

**Serving  
the  
Communities  
Of:**

▼ **STAYTON**

▼ **ELKHORN**

▼ **MARION**

▼ **MEHAMA**

Prevention of injury,  
loss of life and property  
from fire and its effects.

Suppression of  
destructive fire

Provision of rescue and  
emergency  
medical services

Community support  
through public service  
activities

# STAYTON FIRE DISTRICT

## 2001 Annual Report



### ***From the Desk of the Fire Chief***

*How long will it take to forget what happened on September 11<sup>th</sup>? If December 7th, 1941 was a Day of Infamy, then September 11, 2001 was a Day of Vileness. We should never forget it! This has been a rude awakening and we must prepare.*

*There are a thousand specifics that can be talked about. They range from raising the awareness of the public as to the fire departments needs to evaluating the security of our infrastructure. If we don't heed the awakening and we revert back to past practices, then we will forget.*

*Ask yourself; does my fire department have everything they need to adequately protect my family, home, business or place of work in the event of a local disaster or some great tragedy? When was the last time you walked into your local fire station and asked to see the equipment they would use to provide the needed services?*

*Don't wait until it's too late. Use this awakening to become more familiar with those who choose to protect you.*

*Yes, we are a rural, out of the way area in Oregon, but major things can happen in out of the way places just like in major cities.*

*So, "remember the towers".*

## Governing Body



Gene Coles  
Retired Business Owner



L. Jay Myers  
Electrical Systems Specialist  
Mitsubishi Silicon



Richard Morley  
Owner  
Stayton Auto Supply



Raymond W. Porter  
Plant Manager  
NORPAC Foods



Michael Odenthal  
Operations Manager  
Wilco Farmers

The Stayton Fire District is governed by a five-member Board of Directors that are voting members of the community or property owners within the boundaries of the District. District directors are public officials who must act in the best interests of the public and are accountable to the public through federal, state, and local laws. Governance is a responsibility they do not take lightly.

Acting as a director can be a rewarding experience, which brings pride in the knowledge that local communities depend on the efficient operation of district services.

Director	Serving on Board Since
Richard Morley	1985
Ray Porter	1989
Gene Coles	1993 (previously a FF)
Jay Myers	1999 (previously a FF)
Michael Odenthal	2000 (previously on Budget Committee)



Jay Alley  
Assistant Chief/  
Training Officer



Rhonda Grant  
Admin. Secretary

## Management Staff

The day-to-day administrative operations are carried out by the Fire Chief and five career personnel.

The *Assistant Chief/Training Officer* is the immediate supervisor to all volunteer firefighters with the primary duty of coordinating all training operations. He assists with fire investigations, formulates operational procedures, and responds to alarms. Jay is also a Firefighter/EMT Intermediate.

The *Administrative Secretary* is responsible for the overall clerical function of the District, overseeing records management, assisting in the budget process, maintaining a complete and accurate set of general ledger books of the financial dealings of the District and maintaining the District's personnel files.

The *Maintenance Officer* performs a variety of functions related to the maintenance and repair of all District vehicles, equipment, stations and grounds. He supervises and maintains the District's shop and is responsible for all maintenance records and reports. Ken is also a volunteer Firefighter and EMT Basic.

The general management of the District's information systems and computers is the primary responsibility of the *Information Specialist/Project Manager*. She tracks alarms, training records, volunteer personnel, and EMS records as well as coordinates special District and Volunteer projects. She is responsible for training and consulting with personnel on computer systems use. Laura is also a Firefighter and EMT Intermediate.

The *Firefighter/EMT* not only responds to fire and medical emergencies, but also assists with public education and prevention programs, is in charge of the volunteer recruitment program, hydrant testing and oversees the District's respiratory program. Riley is an EMT Intermediate.



Ken Smith  
Maintenance Officer



Laura Houston  
Information Manager



Riley Martinka  
FF / EMT

## DISTRICT PROFILE

Ronald L. Tegen, Fire Chief  
1973—Current

Jay D. Alley, Asst. Chief  
1998—Current

Rhonda Grant, Administrative Secretary  
2000—Current

Laura Houston, Information Manager  
1996—Current

Ken Smith, Maintenance Officer  
1993—Current

Riley Martinka, FF/EMT  
2001—Current

### Number of Volunteers

Stayton Station	33 Volunteers	7 Support
Mehama Station	11 Volunteers	
Marion Station	7 Volunteers	
Elkhorn Station	5 Volunteers	2 Support

### Area Served

Stayton Fire District serves an area of 107 square miles and includes the communities of Mehama, Elkhorn and Marion with a total population of approximately 13,500.

Insurance Rating  
City and Rural = 5



In April the Board of Directors approved the purchase of a 1960 Seagraves 85' Aerial Ladder Truck from Mid-Columbia Fire & Rescue. The aerial ladder and the truck's additional 182 feet of ground ladders will help firefighters have better access to roofs for ventilation and could improve the District's ISO rating.

## District Suffers First Fire Death Since Early 70's

Stayton Fire District personnel and volunteers responded to a house fire on Spenner Road on January 21, 2001. They arrived to find a 1 1/2-story century farmhouse fully involved. Two people that had escaped from the house were lying nearby.



Both victims, Hank and Sparrow Dillard, were severely burned and were transported to the Oregon Burn Center at Emanuel Hospital in Portland. Hank was listed in critical condition with burns to his face, hands and back. Sparrow was in serious condition with burns to her face and shoulders.

Sadly, Hank succumbed to his injuries three weeks later. Sparrow is recovering and continues to receive care for her burns.

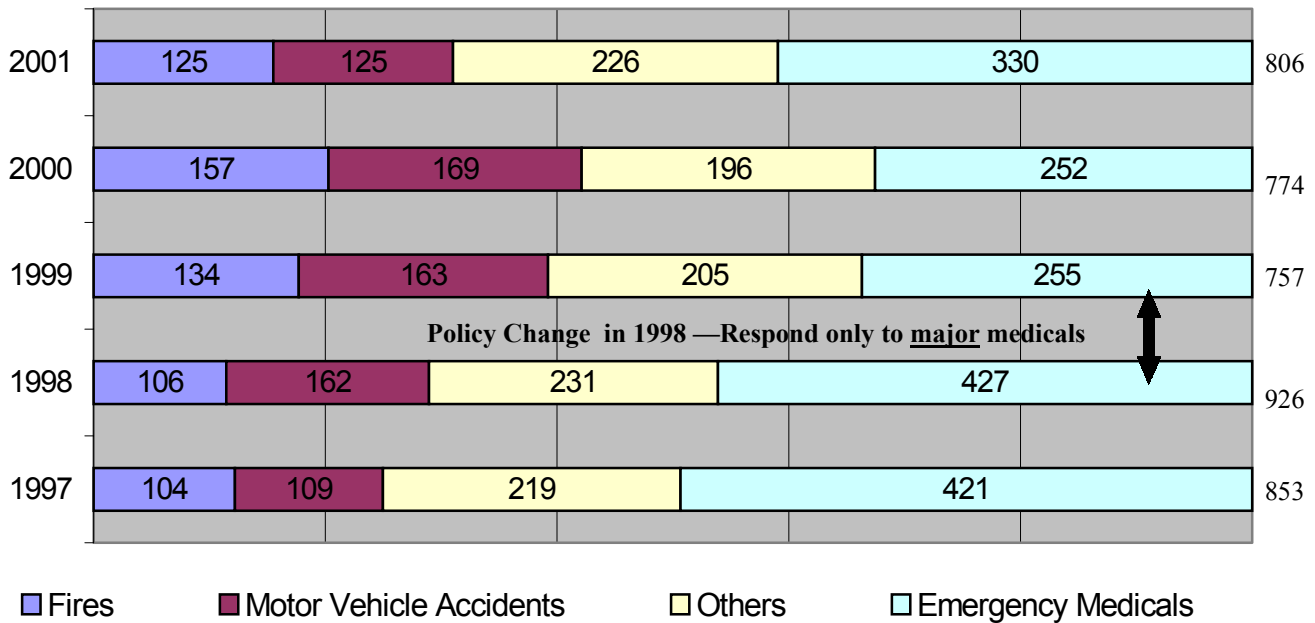
It was determined that the cause of the tragic fire was due to an electrical spark in the Christmas tree lights as they were turned on with the dry tree contributing to the rapid spread of the fire.

There were 39 total fire related deaths reported in Oregon in 2001.

## *District Goals For 2002*

- ▼ Chart a 5-year strategic plan
- ▼ Plan for expected residential and commercial growth
- ▼ Employ fiscal responsibility
- ▼ Enhance community communications
- ▼ Promote cooperative relationship with neighboring districts
- ▼ Identify target areas for fire prevention
- ▼ Establish performance and deployment benchmarks
- ▼ Explore methods of enhancing EMS delivery
- ▼ Maintain auxiliary rescue programs
- ▼ Prepare for a significant event with a disaster plan
- ▼ Continue to develop 'Volunteer Service With Pride.'

## Five Year Picture of Alarms by Type



# September 11, 2001

....was a terrible day in our country's history. Our nation was stunned by the unthinkable act of terrorism on our homeland as four hijacked

commercial airplanes were aimed at American landmarks: two crashing into the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York City, one into the Pentagon in Washington DC and one unsuccessfully reaching its mark and crashing into a field in Pennsylvania.

Our emotions ran the gamut from shock, fear and anger to pride and determination. We witnessed honor and valor through the courageous acts of emergency service personnel and everyday citizens. People from every corner of the nation joined together immediately to aid the victims and families by raising money and giving generously.

Local citizens and businesses reached out to our own hometown heroes with gifts, flowers, cards and words of appreciation and encouragement. Teachers and students expressed their gratitude with handmade cards and a wall quilt with illustrations of firefighters and fire trucks. A local artist donated a framed print titled "Out of the Ashes", portraying a firefighter raising the American flag over Ground Zero.

From the depths of this tragedy has come a greater sense of unity within our nation and within our own communities. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to those who have risked and those who continue to risk their lives for us. May we always remember the sacrifices of our firefighters, policemen, emergency personnel and our armed forces as they willingly give their all for our safety and freedoms.



Thank a firefighter  
for your help



*Firefighters increasingly serve as first responders... to all types of hazardous and emergency situations..."*

**VOLUNTEERS** comprise nearly 75% of all firefighters in the United States. However, the number of volunteer firefighters in the United States has declined over 10% since 1983 while the responsibilities of the volunteer fire service and their call volume continue to increase.

"The fire services play a critical role in protecting our communities," said R. David Paulison, U.S. Fire Administrator. "Firefighters – both career and volunteer -- increasingly serve as first responders nationwide to all types of hazardous and emergency situations, from fire to acute medical emergencies to hazardous material releases, and terrorist attacks such as the tragic events of September 11."

"The recruitment and retention of volunteers remains the number one problem facing America's volunteer fire service," said NVFC Chairman Philip C. Stittleburg.

The recruitment of volunteers has been a high priority for the Stayton Fire District this past year as we rely heavily on their commitment. OSHA's minimum requirement of a 4-person crew being on scene before we can attack a fire has been difficult

to meet during daytime hours. Many of our volunteers work outside of the Stayton area and many others are not able to leave their jobs to respond to calls.

Due to this lack of sufficient daytime response personnel, the District conducted an aggressive recruitment campaign from July through September with the theme, "**What if no one answered the call?**" As a result of the campaign, the District gained

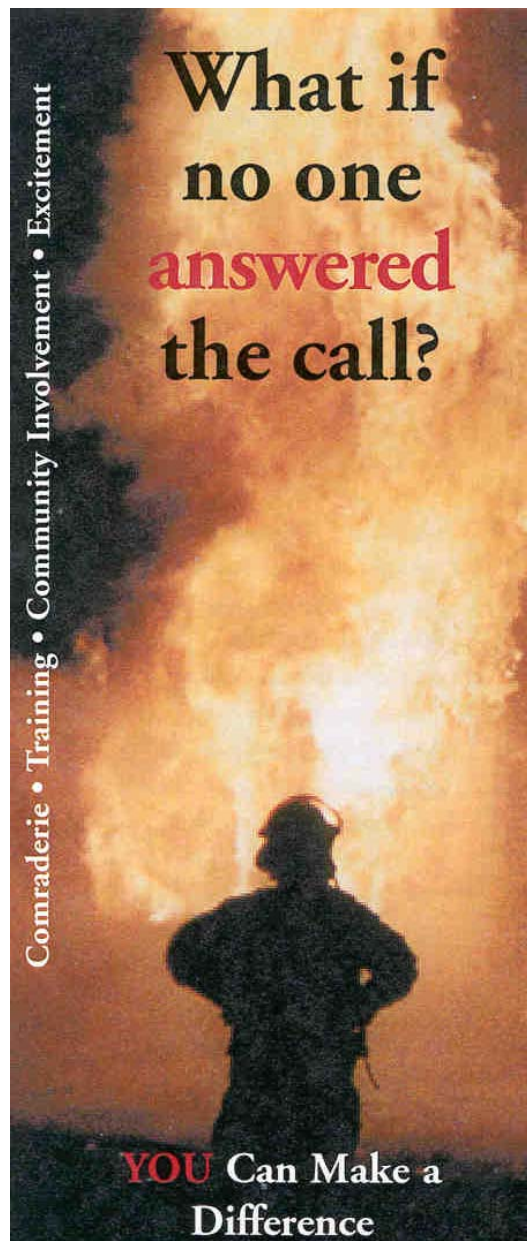
10 new volunteer firefighters and 4 support people. Unfortunately, only 1 of those is able to respond regularly during the day.

After much deliberation, the Board of Directors made the decision to try and find the funds to hire a fulltime person to assist the other 3-fulltime responders for daytime alarms. They hoped that these efforts and continued talks with adjoining Fire Districts will help solve the problem and do so in a safe manner for all concerned.

Our Volunteers commit over 190 hours to be trained as a volunteer firefighter. They respond to over 800 calls a year ranging from structure fires, motor vehicle accidents, hazardous material spills, rescues, extrications, public assists and emergency medical calls.

Their families make the commitment as well. They sacrifice their time together and rearrange their schedules to accommodate for training and those calls that come at all times of the day and night.

The Volunteers would be the first to tell you that the benefits far outweigh the sacrifices. The heartfelt gratitude of those they are able to help in their most urgent times of need makes it all worth it.



# *TRAINING TOWER construction underway...*

A training tower and completion of the training facility has been a dream and a goal of the Volunteers for quite some time. This facility would provide a solution to the lack of adequate space and facilities in which to train volunteer firefighters in basic and advanced fire suppression and rescue procedures. Volunteers use the equipment to practice basic firefighter skills such as fire attack, ventilation, search and rescue, hose and streams and laddering. An area will also be available to practice vehicle fire suppression, vehicle extrication, hazardous materials operations, specialized rescues (such as confined space rescues and rope rescues), Wildland fires and LPG fires (liquid propane gas).

With the use of volunteer time and limited funds, the facility currently provides firefighters with props to experience live fire, vertical ventilation, search and rescue, salvage, limited laddering, and hose and fire stream operations.

The plans for upgrading the current facility include a 40' training tower (constructed from shipping containers), modifications to the burn room, an additional container for the smoke room, site clean up, electrical power, additional storage and a classroom.

After estimating the cost to complete the facility, the Board of Directors plans to continue to utilize volunteer personnel for construction, apply for grants, budget District funds and solicit materials from local businesses to complete the project by fiscal year 2003-2004.

Below, local businesses and volunteers donate their time and equipment to begin construction of the new training tower.



Tower foundation goes in



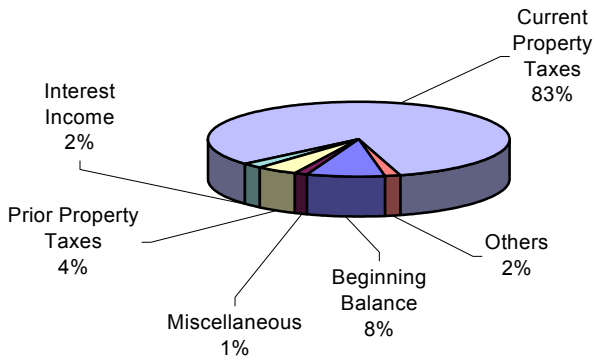
Backfilling around foundation



Several children of Volunteer Firefighters do their part.

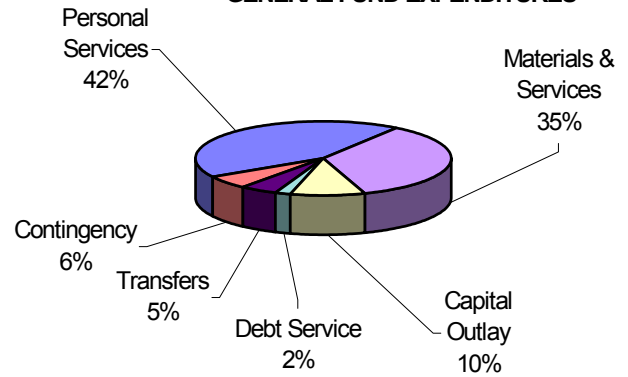
FISCAL YEAR 2001 - 2002

GENERAL FUND REVENUE



Beginning Balance	\$ 70,000
Miscellaneous	\$ 12,000
Prior Property Taxes	\$ 37,000
Interest Income	\$ 20,000
Current Property Tax	\$691,227
Others	\$ 13,194

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES



Personal Services	\$362,633
Mat. & Services	\$295,891
Capital Outlay	\$ 80,397
Debt Service	\$ 14,500
Transfers	\$ 40,000
Contingency	\$ 50,000

Where the Funds Come From.....

The majority of the revenue received for operating funds are from current property taxes.

Interest is earned from funds deposited in the Local Government Investment Pool.

Miscellaneous funds are received from cost recovery (billing for equipment and personnel for response to incidents on major transportation routes), facility room use, address signs and donations.

Other income can include funds received from response to conflagrations in other areas of the state, the sale of assets and grant revenue.

How the Funds are Used.....

Personal Services covers salaries, payroll expenses, retirement and workers comp benefits.

Materials & Services include utilities, operating supplies, legal and audit expenses, EMS supplies, building and apparatus maintenance and repairs, training expenses, volunteer expenses, computer hardware, software and maintenance.

Capital Outlay (items which generally have a useful life of one or more years) may include replacement or purchase of new equipment such as turnouts, radios, boots, computers, rescue equipment, nozzles, etc.

The Debt Service Fund accounts for payment of general long-term debt principal and interest.

Transfers are made to reserve funds for apparatus replacement, length of service awards and construction.

GRANTS Aid With District Needs

The Stayton Fire District Grant Committee had a moderately successful though busy year. Grant writing is still fairly new to the District but the committee has made some progress toward filling gaps in the District budget for needed equipment. During 2001, the committee put together 6 grant proposals as described in the adjacent table.

Goals for 2002 include another round of proposals for the Fire Act, which is to be funded at 360 million. That is a 400% increase over the 100 million available last year. The committee also plans to make requests for a thermal imaging camera and to make another attempt at getting a rescue mannequin for EMS training.

Proposal	Granting Agency	Amount Requested	Amount Awarded	Purchased
AED for Marion & Rescue Mannequin	Oregon Rural Health	\$8,000	\$3,500	AED
Improvement of Elkhorn Water Site	Volunteer Fire Assistance Program	\$1964.50	\$0	
Nomex Wildland Pants, Shirts and Hoods & Fire Shelters for all personnel	Rural Fire Assistance Program	\$17,940	\$7,500	Pants, Shirts and hoods for all personnel
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus Replacement	FEMA – Fire Act	\$195,180	\$0	
Support Services Unit	FEMA – Fire Act	\$49,959	\$0	
Mass Casualty Kit	Oregon Rural Health	\$4,324.85	<b>Pending</b>	

# 2001 VOLUNTEERS & SUPPORT PERSONNEL ROSTER

## Stayton Station

Alley, Taunie  
 Axhelm, Kevin  
 Barton, Ken(\*)  
 Beaman, Noah(\*)  
 Becker, Tony(\*)  
 Borchard, Wendy(\*)  
 Brown, Jess(-)  
 Cathcart, Doug  
 Classen, Brian  
 Fery, Eric  
 Fitzgerald, Elizabeth  
 Gassner, Joe(-)  
 Gregson, Debbie(\*)  
 Grumbo, John(\*)  
 Hill, Vince(\*)  
 Houston, Dan  
 Hunt, Amy(-)  
 Jensen, Mark(-)  
 Jones, Paul  
 Kibbe, Allen  
 Kintz, Doug  
 Lackner, John  
 Laurance, Brenda  
 Martinka, Riley  
 McKenzie, Brad  
 Nelson, Barbara(\*)  
 Oliver, Kelly(\*)  
 Palotay, Josh(-)  
 Peevy, Greg  
 Priddy, Joel  
 Riordan, Matt(\*)

Rowling, Ken  
 Sisto, Ruben  
 Smith, Ken  
 Steven, Matt(-)  
 Tinney, Jeremy  
 Vigil, Scott(\*)  
 Vaughn, Brad  
 Ward, Steve(-)  
 Weller, Brad(\*)  
 Williams, Sara

## Support

Barton, Kevin(\*)  
 Cupp, Gary  
 Clokey, Pat  
 Fuson, Fuzzy(\*)  
 Miley, Mellissa  
 Underwood, Evan(\*)

## Chaplains

Fisher, Dick  
 Berg, Bob

## Mehama Station

Ader, Mark  
 Bemrose, Ron  
 Griffith, Craig(\*)  
 Gulstrom, Troy  
 Hansen, Doug  
 Kimsey, Brad(-)  
 Maven, Christie "Welsh"(-)

Omstead, Bob  
 Pietrok, Matt  
 Reid, Bonnie  
 Weitman, Eric  
 Weitman, Terry  
 Weld, Kerry

## Marion Station

Beggs, Rebecca(-)  
 Chrisman, Gary  
 Crosiar, George  
 Dotter, Don  
 Harris, Jeff  
 Kimball, Dan  
 Kimball, Jim  
 Pruet, Lane(-)  
 Wooldridge, Andrew

## Elkhorn Station

Bensema, Sherry  
 Cole, Tim  
 Hazen, Carla  
 Johnson, Sandy  
 Williams, Thomas

## Support

Cole Dunnell  
 Pierce, Laura(-)  
 Williams, Anita

(\*) new members  
 (-) resigned members

## DISTRICT OUTREACH IN 2001

Station Tours:..... 17  
 Total Audience..... 318

October Fire Safety Event:  
 Total Attendance: ..... 961

Public Education-School Presentations: ..... 17  
 Total Audience:..... 1236

Toys For Joy Program:  
 Total Recipients: ..... 250+

Public Education-Community:..... 17  
 (Blood Pressure Checks, Safety School, Summer-  
 fest, Back to School Fair, Car Seat Clinic, Trade  
 Fair, Bike Rodeo, Etc.)  
 Total Audience:..... 1000+

Golf Tournament -Proceeds Given to Oregon Burn  
 Center:..... \$3500.00  
 Juvenile Fire Setter Counseling: ..... 6 Children

Community Events: ..... 15  
 (Parades, Breakfasts, Fire Service Day, Candle-  
 light Vigil, Memorial Services, Etc.)

The individual District Volunteer Associations  
 participate in the "Adopt a Road" cleanup pro-  
 gram, Bingo & Breakfast fund raisers, Toy Drive,  
 Cruise-In, Christmas Tree Recycling and Open  
 Houses.