



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk

~ Chief Jack Carriger

The New Year has already started on a great note. We just completed the Assessment Center for the applicants that applied for the vacant Apparatus Maintenance/ FF Position. We received 59 requests for applications, 20 returned the application for consideration, and 7 qualified and were allowed to participate in the testing. The Assessment Center consisted of a computer section that tested basic computer skills, written communications, prioritizing, attention to detail, and following instructions; a four-person Oral Board allowed the applicant to answer questions about their work ethic, experiences, goals and about who they are as a person. The third section was a scenario's section that gave the applicant's a chance to show their skills in troubleshooting mechanical issues, developing a vehicle maintenance plan, prioritizing repair requests, and scheduling a workday.

The seven qualifying applicants were very well qualified for the job and showed outstanding skills in

the testing process. The decision on the finalist was one that required a great deal of consideration, evaluation, and discussion by the Assessment Team. I'm very pleased to say two outstanding applicants have been selected and are moving to the next step. Extensive background investigations, reference checks, and DMV checks have already started. AC Alley and I will be conducting the background checks over the next two weeks and Chief's Interviews will be scheduled as soon as the results of those checks are evaluated.

This is a great step for the District and will once again complete our team. I feel very confident that either of the two individuals selected by the Assessment Team will "fit" our organization and make us stronger.

I want to express my deep appreciation to the Assessment Team for their commitment to making the absolute best of the assessment and selecting the best candidates to move forward. Thanks to AC Alley, Capt. Bensema, Capt. Rowling, FF's Laura Houston, Doug Kintz, Derek Gilbert and our Office Administrator Rhonda Grant. Job well done!

New Year – New Commitment

~ Assistant Chief Jay Alley

One year ago we took on the challenge to have everyone in the district memorize our district motto and mission statement; to read our values and vision every meeting. We succeeded!!!! This years goal is for everyone to memorize our values and vision.

Before we meet this years goal, let's look back at our mission statement and what the words of our mission statement really say. **"To provide Outstanding – superior, striking, exceptional, clearly noticeable Service – contribution to the welfare of others with Commitment – the act to obligate or pledge oneself to Saving – preservation**

from danger or destruction lives and property."

For every organization the 'why' is what it's all about. It's everyone's responsibility to be able to answer the critical question "Why do we exist?"

Every member of Stayton Fire District should take a moment and read our mission statement and think about what it says and means to them and the organization.

Next Spanner edition we will look at the values and vision statements of the district. Feel free to start memorizing, now is not to early.

"Volunteer Service with Pride"



**DISTRICT
ANNIVERSARIES**

JANUARY

- Dan Houston—24 yrs
- Allen Kibbe—12 yrs
- Brad McKenzie—11 yrs
- Nick Rowling—3 yrs
- Gene Dershewitz—1 yr

FEBRUARY

- Evan Underwood—4 yrs
- Jennifer Leseman—1 yr

MARCH

- Doug Hansen—27 yrs
- Deanna Classen—5 yrs
- Eric Peterson—5 yrs
- Linda Lai—3 yrs
- Brandon Hansen—1 yr
- Brian Harris—1 yr
- Doug Smith—1 yr

***Congratulations!
99 Years of
Volunteer
Service with Pride!***



veteran climbers Scott Vigil, Brennan Baker, and Derek Gilbert will again be representing SFD. The team will be climbing to honor Breonia Adam, daughter of Stayton firefighters, Wendy Scallen and Brennan Baker, who

It's that time of year where firefighters from Stayton Fire District will join others from around the world to put on full gear and climb the Columbia Center in Seattle to raise money for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society!

was diagnosed with Leukemia shortly before last year's climb. She continues to wage a courageous battle against the disease, and we vow to work hard to make her proud!

**Backyard Burn
Season to open
March 1st**

Always call the Burn Information line to see if burning is allowed on any given day.

The number is
503-769-3400

The message is updated daily by 8:00 am.

At 788 feet of vertical elevation, the Columbia Center in downtown Seattle stands as the second tallest building west of the Mississippi. It takes 69 flights of stairs and 1,311 steps to reach the highly acclaimed observation deck overlooking the city.

This year 1,500 firefighters from 300 different departments are expected to compete in the event, making it the single largest firefighting competition in the world!

This will be the fourth year our department has participated in the event and

If you would like to help us raise money for the cause, please join in our fight by making a donation! Great or small, any amount you can give helps in the fight against blood cancers.

We greatly appreciate your support and will keep you posted on our progress! To make a donation or get more information, go to:

http://www.liswa.org/site/TR/Events/General?team_id=35022&pg=team&fr_id=1161

Thank you!
Stayton Fire Stair Climb Team



54th Annual Bingo and Sweetheart Breakfast

THANK YOU to all who helped with set up Saturday for the bingo and breakfast and worked at each event, especially those who were there bright and early Sunday morning for the breakfast; it was great to see the participation. We served 571 for breakfast this year. Also, a big thanks to those who helped clean up and return everything to Stayton and back in its place.

Those who helped sometime during the weekend: Taurie Alley, Allison Asher, Kevin Bakke, Noah Beaman, Sherry Bensema, Matt Blaylock, JD Burns, Brenda Chapman, Patrick Chapman, Justin Gregory, Lucy Hernandez, Troy Gulstrom, Brandon Hansen, Doug Hansen, Dan Houston, Kurt Hueller, Sandy Johnson, Tom Lemons, Brad McKenzie, Kevin McFadden, Tanya McFadden, Kelly Oliver, Bonnie Reid, Matt Riordan, Ken Rowling, Nick Rowling, Ruben Sisto, Doug Smith, Nick Tyrell, Scott Vigil, District Staff members, and many family members.

THANK YOU to all our sponsors who generously donated prizes and THANK YOU to the community for your continued support.



OFFICER'S RETREAT

Every year around the end of January or in early February, our District Officers make the trek to Silver Falls State Park for Officer's Retreat.

This year's retreat was a huge success as years past. The officers spend time reviewing, brainstorming, discussing, planning and providing valuable input in regards to the short-term and long-term goals and objectives of the district's strategic plan. It's also a time for the Officers to share what works and what doesn't at their individual stations.

The success of the retreats has been plans created, projects completed, and a financially stable budget.

This process continues to be a critical element to the district and living up to our mission, "to provide outstanding service with commitment to saving lives and property".



DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY

- 1—Kevin McFadden
- 5—Jeff Harris
- 9—Brian McFadden
- 13—Allison Printz
- 24—Byron Smith

FEBRUARY

- 3—Doug Kintz
- 14—Lucy Hernandez
- 23—Theresa Smith
- 26—Doug Smith
- 26—Kevin Bakke
- 27—Alison Lindsay
- 27—Justin Gregory
- 28—Ray Porter

MARCH

- 4—Candi Riordan
- 6—Donovan Foust
- 10—Allan Hussey
- 15—George Crosiar
- 17—Patrick Chapman
- 22—Rhonda Grant
- 23—Don Dotter
- 25—Brad McKenzie
- 29—Justin Nichols



2011 SVPC #1
Election of Officers

Congratulations to
Tom Lemons, Secretary
and
Kurt Hueller,
Vice President.



Upcoming Events...

- March 3—SVPC#1 business meeting at St. 83
- March 5—Santiam Marketplace
- March 6—Seattle Stair Climb
- March 13—Time change - spring ahead
- March 14—District Board meeting at St. 82
- March 19—Annual Awards Banquet
- March 21-25 —Spring break
- April 9—EMS Day
- April 24—Easter Sunday
- May 15—Annual Firemen's Breakfast

During the Assessment Center process I had the pleasure of walking a couple of the candidates through our facilities and showing them our apparatus and equipment. It was a great reminder to me just how lucky we really are. The candidates commented over and over how nice our facilities, equipment, and especially our apparatus are. They couldn't believe how "good we have it". I think sometimes we have a tendency to forget how truly fortunate we are to have incredible support from our community and a Board of Directors that provide excellent guidance and allow us to do our jobs. It's easy sometimes to lose sight of things when we don't see how others have to survive. So next time we catch ourselves thinking, we should have this, we want that, or this isn't good enough, stop for a minute and think about how good we really have it.

~ Chief Carriger



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