

The background of the entire page is a photograph of a fire scene. In the foreground, three firefighters in full gear, including helmets and oxygen tanks, are kneeling on the ground. One firefighter is holding a hose that extends towards the fire. The fire is intense, with bright orange and yellow flames and thick black smoke rising into the air. The scene is set at night or in low light, with the fire providing the primary illumination.

# STAYTON FIRE DISTRICT

# 2016

# ANNUAL REPORT

# CHIEF'S MESSAGE

~ Jack Carriger

2016 was a busy year for Stayton Fire District. Although our fire season was one of the slowest in the last several years, we still managed to respond to over 1,000 calls for service. With over 300 of those calls, or about 33%, being medical calls, our EMS training was put to the test.

The District was also busy with placing new apparatus and equipment into service. Two new pieces of apparatus and one new command vehicle purchased with the 2015 bond funds arrived during 2016. They included a 2016 Pierce PUC Class A Engine, a 2016 Ford F550, and a 2016 Ford Explorer. After many hours spent equipping them and many more hours of training with them, they have all been placed into service and are meeting all expectations. Thank you to the community for supporting the Fire District by passing the bond for the new apparatus.

Through planning and budgeting for several years the District was also able to replace its rescue tools that were 20+ years old. The new rescue tools are completely new technology for the fire service and certainly for Stayton Fire District. As opposed to our old hydraulic driven tools, the new tools are E-draulic tools, powered by batteries. These tools have much higher capabilities and are not attached to hoses or cords making them

much more portable and less cumbersome to work with. In addition to portability, the new tools are much stronger, giving us the capability to cut through the metals used in this new generation of cars, which our old tools could not.

Congratulations to the 2016 District Award winners for their outstanding performance in 2016 that made them stand out among their peers and have these prestigious awards bestowed on them. You join a number of great volunteers that have received these awards in the past and also helped set the standards for Stayton Fire District.

Stayton Fire District understands that its greatest asset is its people, and we have great people and deeply appreciate them.

With that said, I would like to congratulate Lt. Ruben Sisto on his Officer of the Year Award and to thank him for his 17 years of dedicated service to the District. Ruben has been one of our outstanding performers during his 17 year career and he will be sorely missed. Ruben retired at the end of 2016 to be able to spend more time with his family. Good luck with your new adventures Ruben and Ruth.



# APPARATUS

~Sean Weitman

2016 was a very exciting year for me.

I was hired as Stayton Fire District's Mechanic in April and immediately started in on the annual inspections and preventive maintenance needed on all the apparatus. I focused on the wildland and tenders apparatus first in preparation of summer coming, then moved into the rest of the apparatus.

As fall approached, I "switched gears" and started the annual pump testing on all the district's fire apparatus.

In addition to the 20 apparatus, there are over 50 pieces of small equipment and other vehicles that I perform inspections and preventative maintenance on.

Quarterly inspections as well as the annual inspections are performed on the four station backup generators and the ladder truck.

2016 Apparatus highlights include: The arrival of three new apparatus to the District: The first



is the 2016 Ford Explorer Command unit. The second is a 2016 Ford F550 flatbed that also has a Cascade Fire slip-in unit that was installed during the summer months. The third new apparatus to the district was the 2016 Pierce Engine equipped with a 750 gallon water tank and a 1500 gallon-per-minute pump.



2016 also brought many personal highlights. In September, I attended the Washington Fire Mechanics Conference to obtain my F1 Emergency Vehicle Technicians certificate. I also obtained two Medium Duty ASE certificates later that month. Another personal highlight was being a part of equipping the new apparatus for service.



The District mission is "To provide outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property". It is exciting for me to not only be a part of that mission, but to help provide reliable and dependable apparatus and equipment for when the emergencies arise.

# 2016 AWARDS

At our annual awards banquet, we recognized and honored our volunteers for their service throughout the year. The following awards were presented for 2016:

## DISTRICT AWARDS:

<b>Firefighter of the Year</b>	Jeff Deetz
<b>Rookie of the Year</b>	William Comerford
<b>Medic of the Year</b>	Gene Dershewitz
<b>Officer of the Year</b>	Ruben Sisto
<b>Support Member of the Year</b>	Linda Lai
<b>Volunteer Service With Pride</b>	Matt Riordan
<b>Exemplary Service Award</b>	Jeff Deetz
<b>Unit Citation</b>	Mehama Station R82 crew (Capt. Hansen, Eng. Byron Brown, FF Jeff Deetz, FF Aletha Shine)

## YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS:

<b>5 years</b>	Doug Smith
<b>7 years</b>	Tanya McFadden
<b>10 years</b>	Eric Peterson, Jeff Harris SR, Craig Griffith, Kevin Bakke
<b>15 years</b>	Kelly Oliver, Matt Riordan, Barbara Nelson, Scott Vigil
<b>30 years</b>	Carla Hazen ( <i>posthumously</i> )
<b>35 years</b>	Gary Chrisman
<b>Life Membership</b>	Ruben Sisto

Ruben Sisto was recognized for his 17 years of service with the District with a shadow box of his badges, nametag and patches, and an encased flag that was flown over the station during his time with the district. The Volunteer Association presented Ruben and his wife Ruth with a voucher for a stay at the coast.

In memory of Carla Hazen and in appreciation for her years of service, the District made a donation to one of Carla's favorite charities, the Youth Benefit Golf Tournament, which supports children in the Santiam Canyon School District. Mike Long accepted the donation on behalf of the Tournament. Carla's Length of Service award was presented to her mother, Hedi Hazen.

## District AWARDS



FRONT ROW : Linda Lai, Aletha Shine BACK ROW: Troy Gulstrom, Byron Brown, Kevin Bakke, Doug Hansen, Jeff Deetz, Kurt Hueller, Ruben Sisto, Will Comerford, Matt Riordan, Gene Dershewitz

## Years of Service AWARDS



Tanya McFadden, Doug Smith, Barbara Nelson, Craig Griffith, Kevin Bakke, Matt Riordan, Jeff Harris SR, Scott Vigil, Hedi Hazen (for Carla Hazen) Gary Chrisman

## Thank You for Your Service

Ruben served 17 years with the Stayton Fire District. We want to express our appreciation for his dedication, faithful response to calls, leadership and service to this community and to Ruth for her support and the sacrifices she made. We wish him and Ruth the very best in all their endeavors as they continue on their journey together.



# RECRUITMENT & FACILITIES

~ Doug Kintz

2016 was a good recruiting year for Stayton Fire. We had eight new members join our volunteer ranks: Jacob Adams, Mike Beaumont, Daniel Britton, Damon Button, Ashley Griffith, Daniel Koellmann, Josh Lindemann, and Dana Orr. We also welcomed Sean Weitman as the District's new mechanic.

On the facilities side of things, we started working on several projects in 2016. We received an AFG grant to install a new vehicle exhaust system at Station 80. After receiving bids on three systems, the District awarded the bid to Weidner Fire out of Midvale Utah. The system was installed in late December.



We also started looking into lighting upgrades at Station 80 and 82. Energy Trust of Oregon has incentive funds to assist with these types of upgrades to install energy efficient solutions that will save the District money on power in the future. We are currently working with different suppliers and waiting to receive bids on the project.

The district also applied for a Seismic upgrade grant for all four stations through the State of Oregon. We have had a structural analysis done on each station to see what alterations need to be made. The grant application has been submitted and we should find out the results around April 2017.

We had a new retro dryer unit installed on one of the hose dryers that allows us to use it for drying hose and PPE.

We installed a few new combination locks at station 80 and 82. Two new treadmills were purchased and the elliptical machine was repaired and repainted.

The Training Committee developed a plan to expand the Training Facility. We poured new pads for the first floor containers in preparation of adding a second story to the search room. A fourth container was added to the first floor and the tower was sealed. A forcible entry door was designed and installed by Jeff Deetz and works great. We are currently working on completing the first floor before adding the second story. We still have a lot of work to do but it is coming along nicely.



We will be building a ground ventilation prop, cutting in new exterior and interior openings into the containers and adding more forcible entry doors. We installed a new burn container and lined the floor with concrete tiles. This will prevent the floor from burning out and make clean up easier.

Thanks to all those who have volunteered their time and talent to make these improvements to our training facility.



# TRAINING

~ Jay Alley



The training division logged over 4,400 hours in 2016; this included weekly drills, recruit academy, weekend training, EMR course, EMS training and live fire training exercises.

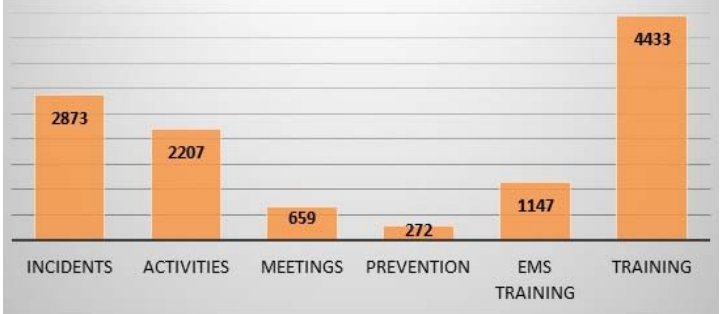
**STAYTON FIRE DISTRICT TRAINING PROGRAM** provides training to 46 volunteer firefighters, 6 paid staff, and 16 support members. Our training includes structural fire-fighting, EMS, vehicle extrication, wildland, hazardous materials, motor vehicle accidents, fire prevention, rehab operations, rope and water rescues and many other topics that we prepare for to provide emergency response services.

**LIVE FIRE TRAINING** - We conducted 6 live fire training exercises on houses within our communities that were donated to us for the purpose of training. The live fire training program is very important to providing realistic conditions in actual houses. This program allows us to use the building for drills to practice our skills prior to burning; then at the end we train our firefighters using those skills in live fire conditions.

**REGIONAL TRAINING** is a very important part of our training program; working with our fire agency neighbors and partner agencies is critical for successful outcomes. These partnerships provide us with the assistance we need so we can provide the best service possible to those we respond to help.

**PARTNERSHIP FOR CARDIAC EMERGENCIES**—Stayton Fire District, Stayton Police Department and Santiam Memorial Ambulance created a partnership to respond to cardiac emergencies that will

## Training & Detailed Activity Hours



save lives when seconds count.

Stayton Fire District donated six AED's to Stayton PD to be placed in patrol cars to increase delivery of early CPR and defibrillation to citizens in cardiac arrest. The joint response to cardiac events has proven to increase survival rates. The three agencies train together and prepare for these events.



# PUBLIC EDUCATION



This year, the Fire Life Safety Team's (FLST) main focus was on smoke alarms. Our goal is to increase the number of working smoke alarms installed in our community and provide information on the care and maintenance of those alarms. A key component to that goal was the review and update of our smoke alarm program and training for our firefighters.

During fire prevention month, we coordinated and helped conduct numerous age-appropriate fire prevention presentations at our schools. The team also utilized a media plan to blitz the community with information about smoke alarms. The theme for this year was "Don't Wait, Check the Date" to advise our community that they should replace all smoke alarms older than 10 years. The FLST wrapped up Fire Prevention month by hosting our Annual Public Safety Open House on Halloween night.

The FLST meets monthly to coordinate and plan community outreach projects and messaging on fire and life safety. We utilize volunteer support members, paid staff, and volunteer fire-

fighters to conduct and instruct the multitude of events and classroom presentations. The 2016 members of the Fire Life Safety Team were: JD Burns, Laura Houston, Barbara Nelson, Kaitlyn Woodsmall, and Allyson Wren.

We would like to thank everyone that volunteered and assisted us in reaching out to our communities. We truly couldn't do it without each and every one of you. We also want to thank all our firefighters that took the time to test smoke alarms, replace batteries, install alarms, and provide education to our residents during incidents.

Through our combined efforts we reached the following numbers of adults and children in the following categories:

Training/Event Categories	Events	Adults	Children	Alarms
Station Tours	1	4	15	
Public Education School Age	9	99	784	
Public Education Mixed	4	840	1420	
Residential/Fire Extinguisher	1	1	30	
Workplace/Fire Extinguisher	2	15		
Halloween Public Safety Night	1	426	361	
Smoke Alarm install/distributions	5	5		7
<b>Totals</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>2610</b>	<b>7</b>



# INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

~ Laura Houston

Maintaining our Information Management Systems is a continual and ever evolving process to keep our technology, software, and information systems working efficiently.

Some of the highlights for 2016 included a project to set up a local install of our Firehouse SQL database for data analysis, SSRS reports, and future electronic form projects. I was able to make several changes to our Firehouse Records Management software to help with data entry accuracy, processes, and decision making.

I trained our new mechanic on our computer systems and Firehouse software, and provided guidance and training on the first part of the new membership process for our Recruiter, maintained the District website, and provided training and assistance on backend management for staff.

Other IMS tasks included assisting our Dispatch Center with 'Text to 911' testing for our District, updating our hydrant location and GPS coordinate information—working with both Marion and Linn County GIS, the City of Stayton and the Lyons/Mehama Water District. So far the City of Stayton hydrants have been updated and deployed to our incident mapping system, Active911, and updated in our Firehouse software.

I managed the project to upgrade our computers and operating systems. Purchased and configured iPads for the new vehicles and designed Internet and GPS capabilities for our Firehouse Response software in the new command vehicle.

At Station 85, satellite Internet was installed and a new computer set up.

I also provide administrative support for the District's Fire Life Safety Team and Toys for Joy committee. I assisted with the revamping of our Smoke Alarm program and created the new kits for each station's apparatus.

## GRANTS

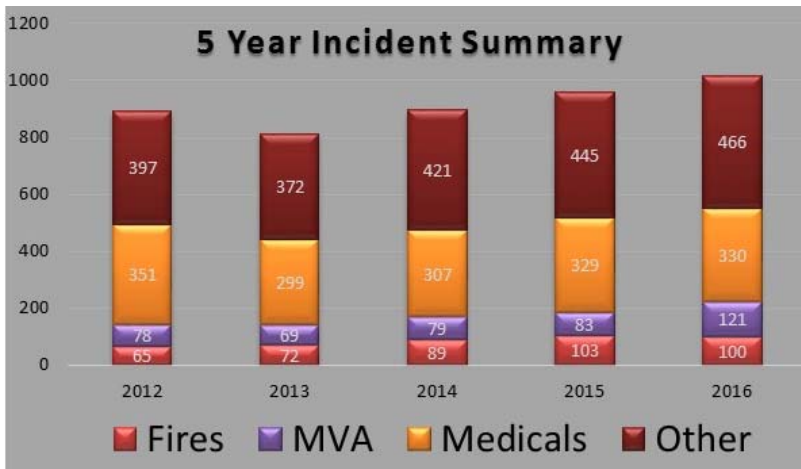
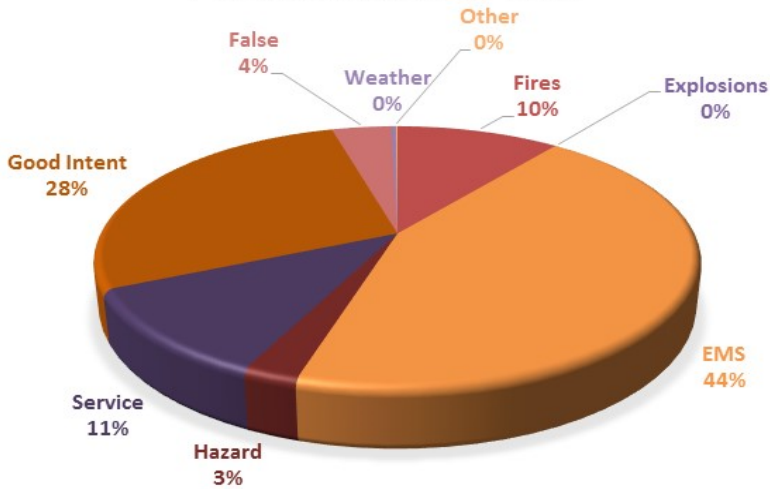
We were awarded a VFA (Volunteer Fire Assistance through USFS) grant for 48 sets of wildland gear and a portable fire pump. The VFA grant project was for \$14,800 and is a 50% matching grant.



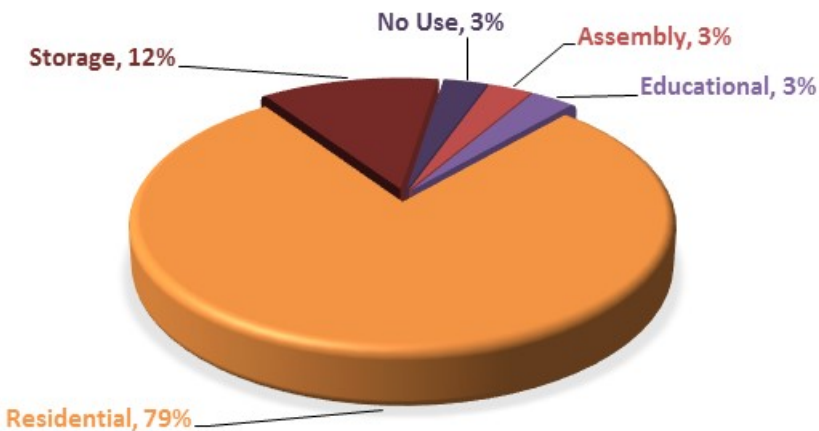
I finalized the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) 2015 application for the vehicle exhaust system at the Stayton Station. The grant was awarded for \$100,000 and is a 5% matching grant. I worked with our Facilities Manager on the award acceptance process and documentation for the grant.

# STATISTICS

## 2016 INCIDENTS BY TYPE



## STRUCTURE FIRES BY PROPERTY USE



Fire Service Area 107 sq. miles

### 2016-2017 Assessed Value

Marion County	819,941,502
Linn County	<u>102,055,518</u>
Total Value	921,997,020

### Personnel:

Career	6
Volunteer FF	46
Volunteer Support	16

Permanent Tax Rate	\$1.3133
Bond Rate	\$0.2528
Total Calls	1017
Value at Risk	\$9,407,553
Total Loss	\$445,860
Total Saved	\$8,961,693

### 2016-2017 Operating Budget

Personnel Services	\$770,223
Materials & Services	\$499,391
Capital Outlay	\$181,800
Transfers	\$79,885
Contingency	\$30,000
Unappropriated	<u>\$300,000</u>
Total Budget	\$1,861,299

# SUPPORT & REHAB

~ Rhonda Grant



Our Support Team provides a variety of services for the District. Several members are part of the Rehab Team that supports the firefighters with medical care, a cold bottle of water and refreshments on burn to learns and large, extended fire calls.

Some members serve as photographers to document training, events, incidents, etc.

Others may help with administrative tasks or serve on or head

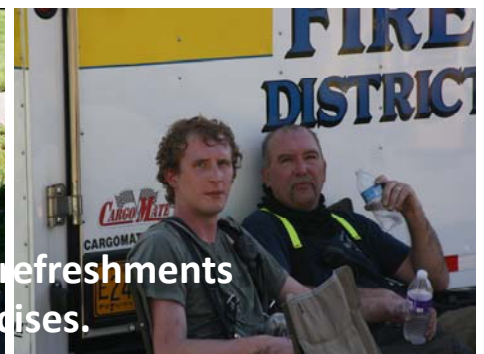
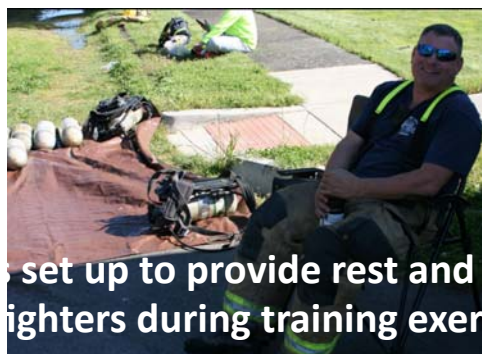


up committees for fundraisers for Volunteer and District events—such as our Toys for Joy program or Burn Center Golf Tournament.

Other members serve on the Pub Ed Team, educating our

communities on fire safety.

The Support Team specifically raises funds for the Smoke Detector and Fire Relief Barrel programs at their annual fundraiser.



Rehab station is set up to provide rest and refreshments for firefighters during training exercises.

# 2016 Members in order of Years of Service

George Crosiar	Scott Vigil	Steve Orr	Angel Cruz
Gary Chrisman	Jack Carriger	Doug Smith	Jeff Harris JR
Doug Hansen	Kurt Hueller	Scott Orr	Rochelle Toon
Jay Alley	Adam Bailey	Kaitlyn Woodsmall	Aletha Shine
Sandy Johnson	Byron Smith	Trent Tegen	Will Comerford
Dan Houston	Eric Peterson	Lucy Hemenway	Brandon Wallet
Carla Hazen	Jeff Harris SR	Greg Beitel	Jacob Adams
Doug Kintz	Craig Griffith	Sean Weitman	Damon Button
Troy Gulstrom	Kevin Bakke	Nick Lulay	Josh Lindemann
Sherry Bensema	Monica Johnson	Maria Sammons	Ashley Griffith
Laura Houston	JD Burns	Sheila Woodsmall	Brian Hendricks
Taunie Alley	Linda Lai	Nastasja Johnson	Daniel Britton
Jeff Deetz	Alison Lindsay	Josh Pearce	Dana Orr
Ruben Sisto	Kristin Griffith	James McDougall	Jason Wren
Rhonda Grant	Tanya McFadden	Scott Cooper	Daniel Koellmann
Kelly Oliver	Gene Dershewitz	Byron Brown	Michael Beaumont
Matt Riordan	Allyson Wren	Robert Clark	Jacob Hueller
Barbara Nelson	Theresa Smith	Samantha Houston	

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## Life Members:

Ken Rowling	Kevin McFadden	Dan Kimball
Eric Fery	Don Dotter	

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## Left service in 2016:

Makenzie Hofmann	Josh Artman	Genevieve Higdon
Thomas Lemons	Brennan Baker	Regina Holley
Emily Wall	Doug Ahlberg	Marcy Crenshaw
Curtis Deetz	Christian Gomez	

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## Board of Directors:

Jay Myers	Ray Porter	Gene Coles
Mike Odenthal	Russ Strohmeyer	

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# CALLS FOR SERVICE



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