

2020



Stayton Fire District  
Annual Report



## ~ Fire Chief's Report

2020 was certainly a year for the record books. Between COVID and the Beachie Creek/Santiam Canyon fires, the district and communities have lived through what one would hope to be once-in-a-lifetime events.

Although very different types of events, they both have one thing in common, significant impact on all our lives, emotionally, psychologically, and financially. We as a district, and as individuals, have experienced the full spectrum of all of these challenges. Obviously, some have experienced more direct loss than others, others more emotional, and yet others more financial.

Yet the interesting thing I have noticed is, no matter how we have experienced these events, we have still done a great job of being there for each other. We have seen incredible acts of kindness, compassion, sharing and support for each other and our community. It seems everyone has given something to someone, has shared themselves with others, and been there for each other. I believe that is something, we as a group, can come out of 2020 feeling very good about. Thank you everyone for being here!

I would like to congratulate the 2020 award winners for the honor bestowed on them by their peers. As I mentioned at the awards presentation, I think receiving an award from your peers is the highest form of respect one can receive. Thank you for all you do and for

being a part of Stayton Fire District. Congratulations again, job well done.

Although 2021 didn't seem to start much different than 2020 finished I think there is a light at the end of the tunnel and we can hopefully look forward to a more "normal year" in 2021.

~ Jack Carriger, Fire Chief





# ~Beachie Creek Wildfire



**Amazing Community Donations and Support**



**Eerie red skies at mid day**



**Devastating loss of life, property and environment**



# ~ Asst. Chief/Training Officer Report

Training in 2020 was not as we envisioned it would be. We were faced with many challenges - the COVID pandemic and a wildfire event in our district like never seen in the western half of Oregon. The tragic loss of life, structures and environment in our district will leave a lasting effect on the citizens, responders and communities we serve.

Providing training during a pandemic that restricted us in so many ways was unusual; from the numbers of participants in a training session, how we respond to emergencies, to the cleaning and disinfecting of facilities and equipment - all of it has created new opportunities for us to grow as a district.

Our mission was to continue to provide training to our members in new and creative ways. The use of webinars, online training and ZOOM became a common means to learn. We adapted, changed and overcame some challenges.

As we look to 2021, we will strive to bring our training program back to the norm by getting together and being a team.

Our training program includes fire (structural and wildland), EMS, rescue and

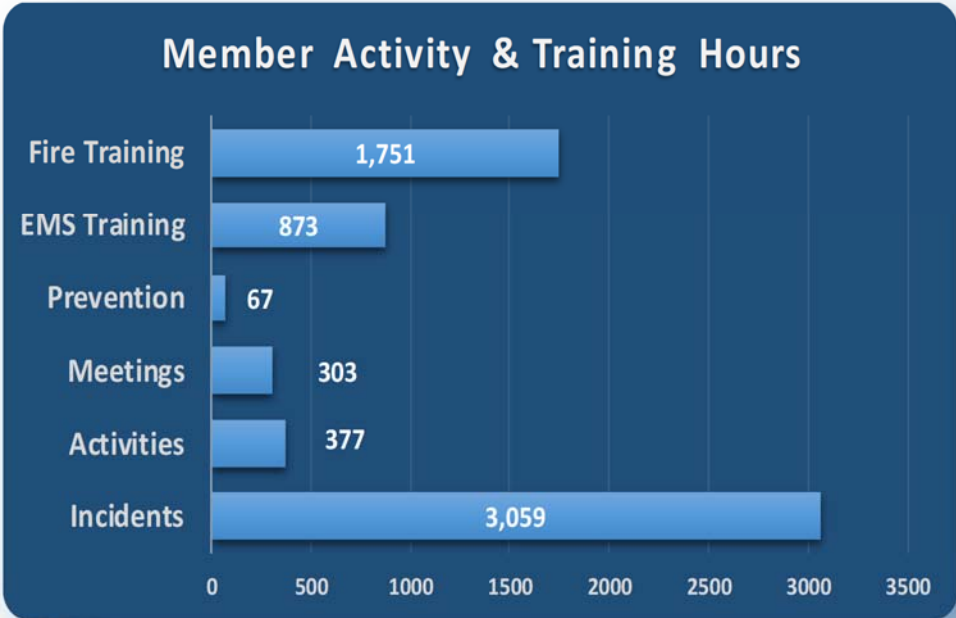
specialized training classes.

As a district that responds to a variety of incidents in a large area, the dedication and commitment of our members to prepare for emergency and non-emergency response is outstanding.

The continued improvements to our training facility have increased its use. We added more containers to the second story to be used for additional search and rescue space, built a vertical ventilation prop to be used to practice cutting holes in a roof, and improved our burn room and procedure to provide more realistic training.

Thank you to our volunteers for all your hard work and commitment to training.

~ Jay Alley, Assistant Chief/Training Officer



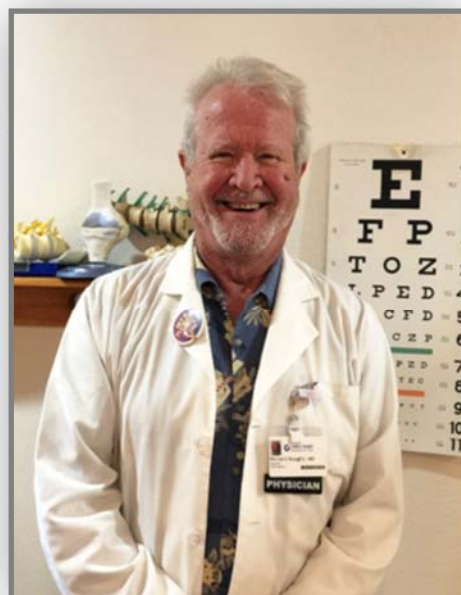


## Thank You Dr. Boughn for Your Service & Support!

The Fire Service and our community have benefited over the years from Dr. Boughn's generosity and expertise. Dr. Boughn has been providing free firefighter physicals to Stayton Fire District for more than two decades!

His service has helped ensure 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 emergency services to our community and the thousands of visitors that pass through it.

His generosity in providing his services has also saved the District (taxpayers) 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!*



## ~ Recruitment Report

Our recruitment efforts in 2020 were met with great success despite all of the barriers we encountered. This past year we had social events canceled, public contact restricted, and a natural disaster that affected our community. On top of this, I was just learning how to be an effective recruiter. But we persevered through these challenges.

As a district, we welcomed nine new firefighter recruits and an EMS responder. Four of our recruits moved to the district with previous firefighting experience, which allowed them to respond immediately after completing their competencies. I was also able to welcome five recruits to Sublimity's roster as well. While we had growth in the ranks, we also had some attrition. We had four members retire in 2020.

With limited community interaction due to COVID-19, we maintained strong social media presence that paid off and drew several community members' interest, which accounted for 10% of our online interest cards. The District's Facebook page grew 19% this last year and has grown 77% since 2015 from 1800 likes to 3187 likes.

We also used our mobile reader board this year to help draw interest from the community.

The reader board was at our station in Elkhorn during the fires and was damaged by the fire. On a positive note, it was still running when we picked it up. We were able to get all of the damages repaired and the reader board is back out on rotation to our stations.

Our district's recruiting message app also appeared in several local and statewide news headlines with a recruiting message.

In 2021, I will be working on updating our recruitment video to include Sublimity Fire District. I will also be working on getting a recruiting message to display on the Hwy 22 billboards east of Salem. These recruiting efforts will help get our message out and hopefully draw more interest from community members.

~ Marcus Andrews, Stayton/Sublimity Recruiter

2020 New Members		
Ryan Diehl	FF	Stayton
Brad Dees	FF	Stayton
Nicholas Pomme'	FF	Stayton
Chris Enquist	EMS	Mehama
Alex Ponot	FF	Stayton
Matt Shine	FF	Mehama
Braedon Davidson	FF	Stayton
Rachael Potter	FF	Marion
Timothy Trahan	FF	Marion
Christopher Nichols	FF	Stayton

# ~ Apparatus Maintenance Report

The major events of 2020 certainly brought many challenges, yes, even for the maintenance officer for Stayton Fire District.

In addition to the 20 apparatus, there are over 50 pieces of small equipment, 5 trailers, and many other misc. vehicles that receive regular inspections, need unexpected repairs and preventative maintenance.

Quarterly inspections as well as the annual inspections are performed on the mobile reader board trailer, the four station's backup generators, the Dispatch Center's backup generator, the mobile breathing air trailer, and the district's ladder truck.

All of the district's apparatus and equipment receive annual inspections. The district's ladders are tested for strength and safety, and all the district's fire pumps are tested to ensure reliability and performance. It's of utmost importance that proper maintenance and periodic inspections are conducted to ensure the reliability of our equipment.

We also assist Gates Fire District with annual apparatus inspections and pump testing and work closely with Aumsville Fire and Sublimity Fire on pump testing as well.

With the Beachie Creek fire came the need for a lot of help fighting fire and also miscel-

laneous equipment repairs. Several mirrors needed replacing, an engine oil pan and even a running board were among the list.

2020 included renewed certification in EVT F6 Allison Transmission maintenance and Pierce fire apparatus maintenance. The classes leading up to these certificates help provide confidence from education mixed with "hands on training".

We continue with upgrading some of the district's headlights and scene lighting.

The district's mission is "To provide outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property". It is exciting to be a part of that mission by assuring reliable and dependable apparatus and equipment are ready when emergencies arise.

~ Sean Weitman, FF/EMT/Mechanic





# ~ Information Management Report

The District Information Management Specialist manages the District’s computer systems and IT contracted work, record management systems, member records, apparatus tablets, the District website and assists staff members as needed in maintaining their respective areas.

This year’s highlights included:

- The testing and adoption of web conferencing Software to facilitate remote meetings and social distancing.
- A significant update to our solar sign satellite system and subsequent repair after the Beachie Creek Fire damaged the new connection and antenna.
- Adding online appointment scheduling for the Toys for Joy program and creating a new web page for the Fire Prevention program.
- Deploying new password management software for staff to utilize and improve security.
- Purchasing a new staff computer and four iPads for apparatus.
- Extending our network to our storage building and training facility for the security camera project.
- Starting the long process of reviewing new records management software options as we work

towards changing to more recent and user friendly software before our current software becomes obsolete.

The Beachie Creek fire destroyed our satellite connection and burned the underground fiber connections to the Elkhorn community and our Elkhorn Fire Station. IMS worked with Ziplly Fiber to restore service to that station. The company was kind enough to add public Wi-Fi access at the Elkhorn fire station for the community members and workers to use until they can fully restore service to the area.

~ Laura Houston, FF/EMT/IMS

# ~ Prevention & Pub Ed

Volunteers and Staff visited homes to test and install smoke alarms for those that needed assistance and provided workplace fire extinguisher training.

Resource links were created for our local schools to utilize for Fire Prevention in place of classroom visits.

Public Training & Events	Events/ Visits	Adults Reached	Children Reached	Alarms Installed
Fire Truck Visits	2	2	39	
Pub Ed – Elementary Level	3		47	
Pub Ed –Middle School/CPR	1		230	
Smoke/CO Alarm Checks	12			13
Fire Extinguisher Training	2	16		
Totals	20	18	316	13





## ~ Facility Report

2020 was an interesting year to say the least. As a result of the Beachie Creek Fire, we lost the pump house that houses the fire pump and community well house at Elkhorn but were fortunate that the station survived. We also sustained some damage to the mobile reader board that was staged there during the fire. We are currently sorting through options rebuilding the pump house and restoring water to the station. We purchased a new mobile fire pump to replace the fire pump that burned.

We had to rearrange some of the offices at the main station to make them compliant with OSHA regulations regarding COVID-19 and social distancing.

Annual SCBA certification bench testing was completed on all District SCBA packs and masks as well as breathing air compressor service and quarterly breathing air quality tests.

Several other projects that were completed around the District included:

- Security camera system install at St.80
- Dry rot repair and remodel of the weight room at St. 80
- Plumbing repair and office remodel of the maintenance shop office
- Paving in front of storage building
- Repaint the downstairs men's restroom at St. 80
- Installation of new sink and dishwasher

upstairs at St. 80

- Plumbing repair and new toilet install in the women's restroom at St. 82
- Upgrade apron lights to LED at St. 83
- Completion of vertical ventilation prop at the Training Facility
- Paving at the Training Facility
- Security camera system install at the Training Facility
- Repainting of the Training Facility gate
- Installation of welding outlet in the storage building at the Training Facility
- Installation of stairs to the second floor and a new door between the tower and search room on the second floor at the Training Facility

~ Doug Kintz, FF/EMT/Facility Maint. Officer



# ~ 2020 District Awards

We are proud to announce the 2020 recipients of the Stayton Fire District Awards;

Firefighter of the Year—Daniel Koellmann

Officer of the Year—Matt Riordan

EMS Person of the Year—Scott Cooper (not pictured)

Volunteer Service with Pride award—Steve Orr

Support Person of the Year—Jeff Harris SR

*Thank you to all of our Volunteers for remaining strong through a tough year.*

*Tough Times don't last, Tough Teams do!*



**Daniel Koellmann**



**Matt Riordan**



**Steve Orr**



**Jeff Harris SR**

## YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS

**35** years of service - Jay Alley

**30** years of service - Doug Kintz

**20** years of service - Jeff Deetz, Michael Odenthal, Rhonda Grant

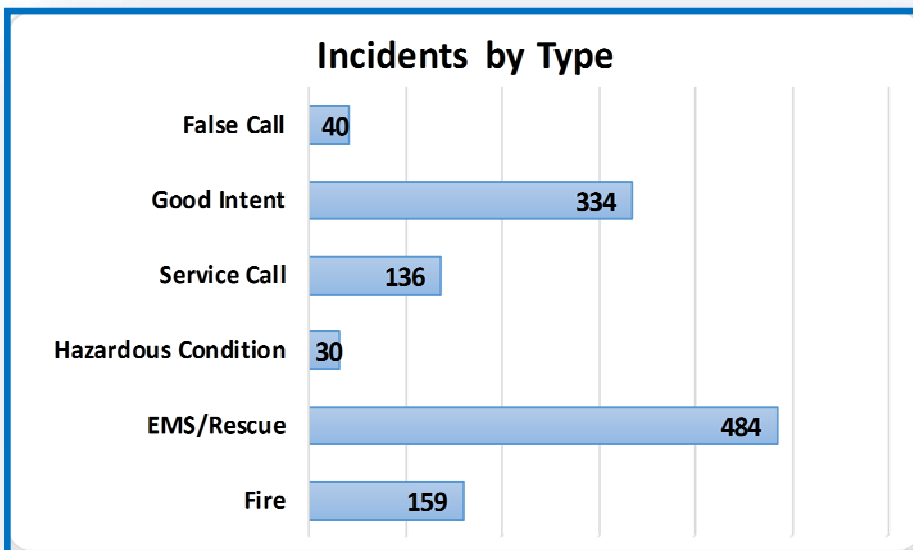
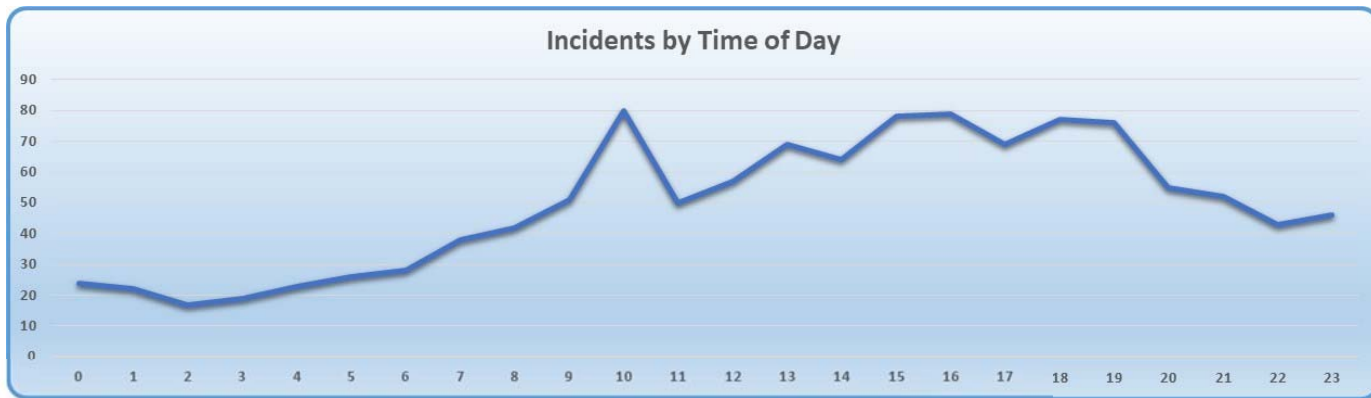
**10** years of service - Allyson Wren, Gene Dershewitz,

**7** years of service - James McDougall, Nastasja Johnson, Scott Cooper

**5** years of service - Aletha Shine, Russ Strohmeyer



# ~ District Stats



**Fire Service Area** 107 sq. miles

**Stations**

- Stayton St. 80
- Mehama St. 82
- Marion St. 83
- Elkhorn St. 85

**Personnel:**

- Career 7
- Volunteer FF 42
- Volunteer Support 15

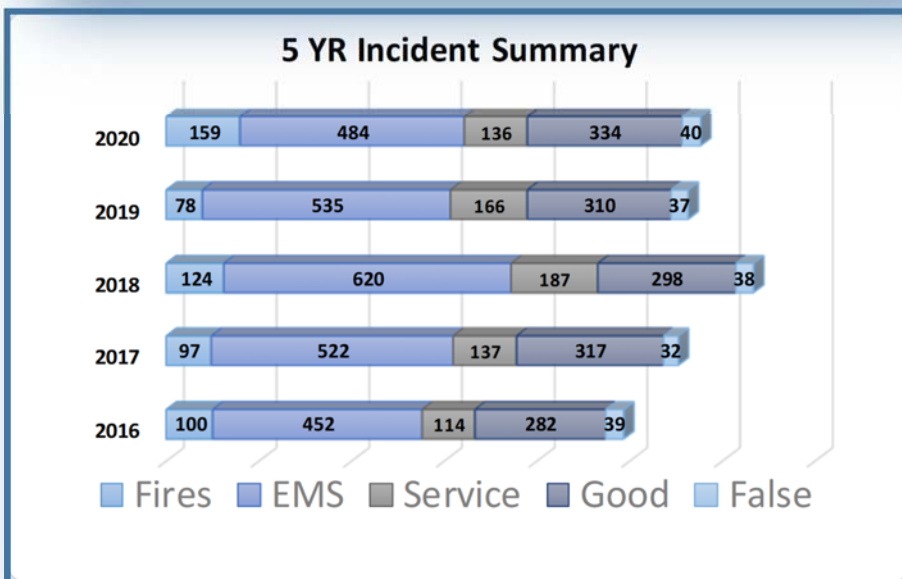
**2020-2021 Assessed Value**

- Marion County \$960,977,580
- Linn County \$120,111,623
- Total Value \$1,081,089,203

**Permanent Tax Rate** \$1.3133

**2020-2021 Operating Budget**

- Personnel Services \$1,013,604
- Materials & Services \$705,774
- Capital Outlay \$51,149
- Transfers \$184,000
- Contingency \$30,000
- Unappropriated \$300,000
- Total Budget 2,284,527





## Volunteers

Alley, Taunie  
Bailey, Adam  
Bakke, Kevin  
Beaumont, Mike  
Beitel, Greg  
Bensema, Sherry  
Cooper, Scott  
Deetz, Jeff  
Dershewitz, Gene  
Foster, Anjuli  
Griffith, Ashley  
Griffith, Craig  
Griffith, Kristin  
Hansen, Doug  
Harris Sr, Jeff  
Hemenway, Lucy  
Houston, Dan  
Hueller, Kurt  
Johnson, Antonio  
Johnson, Nastasja  
Johnson, Sandy  
Kent, Kathleen  
Koellmann, Daniel  
Lindemann, Josh  
Lulay, Nick  
McDougall, James  
McFadden, Tanya  
Mitchell, Ashley  
Nelson, Barbara  
Oliver, Kelly

Orr, Dana  
Orr, Scott  
Orr, Steve  
Peterson, Eric  
Randall, Craig  
Riordan, Matt  
Sammons, Maria  
Shine, Aletha  
Smith, Byron  
Smith, Doug  
Stacey, Monica  
Starbuck, Josh  
Tegen, Trent  
Vigil, Scott  
Woodsmall, Kaitlyn  
Wren, Allyson  
Wren, Jason

## New in 2020

Davidson, Braedon  
Dees, Bradford  
Diehl, Ryan  
Enquist, Christopher  
Hazelton, Troy  
Nichols, Christopher  
Pomme, Nick  
Ponot, Alexandre  
Potter, Rachel  
Shine, Matt  
Trahan, Tim

## Left service in 2020

Brown, Byron

Costello, Emma  
Hazelton, Troy  
Smith, Byron  
Woodsmall, Sheila

## Career Staff:

Carriger, Jack  
Alley, Jay  
Andrews, Marcus  
Grant, Rhonda  
Houston, Laura  
Kintz, Doug  
Weitman, Sean

## Board of Directors:

Fery, Eric  
Myers, Jay  
Odenthal, Mike  
Porter, Ray  
Strohmeyer, Russ

## Life Members

Coles, Gene  
Chrisman, Gary  
Crosiar, George  
Dotter, Don  
Fery, Eric  
Gulstrom, Troy  
Kimball, Dan  
McFadden, Kevin  
Rowling, Ken  
Sisto, Ruben