



# 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

First I would like to compliment all of you on an outstanding breakfast. It was great to see a high number of members participating; seeing everybody work so well together was amazing also, and kudos to Frank for a great job as the Chair and Incident Commander.

I would also like to compliment the recruits and rookies; what an outstanding job of stepping up to the plate and taking on the roles, responsibilities, and commitment to be productive members of Stayton Fire District. Your performance has been excellent. Keep up the great work and keep pushing to set the standards a little higher for all of us.

As you have noticed, there are several projects going on around the District. It's that time of year when we get into full swing getting projects done before the end of the fiscal year and before fire season starts. We will also be starting several other projects this summer which will include hiring some part-time help for a couple of months in order to complete those projects in a timely manner. As most of you know, we try to hire from our Volunteer ranks first, so if you or someone you know has basic maintenance skills and is looking for a part-time job for the summer please let me know or have them get in contact with me.

Remember summer is coming fast so make sure you're inspecting your wildland PPE and making sure it's all in place and in good working order. Everyone should have their wildland boots at the station and in good repair. Also, remember as the days get warmer to stay hydrated; at the scene is too late!



## Are You Ready?

September is Preparedness Month but we never know when a disaster may come.

Why not plan now and be ready? Planning for emergencies or disasters is somewhat like planning for a funeral or making out our will - we put it off because it's just not a pleasant thing to think about. But just like those other things, it's necessary and it's important to do.

Let's think it through a little. What could be one of the most likely disasters that can hit our area? How about a major wind and rain storm that caused flooding? It's been raining heavily for several days so streets are flooding from overflowing drain systems. Power and telephone service has been knocked out and there are trees over power lines, onto

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## Recruitment

As we roll into spring, we look forward to the warmer weather, the longer days, and the start of the next recruiting campaign! Soon you will start to see advertisements around town and at the stations. Don't forget, **YOU** are the best form of advertisement we have...so wear your District clothing with pride, and spread the word to your friends and neighbors! We have several new faces around the District; if you see them around, please introduce yourself and make them feel welcome!

~ FF/Recruiter Derek Gilbert



*DISTRICT  
ANNIVERSARIES*

MAY

Bonnie Reid—27 years  
Jay Alley—25 years  
Carla Hazen—24 years  
Dan Kimball—23 years  
Tannie Alley—11 years  
Mike Odenthal—10 years  
Greg Peevy—10 years

JUNE

Don Dotter—48 years  
George Crosiar—37 years  
Kevin McFadden—8 years  
Kyle Neilson—1 year

JULY

Gary Chrisman—29 years  
Sandy Johnson—25 years  
Dick Morley—25 years  
Ray Porter—21 years  
Gene Coles—17 years  
Troy Gulstrom—17 years  
Jay Myers—11 years  
Rhonda Grant—10 years

***Congratulations!  
3879 Years of Volunteer  
Service with Pride!***

## POWER AUTO GROUP Receives District's Vehicle Bid

On May 7, 2010 the District received three bids on two vehicles it is looking to replace/add to its fleet. The bids from Chuck Colvin Ford, Skyline Ford, and Power Auto Group were all received and qualified Friday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. On Monday May 10<sup>th</sup> the bids were shown to the District's Board of Directors and the bids were awarded to Power Auto Group who had submitted the lowest bid.

The new District Command vehicle will be a 2010 Ford SSV Expedition which should arrive in approximately 90 days. After arriving it will go to Auto Additions for lighting and radios; then for striping before being placed into service.

The brush engine cab and chassis is a 2011 F550 Ford Super Duty on a 4 door, 4x4, chassis with a V-10 gas engine. Because of production dates and order date for the F550, it will be the new model year for 2011 and will not arrive until sometime in August or September. The Brush Truck Spec Committee has almost completed the specs for the box configuration, pump, and tank and is getting ready to go to bid for that equipment. The new brush engine is slated to go into service at Elkhorn as their rescue/brush engine and rescue vehicle will be transferred to the main station in Stayton as a brush engine, completing the compliment of wild-land engines at Stayton

In keeping with our Apparatus Replacement Plan the current command vehicle will be moved and placed in service as R81. The current R81, the Suburban, will be moved to staff vehicle status to live out the remainder of its life with the District. One of its many uses will be for the maintenance person to have an enclosed vehicle to carry tools, equipment, and supplies out of the weather.

## Spaghetti/Lasagna Feed, Silent Auction Fundraiser

for Brionia Adam who is fighting Leukemia. She is the daughter of Stayton Volunteer Firefighter, Wendy Scallen. The event will be held on June 9, from 5-8 pm at the Stayton Moose Lodge at 352 E. Florence St. Stayton. The cost will be \$5 per dinner. Donations are gladly accepted. Call Beverly Gilson at (503) 769-0442 or (503) 999-3136 if you'd like to donate or have any questions.



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vehicles, into houses, and across streets blocking access in and out. The rivers and streams are broiling with debris and the water plant is not able to keep up with the demand for clean drinking water. Sewer lines are backing up into homes. The storm has been raging for several days making it hard for truck traffic to get to our area to bring fresh supplies to stores. Those that have been able to get to the stores have cleaned out all the stock of emergency supplies - flashlights, batteries, bottled water, etc. Sounds bad but it's not that unlikely.

Statistics show that most people don't prepare because they assume that police, fire, and emergency personnel will take care of them. And they will, when and if they can and assuming all emergency personnel are in town and available and not hindered by the situation themselves. Of course they have to respond to the most urgent cases first which may mean you and your family are on your own for several days. Now what? Are you prepared to take care of all your needs without

help for several days or longer? Can you provide food, medical, emotional, and physical support for all family members and pets? What if you're at work and the kids are at school or daycare when a disaster strikes? What if you're in Salem and can't get back to your home and family? Then there's the issue of our extended families, neighbors, and friends that may need our help.

It's something to think about isn't it? And that's just what we are encouraging you to do, but also to take it one step further - plan for it and be ready. We all know that, to do anything well, it takes preparation. So why not take a few hours and do what it takes to give yourself and your family that peace of mind? Commit a day or weekend to updating telephone numbers, putting together an emergency kit, and reviewing your emergency plan with your family.

Get all the information you need at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or stop by the fire station for a preparedness guide.

**The Annual Firefighter's Breakfast** was a huge success and something each of us can take pride in. We served over 900 people again this year. The success of the breakfast is greatly due to the attitude of volunteerism shown by our members. I was proud to see the hard work, motivation, and ideas of so

many come together for such a rewarding event. I think it truly shows the caliber of people I have the privilege of volunteering with. During preparation for the breakfast, there was always more work than one person could handle. This was never a problem as someone was always willing to give their time and energy to get the

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### MAY

- 3—Jay Myers
- 9—Monica Johnson
- 13—Barbara Nelson
- 14—Kurt Hueller
- 14—Lloyd Small
- 17—Ken Rowling
- 17—Frank Ehrmantraut
- 21—Linda Lai
- 23—John Welter
- 29—Betty Lackner

### JUNE

- 5—Dan Houston
- 9—JD Burns
- 11—Tunie Alley
- 12—Andy Wooldridge
- 14—Craig Griffith
- 22—Brennan Baker
- 29—Pat Clokey

### JULY

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



**Happy  
Birthday!**

tasks done and make the event successful. It's my belief that we are strong as an organization because of this attitude. I would like to thank each one of you for your dedication and hard work. It was greatly appreciated. Thank you, also, to our community for your support.

~ FF Frank Ehrmantraut



### Upcoming Events...

- June 9—Spaghetti/Lasagna Feed fundraiser for Brionia Adam at Stayton Moose Lodge
- June 15—"Fire Prevention and Safety for Older Adults" at the Santiam Senior Center, 41818 Kingston-Jordan Rd, Stayton, at 10:15 am
- June 16—Backyard Burn Season Closed
- June 26—Stayton Fire Annual Golf Tournament at Elkhorn Valley Golf Course
- July 16—Relay for Life benefit for American Cancer Society, Regis HS track
- July 31—SummerFest Car Show, FF Breakfast and Lunch, Pioneer Park
- August 3—National Night Out

### Welcome to our Newest Members

**Stayton Station:** FF's -Andrew Probst, John Welter, Doug Smith, Brian Harris. Support: Lori Bays  
**Mehama Station:** FF-Ben Miley  
**Marion Station:** FF-Lloyd Small



### Safety Spot

SAVE THE DATE!

The driver's rodeo will be held on **July 15 and 22**. Please don't schedule anything on the date you are to drive. July 15 will be for all rural stations and July 22 will be for the Stayton station. We will have the rodeo ready by 10am on each day for those who cannot make the evening drills. There will **not** be any weekend or make-up days. We are not planning on running L80 at these times. Stay tuned to learn when we will be running the ladder.



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