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From the Chief's Desk

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jack Carriger*

Thanks to everyone for their patience during the Seismic Grant construction period. We are nearly finished with this project and things will be returning to normal soon.

Elkhorn station is done and looks great with the siding and lighting improvements. The District will be putting another coat of paint on the bay floors to help seal and protect the floor.

Stayton station seismic work is done also. The sprinkler system repair, paid for by the 2015 Bond, has been completed and is now much more functional than it has been which will greatly reduce the chance of pooling and leaking for years to come. By waiting until the seismic construction was underway, the District was able to save a great deal of the labor cost of this project. The same held true for the lighting upgrade project. The District was able to benefit from the seismic construction for the replacement of lighting to greatly reduce the overall cost. All four stations are now equipped with LED lighting.

Marion station should be completed by the 10th of this month allowing them to move back in the following week. Although the station looks pretty much the same from the outside, we have a completely new station on the inside. In bringing the station up to seismic standards, we were also able to bring it up to ADA standards by revamping the kitchen and bathroom.

Mehama station still has a considerable amount of work to be done with concrete, paving, electrical, and overhead door issues to be completed. Their scheduled completion date is the 17th of August.

The Seismic Grant has been a very good thing for the District in many ways, addressing some of the concerns we were looking at for the long term. We were able to upgrade the condition of our stations, make them safer, and increase their survivability rate should a seismic event occur.

I want to thank Doug Kintz for an outstanding job of working with the contractors throughout the project. Doug's assistance made the entire project go smoother and less intrusive to all. His prior knowledge of construction and wiring was extremely helpful while working through the details of the projects. Thanks for a great job Doug!

Spring 2018 Santiam Firefighter Academy

Twenty-seven students graduated from the Santiam Firefighter Academy representing 8 area agencies – Aumsville, Gates, Idanha-Detroit, Jefferson, MCFD #1, Scio, Stayton and Turner. This is one of the largest graduating classes yet.

Stayton Fire had one graduate, Kyle Jones, from Stayton's Marion station. Congratulations Kyle!

The Silent Hero award winners were Cameron Koumentis from Aumsville and Kento Hansen from MCFD #1. The recipient(s) are chosen by their peers. The award is based on who they think most displayed

the qualities of Integrity, Honor, Pride, and Commitment.

The Ember award winners were Thomas Schurter from MCFD #1, Ayden Zimmerman from Scio, and Dustin Bridges from Jefferson. This award is for the top student based on grades, attendance and participation.

The academy is coordinated by all agencies involved and the students received the following certifications: NFPA FF 1 and 2, NFPA Driver, NFPA Hazardous Materials Operations, and Wildland FF 2.

Congratulation's to all the graduates for a job well done!.



DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

SEPT

Kevin Bakke—12 yrs.
Greg Beitel—6 yrs.
Sean Weitman—6 yrs.
Will Comerford—3 yrs.
Dana Orr—2 yrs.
Josh Starbuck—1 yr.

OCT

Sherry Bensema—25 yrs.
Kelly Oliver—17 yrs.
Matt Riordan—17 yrs.
Barbara Nelson—17 yrs.
Byron Smith—13 yrs.
Monica Johnson—11 yrs.
Nick Lulay—6 yrs.
Maria Sammons—6 yrs.
Sheila Woodsmall—6 yrs.

Nov

Jack Carriger —16 yrs.
Kurt Hueller—15 yrs.
Alison Lindsay—10 yrs.
Tanya McFadden—9 yrs.
Jason Wren—2 yrs.
Daniel Koellmann—2 yrs.
Kyle Jones—1 yr.

Congratulations!

***203 Years
of Service!***

Learn about Heat-Related Illness and How to Stay Cool and Safe in Hot Weather

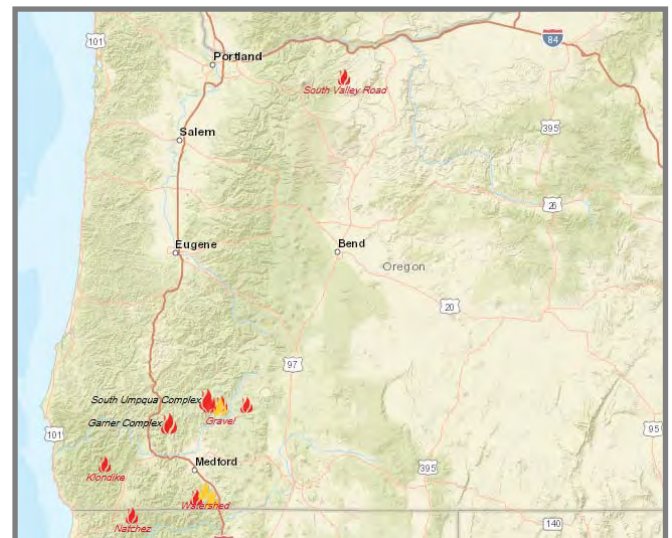
Symptoms of heat-related illness include: fatigue, nausea, headache, excessive thirst, muscle aches and cramps, weakness, confusion or anxiety, either drenching sweats accompanied by cold, clammy skin or a marked decrease in sweating accompanied by hot, flushed, dry skin, slowed or weakened heartbeat, dizziness, agitation.

Everyone should take these steps to prevent heat-related illnesses, injuries, and deaths during hot weather:

- Stay in an air-conditioned indoor location as much as possible.
- Drink plenty of fluids even if you don't feel thirsty.
- Schedule outdoor activities carefully.
- Wear loose, lightweight, light-colored clothing and sunscreen.
- Pace yourself.
- Take cool showers or baths to cool down.
- Check on a friend or neighbor and have someone do the same for you.
- Never leave children or pets in cars.
- Check the local news for health and safety updates.

**Where's the fire? Keep
track of Oregon
wildfires, evacuations
and air quality**

<https://gacc.nifc.gov/nwcc/information/firemap.aspx>





President Trump signs Collins & Pascrell's Firefighter Cancer Registry Act

Congressmen Chris Collins and Bill Pascrell Jr. (New Jersey) celebrated President Donald Trump signing into law H.R. 931, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act. The legislation they authored together will require the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to develop and maintain a voluntary registry to collect data regarding the incidence of certain cancers in firefighters.

This registry will allow researchers to have a greater understanding of the impacts that smoke inhalation and other occupational hazards have on a firefighter's health, and is designed to lead to better treatment options.

"The brave men and women who selflessly keep our communities safe while fighting fires deserve for us to do everything in our power to also keep them out of harm's way while they are on duty," Collins said. "We currently have a lack of information about how being exposed to certain fires will impact a firefighter's health, and this is a common sense way to collect that data to improve protocols and equipment. I express my deepest gratitude for our nation's firefighters and first responders, and take pride in knowing that this registry could lead to reforms that will save lives."

Pascrell, co-chair of the Congressional Fire Services Caucus, said, "I'm proud that this legislation has been signed into law. The Firefighter Cancer Registry will bring together information on firefighters' history to help doctors and researchers find any connections between firefighters' work and increased risk for cancer. This will improve the safety of the brave men and women who put their lives on the line every single day. This legislation has long enjoyed bipartisan support because all of us want to protect those who protect the rest of us. Thank you Reps. Chris Collins and Frank Pallone, and Sens. Bob Menendez and Lisa Murkowski for your efforts getting this bill through Congress and into law. I look forward to working closely with the CDC and members of the firefighting community to see that the new registry is implemented to its fullest use."

Energy and Commerce Committee Chairman Greg Walden (Oregon) and Health Subcommittee Chairman Michael C. Burgess, M.D. (Texas), said, "Day after day, firefighters all across the country are quick to answer the call of duty. Whether they do so in volunteer service or as a career, they put their communities first on a daily basis without question. This commonsense bill will create a national registry to better document the physical toll these everyday heroes undertake and help lead to better treatment options. We look forward to seeing this registry come to fruition and applaud Rep. Chris Collins for his leadership on this issue."

The Firefighter Cancer Registry Act authorizes \$2 million in federal funds to the CDC from fiscal year 2018 to FY2022. Data gathered would include a number of potential risk factors, including but not limited to the status of the firefighter (volunteer, paid-on-call or career), number of years on the job, the number of incidents attended, and the type of incidence. The collection of this data would allow for improved equipment, enhanced safety protocols and preventative techniques for firefighters.

The House of Representatives passed H.R. 931, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act of 2017, by unanimous consent on June 22. H.R. 931 first passed the House last September by voice vote. The Senate passed the bill, with an amendment, by unanimous consent in May.

Specifically, the Firefighter Cancer Registry Act would:

- . Develop a firefighter registry of available cancer registry data collected by existing State Cancer Registries and a strategy to maximize participation . Create a registry that will contain relevant history, such as other occupational information, years of service, number of fire incidents responded to, and additional risk factors . Make de-identified data available to public health researchers to provide them with robust and comprehensive datasets to expand groundbreaking research . Improve our understanding of cancer incidences by requiring its administrators to consult regularly with public health experts, clinicians, and firefighters



The bill had strong support from several major fire organizations, including the National Volunteer Fire Council, the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, the Congressional Fire Services

Institute, the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, New Jersey Firefighters' Mutual Benevolent Association and the International Fire Services Training Association.

BURN BAN In Affect

An outdoor burn ban is in affect in all areas of Marion County.

The Marion County Fire Defense Board in cooperation with the Oregon Department of Forestry has issued a county-wide burn ban due to forecasted high temperatures, limited rainfall and ongoing dry conditions. Oregon Department of Forestry has moved to Extreme Fire Danger.

The burn ban includes recreational campfires, fire pits, yard debris, agricultural burning and permits issued for open burning until further notice.

For the most current information, please call the Burn Information Line at **1-877-982-0011**.

Restrictions include:

- All campfires, warming fires, cooking fires and the use of charcoal briquettes are prohibited.
- Campers are permitted to use portable cooking stoves with liquefied or bottled fuels only, that can be turned off with a valve.
- Backyard burning (yard debris, etc.)
- Recreational fires, including:
 - Backyard fire pits
 - Outdoor fireplaces and portable fireplaces (Chimineas, etc.)

Summer Grilling Safety Tips



Keep anything that can catch fire away from your grill.



- Follow the product manufacturers instructions for placing and using your outdoor cooking appliances
- Only use grills and smokers outdoors.
- Place them away from your homes siding, deck railings, and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- Do not use on a wooden porch, deck, or balcony.
- Never leave unattended while cooking.
- Empty coals and ash into a metal container with a tight-fitting lid that is only used to collect coals. Keep the container at least 10 feet away from home. Never place the container with ashes on a wooden porch, deck or balcony with a combustible surface.



This year's theme works to educate about the three basic but essential steps to take to reduce the likelihood of having a fire – and how to escape safely in the event of one:

"LOOK" for places fire could start. Take a good look around your home. Identify potential fire hazards and take care of them.

"LISTEN" for the sound of the smoke alarm. You could have only minutes to escape safely once the smoke alarm sounds. Go to your outside meeting place, which should be a safe distance from the home and where everyone should meet.

"LEARN" two ways out of every room and make sure all doors and windows leading outside open easily and are free of clutter.



Dana & Laura



Adam

DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

SEPT

2—Jack Carriger
8—Eric Fery
22—Gary Chrisman
22—Matt Riordan
28—Byron Brown

OCT

2—Laura Houston
12—Jason Wren
15—Kelly Oliver
19—Sherry Bensema

Nov

8—Adam Bailey
10—Sandy Johnson
17—Aletha Shine



Happy
Birthday!

Stayton Fire District teamed up with the Office of State Fire Marshal at the Marion County Fair to help hand out fire safety goodies, home escape planning toolkits and meet with visitors.

Thank You to our friends and community for your support at our May Firefighter Breakfast and Support Team Fundraiser!
Thank you to our sponsors, teams and Santiam Golf Club for your support of our annual Golf Tournament raising funds for the Oregon Burn Center!



Upcoming Events...

- Aug 7 National Night Out**
- Aug 17 Back To School Fair, Mari-Linn School in Lyons**
- Aug 18 Aumsville FF Breakfast & Corn Festival**
- Sept 3 Labor Day, Business Office Closed**
- Sept 11 Patriot Day—Never Forget**
- Oct Fire Prevention Month**
- Oct 31 Halloween Safety Open House**

Watch your email or check the website calendar for activity and event notifications
www.staytonfire.org

Congratulations Corner

Congratulations
Nathan & Lucy and sister
Brynlee! Welcome
Marcus Nathan Hemenway,
born June 7, 2018
8 lbs. 4 oz.
20.5 inches long



Aletha Shine
sworn in at June
business
meeting.
Congratulations
Aletha!



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