



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk

~ Chief Jack Carriger

On September 11, the 10-year anniversary of the attack on the United States, the District and the VFW will dedicate the memorial in front of the Stayton Fire Station.

The dedication will be the culmination of hundreds of hours of work and donations over the last four years by many dedicated people from our community. The memorial was built to honor veterans and firefighters

who dedicated their lives to protecting our freedom and quality of life; in many cases making the ultimate sacrifice.

The intent of the memorial is to provide our community with a symbol of remembrance and a place to pay tribute to those who have given so much to ensure the freedoms we enjoy every day.

I hope all of you will invite your family, friends, and neighbors to attend this dedication and take the opportunity to say 'Thank You' to all who have served.

District Welcomes New Employee

FF/EMT/Recruiter Matt Aalto



I grew up in Willamina, just about an hour and a half from Stayton and have lived in Oregon my entire life. I was active in sports in high school and had early success in both basketball and track. Sports is what carried me through college and I had the chance to play for both Clackamas

Community College and for the University of Oregon. During my college years at U of O I was in a fraternity called Sigma Nu; if any of you are Animal House fans, that's the house it was filmed in.

I met my wife while at school and after a few years of dating, we got married in 1999. I started out working in sales and marketing and landed a job at a rental car location. I worked my way up the chain and managed the SE side of Portland, including 5 offices and over 1500 cars. After a few years of renting cars, I

started my own media company and produced print and TV ads. The company had some early success but it wasn't enough to support us long term so I got back into car rental. At the same time I started volunteering for the Tigard CERT team and the Oregon Trail chapter of the Red Cross. After some time I started to look at a fire career and began my fire science classes at PCC.

After my academy was completed I began volunteering at Cornelius Fire Department and became addicted to firefighting early on. I earned my EMT-B, completed Engineer Academy and at the time of my hiring at Stayton was the first out engineer on both the Engine and or Rescue. I recently completed my Fire Ground Leader certificate among other DPSST certs and have a few more that are close to completion.

Now, my wife Tami and I are working diligently on selling our house and moving to Stayton. It's been a true honor to be asked to be a part of the Stayton Fire District family and everyone I have met has been extremely gracious and welcoming.

This job had been a dream for me and I can't say thank you enough to all of those involved.



***DISTRICT
ANNIVERSARIES***

JULY

Gary Chrisman—30 yrs
Dick Morley—26 yrs
Sandy Johnson—26 yrs
Ray Porter—22 yrs
Gene Coles—18 yrs
Troy Gulstrom—18 yrs
Jay Myers—12 yrs
Rhonda Grant—11 yrs
Justin Nichols—1 yr

AUGUST

Ken Rowling—29 yrs
Laura Houston—17 yrs
Allyson Asher—1 yr
Brian McFadden—1 yr
Brian Wilson—1 yr

SEPTEMBER

Kevin Bakke—7 yrs
Brenda Chapman—2 yrs
Patrick Chapman—2 yrs
Allen Hussey Jr—2 yrs
Ed Zeyen-Hall—2 yrs
Donovan Foust—1 yr

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

SAVE THE DATE

EMS ED Day
Sept 17, 2011

Trauma First
Response
Sept 18, 2011

Santiam Firefighter Academy Graduates 14 Firefighters to Area Departments

Congratulations to all the recruits that graduated from the Spring 2011 Santiam Firefighter Academy on June 15th. There were 14 recruits in all from the following Fire Districts who successfully completed the 3 months of training: Turner (3), Aumsville (1), Jefferson (2), Stayton (4), Sublimity (1), Lyons (1) and Gates (1). Of the 14 recruits, 3 were cadets (16 to 18 years of age) who passed the Academy.

Two individuals received special recognition when they were selected for the coveted academy awards. The Ember Award recipient is chosen by the academy instructors and is presented to the student who displays excellence in attendance, test scores, leadership and teamwork. Congratulations to Brett Nusom from Lyons Fire District on receiving the Ember Award.

The Silent Hero Award is voted on by the students themselves. The recipient of this award is the student who best displays the core values of the Academy; Pride, Honor, Integrity and Commitment. Congratulations to Dewey Robbins from Jefferson Fire District on receiving the Silent Hero Award.

Congratulations to all the graduates and best wishes for a successful and fulfilling fire service career.

Next Santiam Firefighter Academy will start in the fall of 2011.



Veteran firefighters give hands-on instruction to new recruits at the Spring Santiam Firefighter Academy.





District Awarded a Fire Prevention Grant

Stayton Fire District was recently awarded a \$26,595 (\$25,266 federal share and \$1,329 district share) grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The grant was submitted under the 2010 Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program – Fire Prevention and Safety Grants to implement an adult fire extinguisher training program for our adult population.

The goal of the program is to reduce civilian injuries related to trying to extinguish fires and will provide hands-on interactive training with a fire extinguisher prop. This is Stayton Fire District's first Fire Prevention and Safety Grant and we are looking forward to the opportunity to make an impact on the reduction of fire related injuries in our communities.

23rd Annual Golf Tournament

The 23rd Annual Stayton Fire Districts Golf Tournament to benefit the Oregon Burn Center was held Saturday, June 25th, at Elkhorn Valley Golf Course. The course was in great shape and the weather was perfect for the tournament.

Thirty-one teams participated in the 4-man scramble with Mt. Angel Fire taking top honors, followed by Cascade Pro Auto, McMinnville Fire, and Gearhart Fire Team #3. We also experienced another first for the tournament this year as two people achieved a hole-in-one. Kent Coffey from Aumsville Fire and Kai LaPlanta from Complete Wireless Solutions both scored an "ace" on hole number three.

Thanks to all who helped and participated in the event. Stayton Fire District and the Oregon Burn Center would like to give special thanks to all the sponsors for their generous donations.

DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

JULY

- 2—Dick Morley
- 5—Doug Hansen
- 19—Kristin Griffith
- 22—Ruben Sisto
- 23—Mike Odenthal
- 24—Greg Peevy

AUGUST

- 5—Tanya McFadden
- 15—Brian Harris
- 21—Scott Vigil
- 27—Nick Rowling

SEPTEMBER

- 2—Deanna Classen
- 2—Jack Carriger
- 8—Levi Kunkel
- 8—Eric Fery
- 8—Ed Zeyen-Hall
- 22—Matt Riordan
- 22—Gary Chrisman
- 30—Bonnie Reid



Safety Spot

Safety Committee Member Needed

Requirements: Volunteer FF rank; attend one short meeting per month; help conduct safety surveys; review job related accidents; help promote a safe environment for your fellow volunteers. Contact Chief Carriger if you are interested in serving on this committee.

Near Miss Reporting

Each station has these forms. Use this report when a near miss occurs and turn it in to Chief's In Box. It's important to report near misses so we can correct problems before something serious happens. Near misses show the potential for injuries. The information you submit is forwarded to the appropriate person(s) who can address the problem so be assured that your input is important and may save someone from injury in the future.



Upcoming Events...

Aug 20—Stayton Fire District Volunteer Picnic
....remember to RSVP

Sept 5—Labor Day, Business Office Closed

Sept 11—Station 80 Memorial dedication

Sept 17—EMS Ed Day

Sept 18—Trauma First Response Class

APPARATUS UPDATE: To date, all but three of the annual services to the District’s vehicles have been completed. Any known or foreseen safety and mechanical issues have been addressed. I have started reorganizing the shop, met with several vendors, found several ways to reduce overall costs, and initiated a revised filing system for maintenance records. I completed all my competencies and have started to respond to alarms. I continue to meet new people in our District and consider myself very fortunate to have found such a great place to call home.

~ Mechanic Matt Dryden

Ag Safety Day

This is an annual opportunity for members of the District’s Fire Life Safety Team to teach kids and adults at Elam Farms. (50 adults, 175 kids this year). The topics they covered were Outdoor Safety and Basic First Aid. “When we asked about lessons we had taught them in the past, they remembered them very well so we know they are really learning and the teaching is good.”



Thank you FLST members Barb Nelson, Samantha Jager, JD Burns, Gene Dershewitz, and Kristin Griffith for your help with this year’s event.



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