



# The SPANNER

A Bi-Monthly Publication for the Friends and Firefighters of the Stayton Fire District

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## From the Chief's Desk

~ Chief Jack Carriger

Well the last two months have been quite a ride, both locally and state wide, and I'm not sure it's over yet. Having responded to 134 calls in July, 118 calls in August, and 5 out of 6 state declared conflagrations, we have set several new response records for the District.

I know this has put a significantly increased workload on all of you and I want to thank all of you that have stepped up to the plate and responded when the tones went off. I know that many of these have not been fires in our District but you have done a great job of responding to them and providing assistance to our neighbors. On behalf of the Board and myself, thank you again, for your outstanding work.

With the rain this weekend we may have a slight reprieve for a few days but we are not out of fire season yet and if we don't continue to get rain in the next few weeks we will be right back to extreme conditions very quickly. With that said,

make sure you continue to be prepared by staying hydrated and having your PPE ready to respond.

Barring any of the interruptions we have experienced during the last few of weeks, we should be able to finish the details and final reviews of our apparatus specifications and place the orders this week.

The Board passed all the needed resolutions and gave us the go ahead at the last Board meeting to purchase all the vehicles. We will be purchasing the engine from Pierce through the Houston-Galveston Area Council Agreement (similar to WISCA) which is a preapproved government purchasing agreement.

The command vehicle and grass engine will be purchased through Power Auto Group who holds the purchasing contract for the state of Oregon. The other bond projects continue to move forward with the purchase of the TICs to be completed soon. Several other grants and timing issues with those grants will drive purchases and completion of our other projects over the next several months.



## Recycling

The District recycles paper, tin, cardboard, water bottles, pop cans, etc.

At Station 80, there are two large barrels outside bay 7 for mixed recycling items (paper, tin, plastic). Cardboard goes in the red container on east side of parking lot. Several trash cans around the stations are labeled

for cans and water bottles. Volunteers turn these in to help purchase smoke alarms and supplies for the Fire Relief Barrels. They would appreciate it if you separate your garbage from the bottles and cans.



Please do your part to recycle and put clean items in the appropriate bins. Thank you for your courtesy.



## DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

### AUGUST

Laura Houston—21 yrs  
Allyson Wren—5 yrs  
Scott Cooper—2 yrs

### SEPTEMBER

Kevin Bakke—9 yrs  
Greg Beitel—3 yrs  
Marcy Crenshaw—3 yrs  
Curtis Deetz—3 yrs

**Congratulations!**  
**46 Years of**  
**Service!**

**District receives Volunteer Fire Assistance (VFA) Grant** to improve the capacity and capability of rural and volunteer fire protection.

This grant is funded through the US Department of Agriculture and USFS, a 50/50 match. The district submitted an application to fund replacement of wildland pants and shirts; and a portable pump with suction hose.

Upon receiving word the

grant was awarded the district has began working on quotes from vendors to make a decision to purchase the items. The pump has been purchased, delivered and already been used on a fire. The wildland clothing is close to be ordered and delivery may take a month before we see them.

The last grant the district received from VFA this was over 10 years ago and was also used to purchase wildland pant and shirts. ~ AC Jay Alley

## 2010 SAFER Grant PPE Summary

As a result of the 2010 SAFER Grant, the District was able to purchase new gear for 20 firefighters in the District.

The grant allowance per person was \$2395.00. During the four-year grant period, we were able to pur-

chase 20 sets of bunker gear, 15 pairs of structural boots, 15 Nomex hoods, and 15 pair of structural gloves for those who met the Grant criteria.

The cost of the gear totaled \$46,893.61 of which the District was responsible for a total of \$1003.39, a savings to the District of \$45,893.22.

~ Doug Kintz

## OREGON BURN CENTER

Our thanks go out once again to all those that helped organize, participate or sponsor the Annual Golf Tournament. All proceeds are donated to the Legacy Oregon Burn Center.

## Backyard / Open Burning Information:

Burn barrels, burn piles and weed burners are all considered open burning. Fire pits (wood burning or gas) are for recreational use and not to be used to

burn yard debris or garbage.

It is ILLEGAL to burn any of the following materials: rubber products, plastic, wet garbage and food waste, petroleum products, asphalt and asbestos, wire insulation, automobile parts, animal

remains, any material that produces dense smoke or noxious odors.

Always call the toll-free burn information line before burning to hear the days and times you are allowed to burn.

**877-982-0011**



House Fire, 16274 Old Mehama , 4:23 am , Sunday Aug. 2, 2015

## District Members Respond to Conflagrations around the state and record number of calls for service....



AC Alley (task force leader), FF Laura Houston and Captain Sherry Bensema, recently responded with G80 and Squad 80 with trailer to the Stout Creek conflagration burning approximately 11 miles east of Canyonville near the community of Milo.

Chief Carriger along with Captain Sherry Bensema (task force leader), and FFs Barbara Nelson and Allyson Wren were mobilized to the County Line 2 Fire on the Warm Springs Indian Reservation with E81 and SQ 80.

Captain George Crosiar was sent as task force leader with R81 to help on the Windy Ridge fire near Baker City.

Chief Carriger, Captain Sherry Bensema and FF Doug Kintz responded to Grizzly Bear Complex Fire in Blue Mts of Washington and Oregon with R81, Grass 80 and Squad 80.

Stayton Firefighters responded to a record number of calls in July (134) including several mutual aid calls to Idanha-Detroit, Gates, Lyons, Jefferson, Marion County, Turner, ODF, USFS, Salem, Scio, Aumsville and Sublimity districts.

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### AUGUST

2—Robert Clark  
5—Tanya McFadden  
6—Michelle Wonderling  
9—Samantha Houston  
17—Brenda Wheeler  
21—Scott Vigil  
25—Greg Beitel

### SEPTEMBER

1—Josh Pearce  
2—Jack Carriger  
6—Regina Holley  
8—Eric Fery  
20—Emily Wall  
22—Gary Chrisman  
22—Matt Riordan  
28—Byron Brown



Happy  
Birthday!

## SAVE THIS DATE for the REUNION PICNIC

September 13, 2015 at 1:00 pm we are having a reunion of all former and current Stayton Fire District members. The location is at the end of Forest Way, which is just across from Stayton Telephone Company on Kingston-Jordan Road.

All one needs to bring is their own drinks and chairs. This is a chance to see old friends and make new ones. You will hear stories of fires and rescues

from the 60's, 70's and 80's. Learn about the Brown Cross award, the Stayton High School grandstand fire, snakes and Chief Tegen plus much more. So, if you are a former or current member, make plans to come and join us. If you know someone who is a former member, please let them know about the reunion.

If you have questions contact Jay Myers at (503) 551-4045





### Upcoming Events...

- Aug 26— Fire Academy Orientation
- Aug 28— Oregon State Fair
- Sept 7
- Sept 7— Labor Day, Business Office closed
- Sept 3— Reunion Picnic open to all past and current members (see article on page 3)
- October— Fire Prevention Month, Fire Life Safety Team School Presentations & Halloween Safety Open House

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

### Congratulations to:

- Newest Firefighter Academy graduates Brad Huberts, Genna Higdon and Jeff Harris Jr.
- Chief Alan Hume who was sworn in as Sublimity's Fire Chief



### Safety Spot

The SAFETY COMMITTEE is looking for a volunteer firefighter to serve on the committee.

Meetings are currently the second Tuesday of each month at 5:00 pm (but we are flexible). You will be expected to conduct one station inspection per quarter, complete some online training and assist the committee with reviewing injury reports and making safety recommendations.

Contact the business office if you are interested in serving on this committee.



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