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From the Chief's Desk

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jack Carriger*

At the recent Budget Committee meeting, the Committee approved the proposed 2018-2019 Operating Budget. On June 25th at the year-end Board meeting, the Board will adopt the Budget and funding for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

There are several projects and purchases identified in the budget for the coming year. The District will be hiring two 40-hour a week firefighters for the summer. Funds have been added to the Part-Time Help line item to hire the two positions to assist with seasonal projects and emergency response.

The positions require a minimum of FFI and EMR with possible preference to FFII, Engineer, and EMT-B. Applications are available now and are due June 8th in my office by close of the business day. Interviews will follow the week of June 11th and hopefully a start date of June 18th for at least one of the positions.

The positions will pay \$13.00 per hour and work basically 8-5 Monday through Friday, June – September. If you are interested or know anyone that may be, please have them contact me or stop in and pick up an

application at the Stayton station.

We will also be doing a lighting project to the Stayton station and shop in conjunction with the seismic upgrade. Although it is not part of the upgrade it will allow us to take advantage of seismic construction to reduce the overall cost of the lighting project for the District. This will save the tax payers more than \$10,000 in initial costs and thousands of dollars down the road in energy bills. In addition to the new lighting being LED and using significantly less energy, many will also be operated by motion detectors and turn on and off automatically. This will greatly reduce the chance of lights being left on to waste energy and money.

The budget also allocates funds to purchase programming for radios, firefighting equipment, PPE, apparatus lighting upgrade, front door security system at Stayton, a new online training program, an Interactive Board for the training room in Stayton, 12 new rescue harnesses, 3 new Stokes Patient Harnesses, and 16 new pony hose sections.

Thank you to all of you for being committed to the District's financial plan and for recognizing the most cost-effective ways to perform our day-to-day business. It has placed the District in a financially sound position for the future.

Stayton Fire District Volunteers Install 50 Smoke Alarms

Saturday, April 23rd, we installed 50 smoke alarms in 21 different homes in the mobile home park on Golf Club Road. The District Fire/Life Safety Team (FLST) was awarded the 50 alarms via a Smoke Alarm Install Project Grant from the Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Seven district volunteers, made up of firefighters, support members and rehab team members, and one staff member broke up into teams and canvassed the entire park.

The great weather made it a perfect day for the project

and we were able to increase not only the number of working smoke alarms but also the total number of alarms in several of the homes. OSFM and Stayton Fire District recommends that all homes have a working smoke alarm on every level, in every bedroom, and outside each sleeping area.

The District FLST would like to thank everyone that helped make the project possible, including our volunteers, the residents, and OSFM. Together we can make a difference!



Clutter - A Home Fire Hazard

Consequences of Having Too Much Clutter?

Too much clutter can be a fire and safety hazard!

Fire Hazards

Clutter can block doorways and windows, making leaving a home very difficult. Boxes, paper, clothing and other items are extremely flammable and will add fuel to a fire. A build up of flammable items near a stove, heating unit, clothes dryer or oven can cause a fire.



Clutter around the dryer can catch on fire and spread the fire to the rest of your home.

Safety Hazards

A cluttered house can limit mobility causing falls or causing items to fall onto people or sources of heat.



Firefighting and rescue efforts can be hampered by clutter. Clutter can restrict access into the home and block exits out of the home. Clutter can increase the fuel load and making it harder to put out the fire.

Clutter buildup can also damage electrical wires or invite pests that chew on wiring.

Continue to next page for tips on how to declutter and have a more fire-safe home.

DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

JUNE

George Crosiar—45 yrs.
Doug Smith—7 yrs.
Angel Cruz—4 yrs.

JULY

Gary Chrisman—37 yrs.
Sandy Johnson—33 yrs.
Ray Porter—29 yrs.
Jay Myers—19 yrs.
Rhonda Grant—18 yrs.
Lucy Hemenway—6 yrs.
James McDougall—5 yrs.
Russ Strohmeyer—3 yrs.

AUGUST

Laura Houston—24 yrs.
Allyson Wren—8 yrs.
Scott Cooper—5 yrs.
Aletha Shine—3 yrs.

Congratulations!

***246 Years
of Service!***

VOLUNTEERS

Do you ever think that what you do is no big deal, that anyone can do it? Well maybe some things anyone can do. But the difference is you DO it.

You take the time. You see when something needs to be done and you DO it. Some people think about it and never act on it. Some people don't even think about it.

We applaud what you do, but especially what's behind what you do, your heart of service, your care for others, all the thought processes and selflessness that comes before the action, and then the fact that you act on it. That means something.

You've discovered where true happiness comes from, in service to others.

Now the challenge is to take the next step...encourage others to do the same.



Seismic Upgrades Progress Report

As some of you may already know, Stayton Fire District applied for and was awarded a seismic rehabilitation grant through the State of Oregon. The grant provides funding for vital emergency service facilities for the purpose of upgrading to the current building code to withstand a seismic event and remain operational.

Stayton Fire District was awarded a grant for each of our four fire stations.

Andy Medcalf Construction is the General Contractor/Contract Manager.

The extent of work being done differs from station to station but progress is moving along very well. Some of the improvements include new concrete footings, reinforced shear walls and roofing, along with seismic anchors and tie straps.

The estimate completion of all four stations should be around mid-August to early September.

Remove Clutter to Create A Fire-Safe Home

Making your home more clutter-free and fire-safe can be done by doing a little work and maybe making a few positive changes. Here are some steps to get you on your way.

(But a couple things first: have working smoke alarms on every level of your home; replace them if older than 10 years; test and clean them regularly; Have a Fire Escape plan - make sure everyone in your home knows how to get out safely, knows where your meeting place is and to get out and stay out.)

1. Recycle regularly - don't let piles of newspapers, magazines, cardboard, etc. stack up
2. Relocate combustible items away from heat sources to a safer place - make sure there is a 3-foot clearance around all sources of heat
3. Have a "home" for everything - a safe place where items are stored to use when needed.
4. Check electrical cords - check all electrical cords and replace if damaged or altered; do not overload outlets or power strips; make sure cords are not covered with rugs, clothing, books, papers, etc.
5. If you're not using it, don't need it or love it, then sell it or give it away.
6. MAINTAIN- it's easier and safer to maintain than to let clutter get out of control and become hard to manage or overwhelming .



DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

JUNE

5—Dan Houston
10—Nick Lulay
11—Tunie Alley
14—Craig Griffith
15—Angel Cruz
17—James McDougall
22—Brennan Baker

JULY

5—Doug Hansen
5—Sean Weitman
10—Kaitlyn Woodsmall
19—Scott Cooper
19—Kristin Griffith
23—Mike Odenthal

AUGUST

5—Tanya McFadden
10—Damon Button
13—Trent Tegen
21—Scott Vigil
25—Steve Orr



Happy
Birthday!



Upcoming Events...

- June 11 Budget Hearing**
- June 17 Happy Father's Day!**
- June 25 Special Board Meeting**
- June 30 Annual Golf Tournament for Oregon Burn Center to be held at Santiam Golf Course**
- July 4 Business Office Closed**

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

Congratulations Corner

Congratulations
Jason and Allyson!
Everest June Wren
Born 3/24/2018
7 lbs. 15 oz.
19 inches



Will Comerford is promoted to rank of Engineer. He is rated on E80, B80 (all B.R.A.T.S.), R80 and R81. Will is also in the aerial operator class the district is currently hosting. Congratulations Will for your hard work and dedication to the district.



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Be safe, wear sunscreen and stay hydrated!