



# The SPANNER

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## From the Chief's Desk

~ Chief Jack Carriger

As most of you know Derek has decided to move on to a different career after being the District's Recruitment and Retention person for the last two years. Derek did a great job for the District and will be deeply missed. I'm sure all of you will join me in saying thanks for a great job and we wish you the best in your new venture.

With Derek's departure the District is tasked with finding a new person to fill this very important role. The District posted the job opening in several publications throughout the state for an application pe-

riod that ended May 27. Twenty-seven applications were received and twenty applicants qualified to test on June 6<sup>th</sup>. From the results of the testing as many as eight applicants may move on to an assessment center to be held June 14<sup>th</sup> at Station 80. The top three or four will then go on to interviews with the Chief. The top candidate will be given a conditional job offer depending on the outcome of physicals and background checks. We are hoping to have the position filled and working by the middle July.

Summer is coming, I think! Make sure you and your wildland gear are ready for the season. Be sure you take the time to get some exercise and keep hydrated.

## District Welcomes New Employee

~ Rhonda Grant



I asked Matt (Dryden) our newest Staff member, to give us a little more information about himself beyond his credentials as a mechanic and firefighter so we can get to know him better. Here's his story and he's sticking to it.

Matt and his three sisters grew up on his family's Christmas tree farm located between Woodburn and Mt Angel. He is married to Alishia and has a three year old son, Owen.

Matt states that his hobbies include working at Stayton Fire District of course, which almost seems like a hobby, camping with his family, spending time on Detroit Lake during the summer, sunny days at the beach making sand castles with Owen, fishing, hunting, beer, (one of his favorite hobbies), learning as much as possible about the fire service, learning about American history, (which sometimes drives Alishia nuts) and just relaxing with his son and wife.

As far as his fire service goals here at Stayton, he is working on learning as much as possible about Stayton Fire District, getting to know all the dedicated folks that make this such a truly great place to hang his hat, finishing annual services on the apparatus and familiarizing himself on all of the rigs, getting his FF competencies finished, installing a detailed maintenance plan that focuses on the safety of district personnel, and promoting longevity to our fleet while keeping advanced repairs in-house whenever possible.

He is in the process of revising and utilizing Firehouse so that most records are generated, stored, and filed electronically versus hard copies.

He would like everyone, both paid and volunteer, to know that he wants to hear your opinions and get feedback to continue to help make our District even better.

Matt and Alishia are looking to move to the Stayton area as soon as they are able. We are happy to have Matt on staff and we welcome him, Alishia, and Owen to our fire service family.



## Safety Spot ~ by Rhonda Grant

### ***DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES***

#### ***APRIL***

Noah Beaman—7 yrs  
Adam Bailey—7 yrs  
Craig Griffith—5 yrs  
Candi Riordan—3 yrs

#### ***MAY***

Bonnie Reid—28 yrs  
Jay Alley—26 yrs  
Carla Hazen—25 yrs  
Dan Kimball—24 yrs  
Tannie Alley—12 yrs  
Mike Odenthal—11 yrs  
Greg Peevy—11 yrs  
Lloyd Small—1 yr

#### ***JUNE***

Don Dotter—49 yrs  
George Crosiar—38 yrs  
Jeff Harris—12 yrs  
Kevin McFadden—9 yrs  
Levi Kunkel—1 yr  
Matt Blaylock—1 yr  
Nicole Axhelm—1 yr

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

### **Backyard Burning Last Day June 15**

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.

(Ag burning by permit only from June 16—Oct 15)

## **Driven to Distraction**

Even though I've heard it many times, I still let myself get distracted while driving and looking at the statistics, I'm not alone. Drivers are taking their eyes off the road, their minds off the road, and/or their hands off the steering wheel.

Studies have shown that these are the primary distractions...cell phone use, reaching for a moving object within the vehicle, looking at an object/event outside the vehicle, reading, and applying makeup.

Studies also show that driving performance is lowered and the level of distraction is higher for drivers who are heavily engaged in cell phone conversations and that the use of a hands-free devices do **not** lower distraction levels. The percentage of vehicle crashes and near-crashes attributed to **dialing** is nearly identical to the number associated with talking or listening.

I'm working at making the changes I need to make. Here are some things we can all do. When it comes to our cell phones, let's try making and finishing our calls before we start our vehicles and drive. If our phone rings while we're driving, let our voicemail or a passenger pick up the call. If we must answer our phone, pull over to a safe location and park.

Moving objects in the car such as children, friends, and pets can be a dangerous distractions while we are driving. Let's make sure we buckle up our children properly and give them books, games, or other appropriate toys to occupy their time. If we need to attend to our children, we'll pull over to a safe place.

A carload of friends can be very distracting with loud talking, quarrelling over music selections, or horseplay so we need to establish some strategies to keep our passengers under control.

A loose pet in a moving vehicle can be very dangerous. We will properly secure our pets in a pet carrier, portable kennel, or specially designed pet harness when we are driving.

Turning dials can turn our heads. Making destination entries on an in-vehicle navigation system, radio surfing for a good song, or adjusting our vehicle's climate controls are distracting activities that can put us in danger of a vehicle crash or near-crash. Let's adjust vehicle's controls (climate controls, mirrors, radio, seat, etc.) before we begin to drive. Check our e-mail, voicemail, and any other portable devices we have before we begin driving or ask our passenger



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to assist us.

Looks can kill. Looking out our window at what we are passing while we are driving can be a distraction if we are concentrating on getting a good look at an accident, a vehicle pulled over by law enforcement, construction work, a billboard advertisement, a scenic view, or street names and addresses. We need to always be focused on our driving.

Driver distractions reduce our awareness to our driving environment, our decision-making process and

our driving performance. This results in crashes or near-crashes and corrective actions having to be taken by us and/or other drivers on the road.



To drive safely we must keep our minds on our driving, keep our eyes on the road, and our hands on the wheel. Let's work on developing new habits, change what we need to, and practice safe driving.

## Volunteer Recruitment

The recruiting campaign is under way in preparation for the fall Recruit Academy. Advertisements have been placed in the local news publications, at Star Theater and on radio stations.

I have already been in contact with a few potential new members and hope to get more interest as the campaign goes on.

Don't forget, **YOU, our members**, are the best form of advertisement we have...so wear your District clothing with pride, and spread the word to your friends and neighbors!

As new members come on board, I will be inviting them to weekly drills so you may see some new faces. Please be sure to introduce yourself and welcome them to the District.

~ Doug Kintz

## Firemen's Breakfast





**Burn to Learn on Water St.** The Water St. live fire training took place Saturday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. We had 18 firefighters and 8 Rehab Team members participate. The training provided firefighters with excellent realistic fire conditions and gave the rehab team another opportunity to train with the firefighters.





## New Rescue Placed Into Service

On May 17<sup>th</sup> the new F-550 rescue/brush unit was placed into service at the Elkhorn Station and will be identified as Rescue 85 (R85). The new unit will carry basically the same equipment as the unit it will replace for handling medicals, motor vehicle accidents, rescues, and wildland fires. The unit replaced in Elkhorn will be moved to the Stayton Station and will be identified as Brush 80 (B80). B80 will be placed into service in Stayton once equipment is added and personnel become rated to operate it.



## Server Replacement

We will be replacing our current server on June 23rd and June 24th. There will be no access to the server, remote server, email, or Firehouse during that time. Firehouse will be the last thing restored so please make sure you are caught up on entry before then.

If there are files that you will need access to during that time (Golf Committee....etc) make sure you store those locally. Thank you in advance for your patience.

~ Laura Houston

## Station 80 Memorial

In June we will start the final phase of the memorial out front of the Stayton station since we now have our FF Last Alarm and VFW Military statues.

We will be constructing some concrete bases to set the statues on and then put them in place.

Along with the statues will be the placement of Chief Tegen's hydrant and a plaque honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice for our country and the fire service.

The dedication for the memorial will take place September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011. This is the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

~ Jay Alley

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### APRIL

- 1—Tom Lemmons
- 10—Brian Wilson
- 12—Jay Alley
- 13—Brandon Hansen
- 16—Brenda Chapman
- 18—Gene Dershewitz
- 28—Dan Kimball

### MAY

- 3—Jay Myers
- 9—Monica Johnson
- 12—Samantha Jager
- 13—Barbara Nelson
- 14—Kurt Hueller
- 14—Lloyd Small
- 15—Jessie Thompson
- 16—Allyson Asher
- 17—Ken Rowling
- 21—Linda Lai
- 21—Scott Orr
- 29—Betty Lackner

### JUNE

- 5—Dan Houston
- 9—JD Burns
- 11—Tanie Alley
- 14—Craig Griffith
- 22—Brennan Baker
- 26—Matt Dryden



Happy  
Birthday!

## Stayton Fire District Personnel Participate in National Ads

Stayton Fire District personnel recently participated in national ads for Duracell.

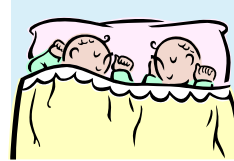
Lt. Ruben Sisto starred in the following ad <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RSXjulXFpb4&feature=relmfu>

Chief Jack Carriger stars in Cee Lo Green's 'Thank You' music video tribute for Volunteer Firefighters (for at least for 2-3 seconds anyway) <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qjjkFTEyqA4&feature=youtu>



### *Upcoming Events...*

- June 12—Academy Burn to Learn at Aumsville
- June 14—Recruiter Assessment Center
- June 15—Academy graduation
- June 18—Aumsville Support Team Rummage Sale, Mill Creek Park
- June 19—Happy Father's Day!!
- June 25—Annual Golf Tournament for Oregon Burn Center
- July 1—New fiscal year begins
- July 4—Office closed
- July 15-16—Relay for Life
- Aug 20—Volunteer Picnic



## **Congratulations to Brad and Erin McKenzie**

Twin boys arriving April 28, 2011  
Takoda and Rayne McKenzie  
6.2 lbs and 6.9 lbs

### **Safety Committee Member Needed**

Volunteer FF rank; attend one short meeting per month, help conduct safety surveys, review job related accidents, help promote safety.  
Contact Chief Carriger if you are interested in serving on this committee.



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