



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jack Carriger*

OK this will be short and sweet, the Seismic Projects are DONE!!

This has been a great thing for the District to have accomplished. Our buildings are now in great repair and safer than they have ever been. Thanks again to everyone for their patience and understanding as we worked through the construction. Thanks again to Doug Kintz for all his hard work on these projects. This is my final report on the Seismic Grant.

Winter is coming, if not here, make sure your structural gear is clean and in good repair for the winter so it can offer you its maximum protection in all situations. Make sure your wildland gear is clean and in good repair before putting away for next fire season. If you need any repairs or replacements for either, now is the time to talk to your Officers about making that happen.

Remember, with the onset of winter, a lot of things change; weather conditions become a high safety priority; road surfaces become much more unstable and can change from corner to corner so make sure you are adjusting your response speed accordingly; in both your personal vehicles coming and going from the station as well as in District apparatus. Also, remember visibility changes drastically. With the return to standard time it will be getting dark earlier in the day, couple that with rain, fog, snow and unstable road conditions and you can have a recipe for disaster if you're not driving defensively. Let's make sure we are concentrating on **SAFETY** and **EVERYONE GOES HOME**.

We are also going into a busy time of year for events. These are important events to our District and our community so please plan ahead so we have many hands to make the work light for everyone.

Lastly, I would like to say a big Thank You to the Fire Life Safety Team and those that assisted them for their great work during Fire Prevention Month and all the school presentations. Educating our children and their families is one of the most important things we can do for our community. Great Job!



Kevin Bakke and Kelly Oliver had the opportunity recently to attend the Nation Fire Academy. They were attending the Management Strategies for Success but their class was cut short due to Hurricane Florence. The Academy shut down on Wednesday that week to get everyone out of the storm's path. Students will be given another opportunity to take the class at a future date. The National Fire Academy (NFA) offers a variety of

classes which are delivered online, at the campus in Emmitsburg, Maryland, and off-campus throughout the nation in cooperation with state and local fire training organizations.

The free courses target middle- and top-level fire officers, fire service instructors, technical professionals, and representatives from allied professions. Any person with substantial involvement in fire prevention and control, emergency medical services, or fire-related emergency management activities may apply for NFA courses.

<https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/nfacourses/>



DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

NOV

Jack Carriger —16 yrs.
 Kurt Hueller—15 yrs.
 Alison Lindsay—10 yrs.
 Tanya McFadden—9 yrs.
 Jason Wren—2 yrs.
 Daniel Koellmann—2 yrs.
 Kyle Jones—1 yr.

DEC

Doug Kintz —28 yrs.
 Scott Vigil—17 yrs.
 Kristin Griffith—10 yrs.
 Michael Beaumont—2 yrs.

JAN

Dan Houston—32 yrs.
 Jeff Deetz—19 yrs.
 Brennan Baker—11 yrs.
 Gene Dershowitz—9 yrs.
 Nastasja Johnson—6 yrs.
 Damon Button—3 yrs.

Congratulations!
192 Years
of Service!

Stayton Fire District encourages residents to “Look. Listen. Learn.” What does that mean?

Today’s home fires burn faster than ever. In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Knowing how to use that time wisely takes planning and practice.

Stayton Fire District is teaming up with the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to promote this year’s campaign, “Look. Listen. Learn. Be aware. Fire can happen anywhere.” which works to educate the public about basic but essential ways to quickly and safely escape a home fire.

NFPA statistics show that the number of U.S. home fires has been steadily declining over the past few decades. However, the death rate per 1000 home fires that are reported to fire departments was 10 percent higher in 2016 than in 1980.

“These numbers show that while we’ve made significant progress in teaching people how to prevent fires from happening, there’s still much more work to do in terms of educating the public about how to protect themselves in the event of one,” said Lorraine Carli, NFPA’s vice president of Outreach and Advocacy. “This is particularly critical given the increased speed at which today’s home fires grow and spread.”

Although people feel safest in their home, it is also the place people are at greatest risk to fire, with four out of five U.S. fire deaths occurring at home. That over-confidence contributes to a complacency toward home escape planning and practice.

We know that people often make choices in fire situations that jeopardize their safety or even cost them their lives. We need to do a better job of teaching people about the potentially life-saving difference escape planning and practice can make and motivating them to action.

This year’s “Look. Listen. Learn.” campaign highlights three steps people can take to help quickly and safely escape a fire:

- Look** for places fire could start.
- Listen** for the sound of the smoke alarm.
- Learn** 2 ways out of every room.

While NFPA and Stayton Fire District are focusing on home fires, these fire safety messages apply to virtually anywhere.

Situational awareness is a skill people need to use wherever they go. No matter where you are, look for available exits. If the alarm system sounds, take it seriously and exit the building immediately.

For more information about fire prevention and home escape planning, visit www.firepreventionweek.org.





Agriculture & Backyard Burning Defined

Important: It does not matter if you live in or out of the city limits, it's **WHAT** you are burning that determines if it's Ag burning or Backyard burning

Agriculture Burning: Agricultural waste is material generated by an agricultural operation that uses land *primarily* for the purpose of obtaining a profit by raising, harvesting, and selling crops or raising and selling animals.

Backyard Burning: Backyard burning is burning yard debris in burn barrels or piles. Yard debris includes branches, needles or leaf materials from trees, shrubs or plants.

Stayton Fire District BURN SEASONS

BURN SEASONS: March 1 to June 15 AND Oct. 15 to Dec. 15

During this time, backyard burning and Ag burning are allowed on burn days. Always call the burn information line before burning to see if burning is allowed on any given day.

FIRE SEASON: June 16 through Oct. 14

Backyard burning is prohibited. Ag burning allowed on burn days with a permit issued by fire district.

WINTER SEASON: Dec.16 through Feb. 28

No backyard burning. Ag burning allowed on burn days—no permit needed.

The following are a few of the requirements that apply to any burning, when allowed:

- You are responsible for any fire, smoke or odors created from open burning and for any damage that results from your fire.
- A responsible person must constantly attend any open burning.
- This person must be capable of and have the equipment to extinguish the fire.
- This person must also completely extinguish a fire before leaving it.
- The fire cannot create a nuisance or a hazard to public safety.

DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

Nov

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

DEC

4—Dana Orr
8—Daniel Koellman
11—Russ Strohmeyer
12—Antonio Johnson
19—Kyle Jones
28—Eric Peterson

JAN

5 -Jeff Harris
13—Jeff Deetz
24—Byron Smith



Happy
Birthday!

Call this toll-free
number any day of the
week, before you burn,
to find out the
daily burn report

1-877-982-0011

For more information on Oregon Outdoor Burning, go to
<https://www.oregon.gov/deq/aq/Pages/Burning.aspx>



Upcoming Events...

- Nov 12** Business office will be closed in Honor of Veteran's Day
 - Nov 22** Business office closed.
Wishing You a very Happy Thanksgiving!
 - Nov 23** Business office closed
 - Nov/Dec** Watch your emails and online calendar for TFJ work parties
 - Dec 1** Santa Cruise In Breakfast
 - Dec 6** Family Christmas Potluck
 - Dec 15** Toys for Joy give away
- Watch your email or check the website calendar for activity and event notifications
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The kitchen is the heart of the home, especially at Thanksgiving. Kids love to be involved in holiday preparations. Safety in the kitchen is important, especially on Thanksgiving Day when there is a lot of activity and people at home.

- ✿ Stay in the kitchen when you are cooking on the stovetop so you can keep an eye on the food.
- ✿ Stay in the home when cooking your turkey and check on it frequently.
- ✿ Keep children away from the stove. The stove will be hot and kids should stay 3 feet away.
- ✿ Make sure kids stay away from hot food and liquids. The steam or splash from vegetables, gravy or coffee could cause serious burns.
- ✿ Keep the floor clear so you don't trip over kids, toys, pocketbooks or bags.
- ✿ Keep knives out of the reach of children.
- ✿ Be sure electric cords from an electric knife, coffee maker, plate warmer or mixer are not dangling off the counter within easy reach of a child.
- ✿ Keep matches and utility lighters out of the reach of children — up high in a locked cabinet.
- ✿ Never leave children alone in room with a lit candle.
- ✿ Make sure your smoke alarms are working. Test them by pushing the test button.



To You and Yours!



- See if you can find: binoculars flip-flop sock sand shovel fire hydrant
 sailboat pizza slice hammer comb book ice cream cone leaf eyeglasses
 baseball banana butterfly lightbulb bell fried egg beach ball baseball bat
 pencil tape measure 3 smoke alarms.

Kitchen Safety Hidden Pics



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Sparky says...
"Stay safe in the kitchen!"

- *Stay at least 3 feet from the stove
- *A grown-up should decide when you are old enough to use a microwave oven
- *Stay away from things that get hot
- *Remind grown-ups to keep things that can burn away from the stovetop

CHECK OUT SPARKY.ORG FOR MORE FUN!