



# The SPANNER

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## From the Chief's Desk

~ Chief Jack Carriger

My mom was right, and she becomes more right everyday! She always said the older you get the faster time goes by! Weeks go by like days use to and months like weeks. It's almost Christmas already!

With that said we all have to recognize we are coming into our busy season for activities. I want to encourage all of you to take an active role in the coming events and make the workload light for all so everyone gets to enjoy the holidays.

There is a lot to do so don't be shy, if you have some time, even an hour or two here and there, just let us know and we can find something you can participate in. For our new members that have not been through the holiday season and the events that we as a District participate in, make sure you're asking questions and getting in-

involved; this is about who we are and what we do – this is what makes you a productive part of the District and the Community.

A couple of things: first, thank you for all your hard work this year and for being there for our community and for all those who pass through our District. Your dedication and commitment never cease to amaze me. Second, remember situational awareness; the weather has been anything but stellar and with the time change we are going to be seeing a lot more dark and stormy than we are sunshine. Keep that in mind and make sure you act accordingly in all that you do, especially when driving. Third, we are a TEAM. We function best if all members are involved and participating. Be a team player, do your part, that's how teams are successful.

Last, on behalf of myself and the Board, we hope you have a great holiday season and we look forward to seeing you all at the District and Community events.

## Halloween Safety Open House

This years event was a great success. The safety message this year pertained to smoke alarms; "A noise you can live with". Thank you to Nick Rowling and Adam Bailey who dressed the part allowing the kids to practice testing a smoke alarm.

Children also got to practice calling 9-1-1 with the simulator. Santiam Hospital, Santiam Ambulance, Marion County Sheriff, Stayton Police Department, and Slingers Karate for Kids all took part in this years event.

Donations of candy were collected from Industrial Source, Dept. of Forestry, A & W, McDonalds, Roths, and all the Volunteers. At this years event we had 100 children come through the doors in the first 15 minutes; totals for the event were 554 children and 435 adults. That is the highest total of the last few years.

Thank you to all of you for donating your time with the set up, the event, and the clean up. A special thanks to Deanna Classen and Tanya McFadden for all their hard work helping me to make this year a success. ~ Coordinator, Betty Lackner



**DISTRICT  
ANNIVERSARIES**

**OCTOBER**

- Eric Fery—25 yrs
- Sherry Bensema—17 yrs
- Jeff Harris—9 yrs
- Kelly Oliver—9 yrs
- Matt Riordan—9 yrs
- Barb Nelson—9 yrs
- Byron Smith—5 yrs
- Betty Lackner—5 yrs
- Brennan Baker—4 yrs
- Monica Johnson—3 yrs
- Tom Lemons—1 yr

**NOVEMBER**

- Ruben Sisto—11 yrs
- Deb Gregson—10 yrs
- Jack Carriger—8 yrs
- Kurt Hueller—7 yrs
- Alison Lindsay—2 yrs
- Tanya McFadden—1 yr

**DECEMBER**

- Doug Kintz—20 yrs
- Scott Vigil—9 yrs
- JD Burns—3 yrs
- Kristin Griffith—2 yrs

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

**Firefighter Response  
System**

Reminder to those responding to the Stayton station to call in.

- A couple helpful tips are
- 1) Call in your number as soon as you get the call to avoid phone use while driving to the station.
  - 2) Put the number in speed dial or at the top of your contact list.

***Dear Volunteers - Now that things have settled and we are starting to get back to normal, not the same, but a new normal, I wanted to say 'Thank You' again for all that you did to make Carl and Ron's services very meaningful and honoring events. Both families and Stayton Fire District deeply appreciate the time and sacrifices you made to facilitate and support their Celebrations of Life.***

*With pride and appreciation ~ Chief Carriger*



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## Prepare now for bad weather....

### What to do before the power goes out

Prepare an emergency kit that contains:

- Flashlight
- Extra batteries
- Wind-up or battery-powered alarm clock
- Manual can opener
- Battery-powered radio or TV
- Seventy-two-hour supply of ready-to-eat food and water

Other items to have on hand:

- Extra blankets
- Paper plates and utensils
- Firewood for a fireplace or wood stove
- Matches
- Thermos
- Something to help pass the time, such as books, board games, playing cards

Additional tips:

- If you have a cordless phone, or any phone that requires wall current, it probably won't work during an outage. Consider having an old-fashioned phone on standby. Cell service may also be interrupted.
- If you have an electric garage door opener, know how to operate it manually.
- Protect your home electronics by investing in surge protection equipment.

### What to do if the power goes out

- Check your circuit breaker or fuse box. If breakers or fuses are okay, call your power company.
- Turn off major appliances that were on prior to the outage, such as your range, clothes washer and dryer, dishwasher, television, and radio to reduce the initial demand of electricity when power is restored.
- Leave a light on inside your house and outside, so you and repair crews know when power is restored. When the power comes back on, turn appliances and lights back on slowly.
- Lend a hand to neighbors or relatives who may need assistance.
- Listen to broadcast news for frequent updates. Call if your neighbor's power comes back on and yours doesn't. Call if you live in an isolated area, and your power is off for an extended period of time.
- Never touch a downed line or even go near one. Downed power lines may cause serious injuries or death. If you see any downed line, even if you think it may be a telephone wire, call your power company or 911.

### **DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS**

#### OCTOBER

- 2—Laura Houston
- 5—David Stollery
- 15—Kelly Oliver
- 19—Sherry Bensema
- 20—Jennifer Leseman
- 25—Kenneth Beyer
- 28—Matt Blaylock

#### NOVEMBER

- 3—Gene Coles
- 8—Adam Bailey
- 9—Troy Gulstrom
- 10—Sandy Johnson
- 11—Allen Kibbe
- 17—Carla Hazen
- 20—Derek Gilbert
- 22—Noah Beaman
- 22—Evan Underwood

#### DECEMBER

- 4—Ben Miley
- 7—Deb Gregson
- 28—Nicole Axhelm
- 28—Eric Peterson



### **Programming Pagers**

Starting on Monday  
November 15<sup>th</sup>  
volunteers can bring  
their pagers in to the  
main station to be pro-  
grammed. It  
only takes a few  
seconds to do.  
~ AC Alley

### ***Welcome to our Newest Members***

**Stayton Station:** Firefighters - Allyson Asher, Brian McFadden,  
Donavon Foust, Nicholas Tyrrell  
Support Team - Brian Wilson, Samantha Jager, Lucie Hernandez



### Upcoming Events...

- \* November 11—Veteran’s Day  
(thank you Veterans)
- \* November 25—Happy  
Thanksgiving
- \* Watch District Calendar for Toys  
for Joy work parties
- \* December 2—Volunteer Family  
Christmas Potluck, 6:30 pm
- \* December 4—Santa Cruise In
- \* December 10—Staff Christmas  
Party at Kyotos
- \* December 18—Toys for Joy give  
away
- \* December 25—Merry Christmas  
to You and Yours!

## University of Arizona Study

Stayton Fire District is participating in a two year international study conducted by health researchers at the University of Arizona to evaluate the causes of fire-ground injury rates; 35,000 firefighters are injured every year in the U.S. when responding to calls. The goal of this study is to gain insight and information to lower that number and prevent injuries to firefighters.

Our Volunteers are asked to report all injuries, no matter how small, to their Officers and to Barbara or Chief. This is in addition to the normal reporting process for injuries; we are simply trying to gather more detailed information to add to the depth of the study. One of us will contact you and ask some additional questions for the reports we are generating for the study. You will not be identified by name only by the nature and situation surrounding the injury. This is an important study and we need everyone’s cooperation. Thanks for your assistance, be safe!

The results of the study are expected to be complete in the fall of 2012.



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