



# The SPANNER

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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## From the Chief's Desk ~ Asst. Chief Alley

Goodbye 2015, Hello to 2016!!! Last year was a record year of responses for the district with 960 calls for service answered. CONGRATULATIONS to all members of the district for your dedication and commitment to answering the call.

At the start of the New Year, Eric Fery announced his retirement with 30 years as a volunteer spanning the ranks from Firefighter to Division Chief. CONGRATULATIONS to ERIC and THANK YOU to him and his family.

As we move into the New Year, the district will be looking forward to getting new equipment and

apparatus into service purchased from the passing of the bond. The thermal imaging cameras are in service and getting used, the AED's also are in service and have been used, the brush truck is getting the cab painted and then off to the get the bed put on. The new command vehicle is here and waiting to get the emergency lighting installed, and the new engine is waiting for a crew in March to do a preconstruction meeting, with delivery anticipated in August or September.

I want to thank ALL our members who supported the HART family by attending Lance CPL Ty Hart's memorial service; your "Volunteer Service with Pride" was well represented.

## Where does the time go?

It is with great honor (and reluctance) to announce the retirement of Engineer Eric Fery from the Stayton Fire District after 30 years of dedicated service. Eric was Firefighter of the Year in 1993 and a very active responder and Volunteer Association member. Eric



held the Officer ranks of Lt., Captain, and Division Chief for 15 years of his fire service career.

**THANK YOU Eric!!!!!!**

Also leaving the District after almost 4 years as a Resident Volunteer is Jordan Iremonger. Jordan has completed his Associates in Fire Science and recently passed his EMT Paramedic certification. Jordan is working for Metro West Ambulance in Hillsboro and moving to be closer to his work and family. BEST OF LUCK Jordan!!!!

And last but not least, THANK YOU to Michelle Wonderling, a member since 2013, for your service on the Support and Rehab Team. We hope you can join us again when your schedule allows.



## DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

### JANUARY

Dan Houston—29 yrs.

Jeff Deetz—16 yrs.

Gene Dershewitz—6 yrs.

Nastasja Johnson—3 yrs.

Genevieve Higdon—1 yr.

### FEBRUARY

Scott Orr—4 yrs.

Kaitlyn Woodsmall—4 yrs.

Josh Pearce—3 yrs.

Jeff Harris JR—1 yr.

Brad Huberts—1 yr.

### MARCH

Doug Hansen—32 yrs.

Eric Peterson—10 yrs.

Jeff Harris SR—10 yrs.

Linda Lai—8 yrs.

Trent Tegen—4 yrs.

***Congratulations!***  
***132 Years***  
***of Service!***

## Distractions and Driving Smart



Distracted driving is the motor vehicle safety issue of our time, and is quickly becoming an epidemic in America. Although it's completely preventable, people are still falling victim to its dangers.

Cars are increasingly equipped with technology to keep drivers connected while on the road, but a new study says it can take 27 seconds for a driver using a voice-activated entertainment system to regain full alertness after making a command from behind the wheel. That means a car going 25 mph can travel the length of three football fields before a driver's brain fully recovers from the act of dialing a phone number or changing music!

Studies have shown:

- People may have an assumption that if it's in a car it must have been fully tested and really good. Not true. Just because its in the car and its possible to do it, doesn't mean we should.
- Drivers who think it is safer to send a text when stopped at a red light or a stop sign are mistaken. Even the least distracting systems can leave drivers impaired for more than 15 seconds after completing a task. The results indicate that motorists could miss pedestrians and other vehicles while the mind is readjusting to the task of driving.
- Reading and sending texts and emails is a major distraction but also consider these – eating while driving, fussing with loose objects in our vehicles, tending to our children, applying makeup, reading a map or talking on the phone.

## HART STRONG STAYTON STRONG

Lance Corporal Ty Lewis Hart was one of the marines involved in the tragic helo crash off the coast of Oahu on January 14, 2016. He is survived by his wife of 7 months (Hanna), his mom (Trina), dad (Mike), and brothers (Greg and Alan).

Donations in honor of Ty can go to <https://www.gofundme.com/tyhart>. They will be used for athletic scholarships—helping kids who want to participate in a sport but need assistance with the cost of the sport or gear required.

Sports Fever Graphics is also making Hart Strong memorial shirts to honor Ty and what he stood for. All proceeds will also be going to the athletic scholarship.





## Here are AAA's Top 10 Tips to Avoid Distractions While Driving.

10. Fully focus on driving. Do not let anything divert your attention, actively scan the road, use your mirrors and watch out for pedestrians and cyclists.

9. Store loose gear, possessions and other distractions that could roll around in the car, so you do not feel tempted to reach for them on the floor or the seat.

8. Make adjustments before you begin your trip. Address vehicle systems like your GPS, seats, mirrors, climate controls and sound systems before hitting the road. Decide on your route and check traffic conditions ahead of time.

7. Finish dressing and personal grooming at home – before you get on the road.

6. Snack smart. If possible, eat meals or snacks before or after your trip, not while driving. On the road, avoid messy foods that can be difficult to manage.

5. Secure children and pets before getting underway. If they need your attention, pull off the road safely to care for them. Reaching into the backseat can cause you to lose control of the vehicle.

4. Put aside your electronic distractions. Don't use cell phones while driving – handheld or hands-free – except in absolute emergencies. Never use text messaging, email functions, video games or the internet with a wireless device, including those built into the vehicle, while driving.

3. If you have passengers, enlist their help so you can focus safely on driving.

2. If another activity demands your attention, instead of trying to attempt it while driving, pull off the road and stop your vehicle in a safe place. To avoid temptation, power down or stow devices before heading out. Drivers should use caution while using voice-activated systems, even at seemingly safe moments when there is a lull in traffic or the car is stopped at an intersection, because potentially dangerous distractions can last longer than most drivers expect.

**1. As a general rule, if you cannot devote your full attention to driving because of some other activity, it's a distraction. Take care of it before or after your trip, not while behind the wheel.**

LETS DO THIS!

Commit to forming good, positive and safe driving habits.

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### JANUARY

5—Jeff Harris SR  
13—Jeff Deetz  
19—Makenzie Hofmann  
24—Byron Smith  
27—Jeff Harris JR

### FEBRUARY

3—Doug Kintz  
23—Theresa Smith  
26—Kevin Bakke  
27—Alison Lindsay  
28—Ray Porter

### MARCH

15—George Crosiar  
22—Rhonda Grant  
23—Don Dotter  
30—Maria Sammons  
31—Sheila Woodsmall



Happy Birthday!

## Stayton Volunteer Protection Co. #1 Mehama Fire Station's 59th Sweetheart Breakfast & Bingo

Mehama Fire Station

### BINGO

Saturday, February 13, 2016  
6 P.M. to 9 P.M.

♥ \$100 blackout at 9 PM ♥ Lots of Prizes  
♥ Concessions

### BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 14, 2016  
7 A.M. to Noon

ALL YOU CAN EAT Ham, Eggs, & Pancakes  
Adults \$6.00  
Children (7-12) \$5.00  
6 and under Free



We may be wishing for warm, summer days but Winter is not over yet.

Fog along with wet and slick roads give us cause for caution on our daily commutes.







*Upcoming Events...*

- Feb 4 SVPC Dinner/Business Meeting at Station 82
- Feb 5 Deadline for FF/Mech. applications
- Feb 13 Mehama Bingo
- Feb 14 Mehama Sweetheart Breakfast  
Happy Valentine's Day
- Feb 27 FF/Mechanic Position Assessment Center
- Mar 12 FF/Mechanic Position Chief Interviews
- Mar 17 St. Patrick's Day
- Mar 19 Awards Banquet

Watch your email or check the website calendar for activity and event notifications  
[www.staytonfire.org](http://www.staytonfire.org)

*\* Congratulations Corner\**

Congratulations to Jason and Allyson Wren (and Joshua) as they welcome their new daughter/sister, Annalee Jane, born January 11, 8 lbs. 2 oz.



**To our Service Men and Women, Past and Present...**



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