



# The SPANNER

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## From the Chief's Desk

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jack Carriger*

A lot of congratulations are in order.

First I would like to congratulate Captains (Retired) George Crosiar and Dan Houston for their long and distinguished careers. The District and community were made safer by the dedication, commitment and sacrifice they and their families made for 45 and 33 years respectively. This type of devotion is becoming less and less common in the volunteer fire service nationwide. We have been truly blessed to have both of these individuals serving this community for so many years. Thank you gentleman for your outstanding service and thank you to your families for the sacrifices they made over the years to support you in your service to our community.

Second I would like to congratulate Lt. Craig Griffith on his promotion to Captain of St. 80 (Stayton Station). In Capt. Houston's retirement Craig was appointed by the District as Capt. Houston's replacement. Craig has been with the District since 2006, is assigned out of St.80 but also responds out of the Mehama station during the day from his place of work. A big Thank You to Freres Lumber for supporting Craig and Stayton Fire District in this incredibly important manner. I would also



George Crosiar

like to congratulate FF Trent Tegen on his promotion to Lt. at St.80, filling the position made vacant by Capt. Griffith's promotion. Trent has been with the District since 2012 and has a rich tradition and history with Stayton District. Trent brings a wide variety of experience to the District through his full-time employment as a wildland FF for ODF. Congratulations again to both Craig and Trent. We look forward to your leadership and guidance in the years to come.

Third, it is with great appreciation that I congratulate our newest sworn members of Stayton Fire District, our Rehab and EMS Only members. Although they have been an important part of the District for a while now, they had not been sworn members. In a decision made by the District as part of its ongoing effort to maintain and improve unity and comradery, the District decided to make these positions sworn positions due to the training and certifications required to participate at this level. New badges have been ordered for them and there will be a pinning ceremony when they arrive. Congratulations to all of you and Thank You for all that you do!

The District is honored, grateful and deeply appreciative of all of its career volunteers and paid staff that give such a high level of commitment to the District and the communities we serve. Without these dedicated individuals, the safety and quality of life we enjoy on a day-to-day basis would not exist as we know it.



Dan Houston

Thank you all for your incredible service.



**DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES**

**JULY**

- Sandy Johnson—34 yrs.
- Ray Porter—30 yrs.
- Jay Myers—20 yrs.
- Rhonda Grant—19 yrs.
- Lucy Hemenway—7 yrs.
- James McDougall—6 yrs.
- Russ Strohmeyer—4 yrs.
- Antonio Johnson—1 yr.
- Craig Randall—1 yr.

**AUGUST**

- Laura Houston—25 yrs.
- Allyson Wren—9 yrs.
- Scott Cooper—6 yrs.
- Aletha Shine—4 yrs.

**SEPTEMBER**

- Kevin Bakke—13 yrs.
- Greg Beitel—7 yrs.
- Sean Weitman—7 yrs.
- Dana Orr—3 yrs.
- Ashley Griffith—2 yrs.
- Daniel Britton—2 yrs.
- Josh Starbuck—2 yrs.

***Congratulations for 202 Years of Service!***

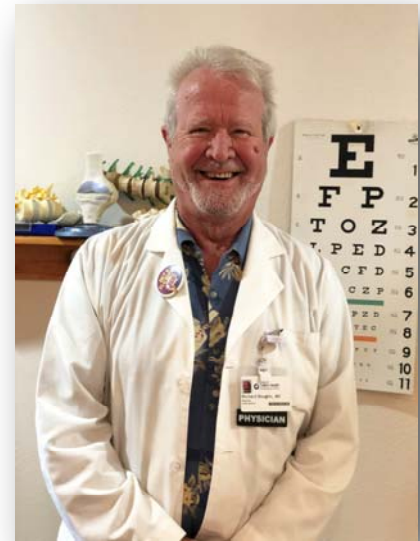
**Thank You Dr. Richard Boughn**

Sometimes it’s important to . . . no it’s always important to give thanks and appreciation to those that quietly give great support with no expectations; we just don’t do it often enough. Not because we don’t appreciate it, or don’t care, it’s because we just get wrapped up in our day-to-day busy schedules and lose track of it. So I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dr. Boughn and his amazing staff for all they do to assure Stayton Fire District has healthy firefighters to serve our communities.

Dr. Boughn has been providing free firefighter physicals to Stayton Fire District for more than two decades. His service has helped insure the health and wellness of our firefighters and their ability to perform their jobs safely. This is a critical element of the functionality of Stayton Fire District. Without healthy firefighters we would not be able to provide the emergency services to our community and those thousands of visitors that pass through it. His generosity

in providing his services has also saved the District (tax payers) thousands and thousands of dollars over the years, allowing those savings to be used in other areas of need for the District.

Thank you Dr. Boughn, for all that you and your staff have done over the years for Stayton Fire District and all those we serve. Without your commitment and generosity, Stayton Fire District would not be able to accomplish our day-to-day operations in a safe, healthy manner. We deeply appreciate all you do for us!



**BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY**

*(Parents, practice route to school with your child)*

**BIKE RIDERS:**

- Ride on the right side of the road, with traffic, and in single file
- Come to a complete stop before crossing the street; walk bikes across the street
- Stay alert and avoid distracted riding
- Make sure to wear properly fitted helmet and bright clothing

**WALKERS:**

- Walk on the sidewalks if one is available; when on the street where no sidewalk is available, walk facing the oncoming traffic
- Before you cross the street, stop and look left, right and left again to see if cars are coming
- Make eye contact with drivers before crossing so you know they see you and always cross streets at crosswalks or intersections
- Stay alert and avoid distracted walking (i.e. looking at cell phone)





On July 18, 2019, Oregon Life Safety Team (OLST) members, took a moment to wish Smokey Bear a Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday with a group photo. Did you know that on August 9, 2019, Smokey Bear turned 75? You can join in the celebration by following him on social media or visiting [www.smokeybear75th.org](http://www.smokeybear75th.org).

While Smokey's original slogan was "Only You Can Prevent Forest Fires" it was updated to include "Wildfires" in 2001 in response to a massive outbreak in wildfires, a term which applies to any uncontrolled outdoor fire.

How can you help prevent wildfires?

- Please keep wildfire prevention in mind when visiting your public lands.
- Never park in tall, dry grass.
- Check for fire restrictions.
- If campfires are allowed, keep them small, never leave them unattended and put them out completely before leaving. Remember, if it's too hot to touch, then it's too hot to leave.

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### JULY

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

### AUGUST

- 1—Ashley Griffith
- 5—Tanya McFadden
- 13—Trent Tegen
- 19—Ron Mitchell
- 21—Scott Vigil
- 25—Steve Orr

### SEPTEMBER

- 2—Jack Carriger
- 8—Eric Fery
- 8—Tim Godfrey
- 22—Matt Riordan
- 28—Byron Brown

*Happy Birthday!*



The Santiam Fire Academy received a grant from NFPA and the Oregon Home Fire Sprinkler Coalition to purchase the materials to build a side-by-side burn demonstration prop. Division Chief Amber Cross

from Turner Fire District was instrumental in coordinating and securing the grant.

A work party of FF Academy students and members from local fire departments, led by FF Doug Smith, DC Amber Cross and AC Jay Alley, successfully built the props in an evening. The prop demonstrates how home sprinklers can save lives and property by showing one room with a sprinkler and the other without. The prop is

portable and available for all agencies to use for public demonstrations. The prop was used for the first time during the Academy to demonstrate fire sprinklers as part of the Fire Protection System class.



*Upcoming Events...*

- Aug 28 EMR Class orientation**
- Sept 2 Labor Day, Business Office closed**
- Sept 3 Back to School, Watch Out for pedestrians, kids on bikes, crosswalks, buses and school zones**
- Sept 11 Patriot Day, Never Forget**
- Sept 14 Family Bingo Fun Night at Odd Fellows Lodge (Vol fundraiser)**
- Oct 16 Boss' Day**

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

## District Board Members

Board members Russ Strohmeier and Mike Odenthal were re-elected to the Board of Directors for Stayton Fire District at the election in May.

The current Board positions for 2019-20 are:

- President: Eric Fery (30 yrs. as a FF, 2 yrs. on the board)
- Vice Pres: Jay Myers (23 yrs. as a FF, 20 yrs. on the board)
- Secretary: Ray Porter (15 yrs. as a FF, 40 yrs. on fire boards)
- Director: Mike Odenthal (20 yrs. on the board)
- Director: Russ Strohmeier (11 yrs. on the Budget committee and 4 yrs. on the board)

Many of our Directors have served on school and hospital boards and other civic groups. Our district is very fortunate to have the leadership of such knowledgeable, dedicated members of our community. Thank you for your service.



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