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From the Chief's Desk

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jack Carriger*

Well there is no doubt these last two months have been one for the records. If someone would have told me in February that the most precious commodity in our lives for the unforeseeable future would be toilet paper and hand cleaner, I would have thought they were crazy. But these are unusual times and its interesting how people respond to things so differently. Perceptions are from one end of the spectrum to the other.

I think that's why I like working with emergency services personnel so much. They are focused, dedicated and compassionate; people that care enough about each other and their neighbors to commit to long hours of training, education, and in time, experience, to make good decisions during critical times. They are people that the community can count on and believe in; people that will be there

for them when they are at their most vulnerable.

This unique time has brought many things to light and given cause to reflect on things we sometimes take for granted. Simple freedoms like going to the store, a movie or to a restaurant seem to take on a whole new appreciation for many of us.

One of the things I appreciate most has been **YOU - each of our fire district members**. I always try to say thank you for everything you do but it doesn't always happen, even though it's in my mind and heart. I deeply appreciate the sacrifices each of you make to commit your time to training and education to provide professional service to your community.

You give all you have to give—expecting little to nothing in return. You make a difference in the quality of life in your community that people appreciate.

Thank you for caring about your community and Stayton Fire District.

COVID –19: DISTRICT STATUS UPDATE

~ *AC Jay Alley*

As we enter into week 13 of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) we continue to see the new normal and start the phases of getting life back while we continue to battle this virus.

As a District, we continue to follow the CDC (Center for Disease Control), state and local guidelines. During the last 12 weeks we continued to answer the calls for service, close our stations to pub-

lic meetings, educate and monitor our members and their families, and suspend training during this time.



The District remains healthy and is maintaining a supply of disinfectants, PPE and hand sanitizer to protect the health and safety of our members.

As we move into the future, we will see changes to how we operate and explore new and innovative ways to provide training and service.

DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

AUGUST

Laura Houston—26 yrs.
Allyson Wren—10 yrs.
Scott Cooper—7 yrs.
Aletha Shine—5 yrs.

SEPTEMBER

Kevin Bakke—14 yrs.
Greg Beitel—8 yrs.
Sean Weitman—8 yrs.
Dana Orr—4 yrs.
Ashley Griffith—3 yrs.
Josh Starbuck—3 yrs.

***Congratulations
And Thank You
For 88 Years
of Service!***

**Backyard
Burn
Season ends
June 15.
Until then,
call before
you burn.
1-877-982-0011**

Recruiter Message

Unfortunately Chemeketa's Public Safety Job Fair was canceled this year, but they are still helping spread the word of public safety opportunities via their Facebook page.

Every day in the month of May they have a featured post for an organization that was scheduled to attend the job fair. If you see our post, please share it and help get the word out about our volunteer opportunities.

This not only helps our district, but

it helps bring knowledge to community members in surrounding districts about volunteer fire-fighting opportunities.

With some of the events that we make public contact for recruiting new members being canceled, it is important that we all spread the word of volunteering as we progress through the year.

With various recruiting methods and help from the districts volunteers, we will continue to reach potential recruits and grow our ranks.



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DISTRICT PROJECT UPDATES

~ Facility Maintenance Manager, Doug Kintz

The District staff has been working on a lot of projects around Station 80 in the last few weeks.

Mildew and dry rot were discovered in the weight room wall due to a leak in the roof. Those repairs are nearly complete. We will be doing some work on the inside of the room over the next few weeks as well to update things a bit—new paint, A/V equipment upgrade and new flooring are in the plan.

It is our intent to keep as much of the weight room functional during the time of the upgrades but there will be times when things might not be usable. We will continue to work on completing the project as quickly as possible. Thank you for your patience.

New asphalt paving was put down in front of the storage building, in front of the Training Facility storage building and around the new vent prop extending toward the front gate for extrication in the training facility area. ✓ Completed

New LED exterior lighting has been installed on the main building, and parking lot.

✓ Completed

New flooring and paint in the men's restroom.

✓ Completed

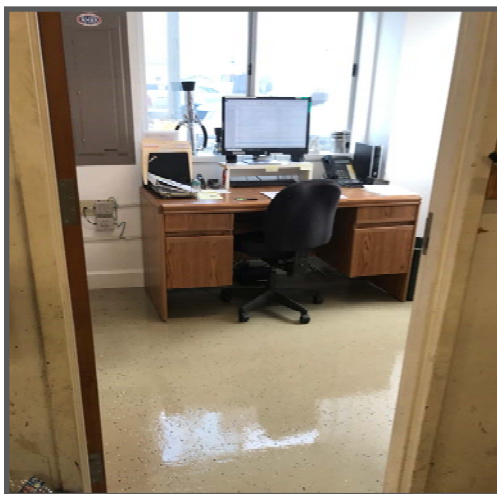
We have upgraded the fire alarm system devices as there were several deficiencies during our last inspection.

✓ Completed

We had a leak in the shop faucet which caused some water damage inside the wall and the Mechanics office. As a result, we installed a new faucet, replaced some of the sheetrock and plywood, tore up the linoleum in the office and put down new floor epoxy, ran some new data cabling, and a fresh coat of paint.

✓ Completed

We ordered a new security camera system for the main station, shop, storage building, and training facility. This project is in progress.



DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST

5—Tanya McFadden

13—Trent Tegen

21—Scott Vigil

25—Steve Orr

SEPTEMBER

2—Jack Carriger

8—Eric Fery

8—Tim Godfrey

22—Matt Riordan

Happy Birthday!

DISTRICT BUDGET APPROVED

The budget for FY 20-21 includes the four year SAFER Grant which is a joint venture between Stayton and Sublimity Fire districts for Recruitment. The goal of the Recruiter is to focus specifically on the recruitment of new members and the retention of existing members.

Unfortunately, the Local Option Levy for additional personnel failed at the polls.

The Districts financial goal continues to be building our reserve funds to be prepared for future requirements. Due to the excellent condition of our apparatus and facilities, we foresee no large projects during the next several years so we will be concentrating on smaller projects with less financial impact to the budget.

Upcoming Events...

District Remains Closed to Public Meetings

- June 21 Happy Father's Day
- June 27 Golf Tournament has been cancelled
- July 3 Business Office closed
- July 4 Independence Day



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Congratulations Corner

Congratulations to FFs Jason and Allyson Wren and
welcome to Gracelynn, born May 9, 2020 at 12:50 pm.



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