



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk

~ Chief Jack Carriger

First and foremost I would like to congratulate all the award winners for 2008. I deeply

appreciate your dedication to the District and the community and for helping set a standard of excellence for Stayton Fire District.

I would also like to thank and congratulate all of you who received Length of Service Awards for your many years of unselfish, devoted service to Stayton Fire District. You are the true source of our success in delivering quality service to the residents and visitors to our District.

As most of you know we have been very fortunate to receive several grants in the last few years and are currently in different stages of completion on three different grant projects. We received the long-awaited rehab trailer through the 2007 Assistance to Firefighters Grant and are nearing completion of that project. The striping has been completed, radio installed, and the generator installed. Training for operation of the trailer has begun as well.

We have just ordered three new work stations that will be placed in the Captain's Office where the new Recruitment/Retention person, to be hired through our 2008 SAFER Grant, will be placed when he/she is hired. The new work stations will not only provide a place for the new person, but will also maximize the office space allowing multiple people to work comfortably at the same time. With three work stations it will be much easier for everyone to get their work completed in a timely manner.

All the paper work has been submitted to the USDA Office for the 2007 USDA Rural Development Grant to remodel the Marion Station. The architect has completed the drawings and has submitted them to USDA. We are hoping to have the paperwork completed by the middle of April, go out for bid at the end of April, and start construction in July on the \$100,000 restoration to the station.

National Volunteer Week

April 19-25, 2009



*Stayton Fire District
Volunteers are ordinary
people accomplishing
extraordinary things
through service to their
community. Thank you
Volunteers for all you do,
for the inspiration you are,
and for the difference
you make!*

**Welcome
Newest Members**

Volunteer Firefighters:

Stayton Station
Evan Underwood
Jeremy Son

Wendy Scallen (*Wendy moved from
Support Team to Volunteer Firefighter*)



'Up'-date on FIREFIGHTER STAIR CLIMB

Scott Mullen

DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

APRIL

- Doug Cathcart—29 years
- Adam Bailey—5 years
- Derek Gilbert—3 years
- Candi Riordan—1 year
- Christopher Aldrich—1 year
- Tyler Fitzpatrick—1 year

MAY

- Bonnie Reid—26 years
- Jay Alley—24 years
- Carla Hazen—23 years
- Dan Kimball—22 years
- Taunie Alley—10 years
- Mike Odenthal—9 years
- Greg Peevy—9 years
- Beth Gregson—6 years

Congratulations!

169 Years of

Volunteer

Service with Pride!

The Seattle Stair Climb Challenge and the Columbia Center Tower are but a distant memory...until next year. There were 1500 firefighters at this year's event to make it the largest ever. The camaraderie shared by this many firefighters coming together for the same cause makes this a special event that we will be going back to for as long as we can climb!

The experienced team members: Scott Mullen, Ruben Sisto, Derek Gilbert, Ryan Fitzpatrick, Scott Vigil, and Brennan Baker all improved their times from last year. This was the first year for Frank Ehrmantraut, but as he stated, not his last! The Team also improved their standing this year, going from 130 last year to 109 this year out of 190 teams.



Stuyton Fire District 2009 Stair Climb Team
 Back: Scott Vigil, Ruben Sisto, Frank Ehrmantraut, Ryan Fitzpatrick; Front: Jay Alley, Derek Gilbert, Scott Mullen, Taunie Alley ; Not Shown: Brennan Baker

A final cumulative total of \$2,945.00 was raised by our team for the Leukemia/Lymphoma society.

Everyone will probably take a well deserved break from training for a short period before starting to train for next year's event. The Team would like to thank all of you that supported us with donations and help and special thanks to AC Alley and Taunie for being our bottle changers on the 40th floor.

Mehama Bingo & Breakfast

The Mehama Volunteers conducted another successful event, their 51st Annual Breakfast & Bingo. With 575 meals served, this year was one of their most profitable. Bingo and Concessions for the Saturday night function were up from prior years as well....people stayed and played!

A big thank you to the community for all their generous donations and continuing so faithfully to support these events.

Another thank you goes to the volunteers who made this happen. ~ Kurt Hueller



Safety Spot

Thank you
 Captain Ken Rowling
 for stepping up
 to fill the Officer
 position on the
 Safety Committee.



Students Receive Hands-On Training

After taking a year off from teaching her Wildland Firefighting class, Stayton High School science teacher, Mrs. Laurie LaMarche, asked Stayton Fire District to help her with this year's class. Firefighters Scott Mullen, Barbara Nelson, and Brad McKenzie went to the school to give some instruction to her students from a firefighter's perspective.

Overall, the class is a week long, but the firefighters were there for only three of the days teaching about hand tools, digging fire line, Personal Protective Equipment, and fire shelters. On the last day, the

firefighters conducted a live fire exercise with the students. Some of the students from the class will go to a fire camp at Camp Cascade where they will compete with other schools on the skills they have developed through this class.

Mrs. Lamarche informed us that Stayton High School is always one of the top schools in the competition due in large part from the training they receive during this week-long class. This is a great way for firefighters to interact with students and teach them the skills needed of Wildland firefighting.

~ FF/EMT Scott Mullen



DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

APRIL

12—Jay Alley
21—Wendy Scallen
28—Dan Kimball

MAY

3—Jay Myers
9—Monica Johnson
13—Barbara Nelson
14—Kurt Hueller
17—Ken Rowling
17—Frank Ehrmantraut
21—Linda Lai
29—Betty Lackner



*Happy
Birthday!*

Mehama Volunteers Participate in Joint Training with Lyons Fire District

On Saturday March 14th Stayton Fire District sent an engine and tender crew from the Mehama station to help out and provide extra people for the Lyons Fire District as they conducted a Burn-to-Learn at 2120 N. 21st St. in Lyons.

The house belonged to Stella and Buddy Crusen. The house was damaged beyond repair in the January wind storm and

the Crusen's donated it to the fire district for training.

With the extra crews from Mehama, everyone got several interior attacks on the house and some great fire ground operations training. While the weather wasn't ideal for outside activities, it didn't dampen the spirits of any of the firefighters or spectators that came to watch the training.

After the house was on the ground, the Lyons Ladies Auxiliary had a hot lunch of soup and sandwiches for everyone out on the fire ground. Everything went smoothly and it was a great joint training experience.

~ FF/EMT Scott Mullen



Upcoming Events...

- April 16-18 - OFCA Spring Conference
- April 23 - 24 - OFSOA Spring Workshop
- April 25 - EMS Training Day
- May 4 - Budget Committee meeting
- May 17 - Annual Firefighter Breakfast & Support Team Fundraiser
- May 21 - Memorial Day, Business Office Closed
- June 27 - Annual Burn Center Golf Tournament

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District Documents Available on Server

Volunteers can access information and forms on the District server under District PDF Documents. Included is the District Policy manual, Board meeting minutes, Spanner newsletters, forms, annual reports, the Marion County Resource guide, and district rosters.

Congratulations Chief Carriger!

Chief Carriger recently returned from the National Volunteer Fire Council's (NVFC) spring conference where he was elected to the position of 1st Vice President. (The NVFC represents the interests of volunteer fire, EMS, and rescue services on a national level.) Chief Carriger has served on the Council since 1994 on the Executive Council, as 2nd Vice President, and on the LOSAP and Conference/Education committees. As 1st Vice President he will serve as the Chair to the Executive Committee.



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2008 Annual Awards Banquet - A Tribute To Service

Volunteers and guests enjoyed a great dinner and a little Rock 'n Roll at the 1950's theme awards banquet held on March 21.

After the Year in Review slideshow, Chief Carriger presented the years of service awards. **Five Year** awards went to Shawn Forsythe, Kurt Hueller and Beth Gregson. **Seven Year** awards went to Scott Vigil, Leon Grumbo, Barbara Nelson, Matt Riordan and Kelly Oliver. John Lackner received his **Ten Year** ring. **Fifteen Years** of service awards were presented to Sherry Bensema, Troy Gulstrom, Gene Coles, and Ron Bemrose. Bonnie Reid was recognized for **Twenty-five Years** of service and George Crosiar for **Thirty-five Years**. Chief Tegen appeared a little baffled by his **Forty Years** of service "plastic beach bucket" but got over it quick enough when he found the trip to the coast for himself and Rosie. **In all, there were two hundred and twenty years of service represented that night! What a testament to the dedication of our volunteers!**

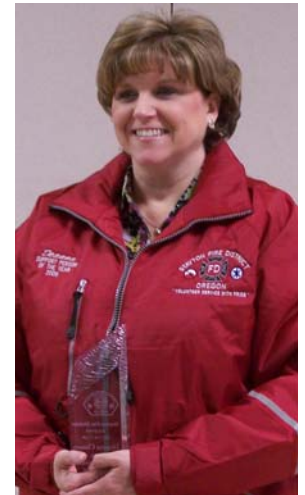
Length of Service awards for volunteers that resigned in 2008 went to Brian Classen (11 years) and Ron Bemrose (15 years).

The coveted District Awards went to the following recipients:

- Support Person of the Year: Deanna Classen*
- Volunteer Service with Pride: Bonnie Reid & Sandy Johnson*
- Officer of the Year: Doug Kintz*
- Medic of the Year: Kurt Hueller*
- Firefighter of the Year: Frank Ehrmantraut*

We have such a great group of volunteers that are so deserving of the honors they received.

Well done everyone!





Rehab Trailer

The newest addition to Stayton Fire District's fleet is a 28 foot Eliminator trailer purchased with Assistance to Firefighter Grant funds the District was awarded in 2008. The trailer was custom designed by members of the District and built by Forest River in Dallas OR. The trailer's primary use will be for firefighter rehabilitation on large fires, burn-to-learns, and other long duration incidents. However, it will also be available for community and Public Education events, major incidents, fire investigations, mutual aid and other events where it can support operations or act as a command post or mobile emergency operations center.

The trailer is equipped with an onboard generator, restroom, lighting, microwave,

food preparation equipment, fire radio, refrigerator, water and a multi-use area for patient care, rehab, or office space. The trailer also has many portable features such as a portable generator, inflatable shelter with heating and cooling, misting fans, cooling chairs, portable lighting, tables, chairs, water cooler, decon shower kit, and toilets. In addition the trailer is equipped with an AED, portable vital sign monitors & printers, CO- heart rate-O2 SAT device, to provide care and monitor firefighter's physical condition on scene.

The Support Team started its training with classes on First Aid/CPR, firefighter rehabilitation, and Incident Command System. Additional classes will include Driver/Trailer Towing class, Food Handling, and training on the equipment.

