for 7 years; Byron Smith for 10 years; Rhonda Grant, Mike Odenthal, and Jeff Deetz for 15 years; Doug Kintz for 25 years; Jay Alley, Eric Fery, and Sandy Johnson for 30 years!!

DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

- 1—Ashley Griffith
- 12—Jay Alley
- 16—Jacob Adams
- 18—Gene Dershewitz
- 24—Daniel Britton

MAY

- 3—Jay Myers
- 4—Josh Lindemann
- 9—Monica Johnson
- 11—Josh Artman
- 13—Barbara Nelson
- 13—Brandon Wallet
- 14—Kurt Hueller
- 16—Allyson Wren
- 21—Linda Lai
- 21—Scott Orr
- 25—Greg Beitel

JUNE

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

Happy Birthday!

Thank you to all our staff and volunteers for your time and efforts in 2015!



House and shed fire on Salmonberry

Burn to Learn on Cole School Road



Upcoming Events...

- May 15 Firefighter Breakfast and Support Team fundraiser
- May 23 Budget Committee Meeting
- June 13 Budget Hearing
- June 25 Annual Oregon Burn Center Golf Tournament

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

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** Congratulations Corner**

Congratulations to our members who passed their EMR class Jeff Harris Jr. and Aletha Shine and thank you to everyone who assisted with the class.

Congratulations to this year's Ryan Walker Scholarship recipient, Matt Aalto, who is attending classes at Eastern Oregon University!

Mehama Sweetheart Bingo & Breakfast Thank You

We want to thank all those that showed up to support us for our 59th Annual Sweetheart Bingo and Breakfast. Thank you to the local businesses and all those that sponsored our event and donated items. And thank you to the volunteers that helped with all the jobs that go with putting on the

**Working SAFELY may get old,
But so do those who practice it.**



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