



# 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

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jay Alley*

As another year comes to an end, there is much to be grateful for. This past year we received several grants that have provided us needed equipment and continuation of the Recruit and Retention position. "Thank You" to everyone who contributed to our success in getting grant funds, it takes a TEAM!!

We have now completed one year with having 24-hour crews. We have seen faster response times and lots of other duties and projects getting done. As we have said and time has proven, we still need our Volunteers to make it work; it takes ALL of us. Thank you to everyone for making it about "THEM", the citizens who call for help.

This time of year with the holidays, we all get busy I know, but we have a couple major events for you to participate in. The Toys For Joy program starts with the Santa Cruise breakfast on December 2, then work parties collecting and sorting the toys

culminating with the giveaway on December 16. If you or any family members would like to help, contact Maria Sammons, our Toys for Joy chair.

Finally, we would like to wish each and every one a *Happy & Safe Holiday Season.*

**Thank You** to all our members and your families for what you do to make Stayton Fire District successful.

**Thank You** to the SCBA committee and all those that helped select our purchase of MSA air packs. I would like to recognize AC Kintz, Lt Riordan, Lt Bakke, Lt Hargin, FF Koellmann and FF Jensen who, as a committee, attended the presentations and took the time to evaluate each air pack and make their recommendation.

*Happy Thanksgiving  
and  
Merry Christmas to ALL!!*

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ENJOY THE  
little things  
FOR ONE DAY  
YOU MAY LOOK  
BACK AND REALIZE  
THEY WERE THE  
**BIG THINGS**

## **DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES**

### **NOVEMBER**

Kurt Hueller—20 yrs.  
Daniel Koellmann—7 yrs.  
Marcus Andrews—5 yrs.  
Braedon Davidson—3 yrs.  
Cody Murphy—2 yrs.

### **DECEMBER**

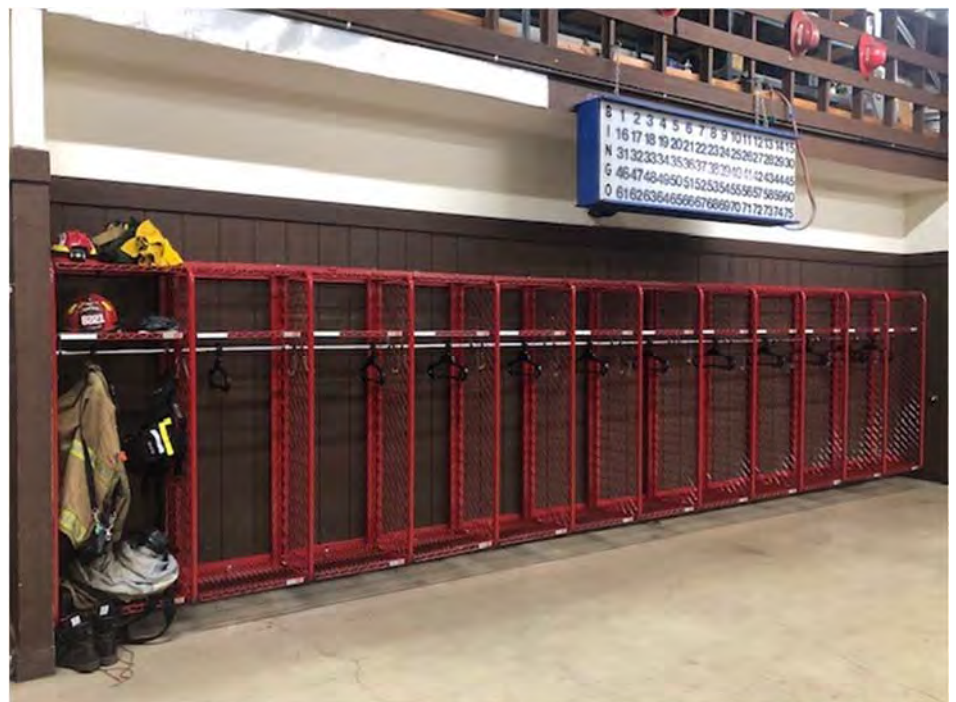
Doug Kintz—33 yrs.  
Scott Vigil—22 yrs.  
Kristin Griffith—15 yrs.  
Mike Beaumont—7 yrs.  
Rachael Potter—3 yrs.  
Chris Nichols—3 yrs.

### **JANUARY**

Dan Houston—37 yrs.  
Gene Dershewitz—14 yrs.  
Tim Wilson—5 yrs.  
Lavon Maskell—2 yrs.

*Congratulations  
And Thank You  
For **178** years  
of Service!*

**Thank You  
for Your  
Service**



## **New Turnout Racks at Stations 80 and 82**

We recently installed new wall-mount turnout racks at Stayton Station 80 and Mehama Station 82. The new racks are bigger than our existing racks and have adjustable shelves, a hanger bar, and garment hooks.

They will provide more space for each firefighter's gear and allow for easier cleaning of the apparatus bay floors. We had good participation for the work parties and we were able to complete the installation and move all the gear in just a few hours.

Thank you to all those who were able to assist with this project. Great Job!

# Recruitment & Retention

~ Brian Harris, Recruiter

Currently, we have 4 people in the process of becoming members.

Thank you so much to all the people who participated in the retention survey. The feedback I received was extremely helpful and I hope to implement some ideas very soon.

We have a recruiting link now with a QR code. This will expedite getting interest cards, email, website and social media links out to the public.

The Halloween event was a success! We had a large turnout. Thank you so much to everyone that came to talk to the community and pass out candy.

This past month, I spent some time updating the Roster Board at Station 80. If your picture is missing, please stop by and we can get that done. It would be great to have it all filled in and up to date.

This next month I will be spending some time recruiting in Mehama and Marion. If you have any recruiting ideas, I'd love to hear them.

I'm blessed to be part of such an awesome fire community. Thank you for all that you do.



## Downtown Halloween Event



## Cooking Fire Safety

Each year, hundreds of fires are sparked in Oregon by cooking, many of which can be avoided with proper fire safety.

Whether you are cooking a holiday dinner or a snack for children, practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe. Keep the simple actions below in mind every time you step into the kitchen to cook.

- Keep an eye on what you're cooking; don't leave cooking unattended.
- Keep your cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (potholders, food packaging, towels, etc.) and wipe up surface spills.
- Create a three-foot kid- and pet-free zone around the stove.
- Older children should only cook with permission and under the supervision of an adult. Have a lid or cookie sheet within reach while cooking (to smother flames) in case of a fire.

### What to do if a Fire Sparks

- Put a lid on it! Slide a lid over the pan (from the side) and then turn off the burner.
- Don't move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and cooled; don't try transferring the pan to the sink.

### If You Cannot Extinguish the Fire

- Get you and your family safely out of the house.
- If you can, close doors as you escape to help contain the fire.
- Call 911 from a safe place (outside).
- Let firefighters know if everyone is out of the building.

**Pro Tip:**  
**KEEP YOUR STOVETOP CLEAR.**  
Always wipe clean the stove, oven, and exhaust fan to **prevent** grease buildup.



## HOLIDAY SAFETY



**Make sure your smoke alarms are working**



**Do not overload electrical outlets**



**Use battery operated candles**



**Check decorations for certification label**



**Keep combustibles at least 3 feet away from heat sources**



**Never leave a source of fire or heat unattended**



**Never use charcoal or propane devices indoors**



**Water tree daily**



**Turn off , unplug & extinguish all decorations when leaving the house or going to sleep**



**Stay in the kitchen when cooking**



**Close your doors when sleeping**

## VFA Grant

The District received an VFA grant in the amount of \$7,553 to assist in purchasing new fire shelters and drip torches.

This grant provides half the funding to replace 26 outdated fire shelters and 2 new drip torches. The order has been placed through Cascade Fire Equipment.

## Fire Act Grant for SCBA Purchase.

The district was awarded a 2022 Assistance to Firefighters grant in the amount of \$396,440 to purchase new SCBA.

The District evaluated MSA, SCOTT, and Drager models. After initial testing, manufacturer presentations and committee evaluations, the SCBA committee has recommended that we purchase the MSA SCBAs.

Chief Alley and AC Kintz met with LN Curtis to discuss final details for the order. On October 30<sup>th</sup>, the order was placed for 40-MSA G1 SCBA 80-4500 psi 45-minute low profile cylinders, 46-G1 masks, and

2-MSA G1 RIT packs with 60-minute cylinders.

In addition, we also purchased and received a new Quantifit 2 fit test machine on the grant. We should receive the packs within 4-6 months.

We still need to purchase battery bank chargers, spare batteries, and fill station adaptors.

Thank you to Laura Houston for all her hard work on the grant, the SCBA committee members for their time and careful consideration and all the firefighters who participated in the testing process.

This purchase will bring the district up to current NFPA standards for SCBA and last us well into the future.

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### NOVEMBER

8—Adam Bailey

### DECEMBER

2—Nick Pomme

4—Dana Orr

8—Daniel Koellmann

11—Russ Strohmeyer

12—Antonio Johnson

28—Eric Peterson

### JANUARY

5—Jeff Harris SR

8—Justin Large

31—Nathan Hemenway

Happy  
Birthday!

# Merry CHRISTMAS



To  
You  
and  
Yours

Backyard burn  
Season Closes  
December 15.  
Opens again  
March 1.

*Upcoming Events...*

Nov 23—Happy Thanksgiving

Nov 23-24—Business Office  
Closed

Dec. - Toys for Joy work parties,  
\*\* see online calendar \*\*

Dec 2—Santa Cruise In Breakfast  
and Car Show

Dec 16—Toys For Joy Give Away

Dec 25— Have a Very  
Merry Christmas!

Jan 1— Happy New Year!

# CALLS FOR SERVICE

**Total calls  
for service  
January—October 2023**

**1187**



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