



# The SPANNER

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## From the Chief's Desk

~ Chief Jack Carriger

We have had an incredibly busy summer and I want to thank all of you that stepped up and answered the calls. Our community counts on us all to provide them protection and assistance in their time of need. We are very fortunate to have a great group of well-trained, dedicated individuals to accomplish this.

With the recent rains and what is predicted for the next few days I think we can finally see the end of fire season. Although fire season started out a little slow it made up for it in the end and has

certainly carried well into the fall. So, with that in mind, transition into fall and winter conditions could be quick; here are some things to start considering.

Remember that weather conditions are going to be changing; there was ice on the windshield this morning. It's getting darker earlier, rain reduces vision, and wet and icy roads means less traction and greater stopping distances. Reduced speeds are going to be the best practice to responding to the stations and to incidents.

If it's been a while, this would be a good

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## NEW CELL PHONE LAW & DISTRACTED DRIVING

~ Excerpts from Statesman Journal article 9/18/17

**Effective Oct. 1, 2017**, The new Oregon law makes it illegal to drive in Oregon while holding or using an electronic device (e.g. cell phone, tablet, GPS, laptop). Hands-free and built-in devices are allowed under the law.

There are some exceptions, for example, a few of them are: for those calling for medical or emergency help and no one with them is capable of helping, mobile communication devices for purpose of farming or ag operations, ambulance and emergency vehicles, and those acting in the scope of the person's employment as a public safety officer.

### 5 Facts You Should Know

1. It's not just teens—In fact, 25-45 year olds are the age group most likely to drive distracted
2. It's not limited to texting and calling—There are many forms of distracted driving—chowing down on a cheeseburger, putting on makeup, checking Instagram or turning around to talk to passengers while driving can have equally fatal consequences. You may not be cited for these acts, but you will be if they result in a law violation or crash.
3. It's been labeled an epidemic—ODOT statistics show that a distracted driver crash occurs every 2.5 hours
4. Law enforcement officers are good at spotting it
5. It has far-reaching effects—the accidents caused by distracted driving are preventable; thousands of families will forever be changed because of the loss of loved ones who were victims of a distracted driver.



# House Passes Bill to Develop Firefighter Cancer Registry

## DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

### OCTOBER

- Eric Fery—31 yrs.
- Sherry Bensema—24 yrs.
- Kelly Oliver—16 yrs.
- Matt Riordan—16 yrs.
- Barbara Nelson—16 yrs.
- Byron Smith—12 yrs.
- Monica Johnson—10 yrs.
- Nick Lulay—5 yrs.
- Maria Sammons—5 yrs.
- Sheila Woodsmall—5 yrs.

### NOVEMBER

- Jack Carriger—15 yrs.
- Kurt Hueller—14 yrs.
- Alison Lindsay—9 yrs.
- Tanya McFadden—8 yrs.
- Brandon Wallet—2 yrs.
- Jason Wren—1 yr.
- Danial Koellmann—1 yr.

### DECEMBER

- Doug Kintz—27 yrs.
- Scott Vigil—16 yrs.
- Kristin Griffith—9 yrs.
- Theresa Smith—7 yrs.
- Michael Beaumont—1 yr.

**Congratulations  
For 250  
Years  
of Service!**

The US House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill recently that would require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop a registry of firefighters who develop cancer in an effort to study the risks they face on the job.

The Firefighter Cancer Registry Act, introduced by Rep. Chris Collins, R-NY, would provide \$2 million in federal funds from 2018 to 2022 for the CDC to gather and study data, including the status of a firefighter who developed cancer (volunteer or career, for example), the number of years spent on the job and the number and types of incidents they responded to.

The study of this data could lead to improvements in equipment as well as changes in safety protocols and prevention techniques for firefighters, according to the bill, which still requires approval from the Senate before it can be signed into law by President Donald Trump.

"Sixteen years ago, on Sept. 11, 2001, we witnessed a horrible tragedy that will leave an impression on generations of Americans

forever," Rep. Collins said Tuesday from the House floor.

"Through this tragedy, we witnessed the heroic actions of America's brave first responders working and volunteering in the days and weeks to come. We lost many first responders during those attacks of 9/11 and we continue to lose more every year from ongoing health effects."

A 2015 study conducted by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health found that firefighters face a greater risk of developing cancers than the general population.

"We thank Congress for voting unanimously in favor of this essential legislation and urge the U.S. Senate to follow suit and get this bill to President Donald Trump's desk as soon as possible," IAFF General President Harold Schaitberger said in a statement.

"Today, most firefighters who die in the line of duty are not killed by smoke or fire, but rather by the hidden scourge of cancer."

*Source: Firehouse.com News  
Sep 13, 2017*

## Backyard/Open Burning Season Opens ~ Call 1-877-982-0011 for burn report (updated by 9 am daily)

Burn responsibly:

- Fires must be attended until the fire is completely burned out or extinguished
- Keep the space around the burn area clear (10 feet of non-combustible materials)
- Do not locate the fire under overhead lines, overhanging trees, near fences or structures
- Always have a hand tool and/or water at the burn area to control the fire



## Safety Spot

Fires,” urges everyone to get their home heating systems inspected and cleaned annually by a trained professional, preferably before the start of the season. This will ensure that your home heating system is working properly, and can significantly reduce your risk to associated fires.

If you have a chimney, make sure it’s also inspected and cleaned, if necessary, by a trained professional. Creosote - a sticky, oily, combustible substance created when wood does not burn completely - rises into the chimney as a liquid and deposits on the chimney walls, causing one-quarter of all home heating fires.

### Wood-/Pellet-/Coal-burning Stoves and Fireplaces

- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.
- Use artificial logs according to manufacturer’s recommendations.
- Use only newspaper and kindling wood to start a fire. Never use flammable liquids, such as lighter fluid, kerosene or gasoline to start a fire.

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time to look your turnouts over and even give them a washing as we transition out of wildland season and into chimney and structure season. Make sure you check the batteries in your flashlights and that you have both gloves and hoods. Be sure to wear reflective vests to increase your visi-

bility and never assume drivers see you—make yourself seen.

Going into winter, just remember to be aware of your surroundings and the conditions and make good, safe decisions based on situational awareness. Remember “Everyone Goes Home”.

NFPA and USFA’s joint winter fire safety campaign, “Put a Freeze on Winter

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### OCTOBER

2—Laura Houston  
12—Jason Wren  
15—Kelly Oliver  
19—Sherry Bensema

### NOVEMBER

8—Adam Bailey  
10—Sandy Johnson  
17—Aletha Shine

### DECEMBER

4—Dana Orr  
8—Daniel Koellmann  
11—Russ Strohmeyer  
28—Eric Peterson



Happy  
Birthday!

## TRAINING NOTES

~ AC/Training Officer, Jay Alley

**Mandatory reminder:** We will be sending out email reminders to those needing to complete mandatory classes prior to the end of the year. Several still need to complete the Blood borne Pathogens on line. Look for an email soon. This quarter’s mandatory is CPR/AED; we will be changing our class a little this year. Those whose cards expire this year will do the recert class, all others will do a scenario-based training for

CPR/AED refresher.

**Work party:** We will be having a work party on Saturday, October 21 starting at 8 AM and going till noon. Projects include framing in doors and walls, interior organization, window framing and covering, burning brush piles, and general cleanup of training facility.

**Future training:** We are working on a Pump Operator Course in January/February/March. We will be hosting an EMT course starting in January. We are working on an Apparatus with Aerial

course for early spring 2018. Recruit Academy classes start in January 2018. EMR classes start this fall 2017.

**Training Opportunities:** This time of year, there are more classes and opportunities for outside training. Watch your email as I will forward information when it comes available.

DPSST Winter Fire School registration is open and an email was sent out with the classes; they fill fast so fill out a training request form if interested.



**Upcoming Events...**

- October Fire Prevention Pub Ed presentations
- Oct 18-20 OFSOA 25th Anniversary Conference
- Oct 31 Public Safety Event  
Let Allyson Wren know if you can help
- Nov 11 Remember our Veterans
- Nov 23 Happy Thanksgiving!

Watch your email and regularly check the website calendar for activity and event notifications at [www.staytonfire.org](http://www.staytonfire.org)

**Public Safety Halloween Event**

Place: Stayton Fire Station  
1988 W. Ida Street  
Stayton OR

When: Halloween Night

Time: 5 pm to 8 pm



**You can drop off candy donations at Station 80**



1988 W. Ida St.  
Stayton, OR 97383

