

# Stayton Fire District



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## 2005 Annual Report



## From the Chief's Desk ...

Our 2004 successes generated hundreds of hours of work and set the stage for continued success in 2005.

Passage of the Bond measure in November 2004 set the wheels in motion for 2005 to be a year consumed by committee meetings, consultations, apparatus inspections, department and manufacturers visits, and creating specification details. Although we had identified the general apparatus needs of the District before the bond, defining the details of that equipment, identifying the manufacturer, negotiating price, and awarding the bid generated hundreds and hundreds of hours of work for Volunteers and Staff alike.

As you may remember the District received a FIRE ACT Grant within two weeks of filing for the bond measure in 2004 so we were able to reduce the



amount of taxes levied for the bond by \$200,000. With that grant the District was able to purchase a new inventory of SCBAs (air packs) replacing our current



packs which were 15 to 20 years old and failing on a regular basis. We received the packs in January 2005; after many hours of training, preparation, and inven-

torying the packs they were placed into service in all four stations March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Committee meetings continued and in March the specs for the BRATs (Brush/Rescue Attack Trucks) were completed and ready to go out for competitive bid. The bid was advertised and only two bids were returned for consideration. After review in April the bid was awarded to Danko Emergency Equipment in Snyder, Nebraska with a completion date of December of 2005. Four firefighters were selected to go back to Snyder in

January to do the final inspection and drive them back to Stayton. That story and maybe the "Ode to the BRAT Pack" for 2006 annual report.

The committees developing the specifications for the engine and ladder completed their task in April and were ready to go to the Board for permission to announce the requests for bids. Upon receiving only one competitive bid, the bid for both the ladder and engine was awarded to Pierce Manufacturing in Appleton, Wisconsin. After several more months of committee meetings and a trip to the Pierce manufacturing plant, the order for the ladder and engine was placed with a completion date early in 2006.

### Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program



The 3<sup>rd</sup> of June brought a phone call from FEMA asking the FIRE ACT Grant pre-award questions indicating that the District may receive yet another grant. On July 7<sup>th</sup> the District received a phone call from Congresswoman Hooley's office confirming that the District indeed had been awarded a second FIRE ACT Grant in as many years. This grant was for the purchase of new personal protective equipment including turnouts, helmets, gloves, boots, hoods, and flashlights. The grant also included purchasing a special dryer designed for turnouts, gloves, boots and hoods. The next several months were spent testing a variety of equipment and researching different manufacturers. In October the bids were reviewed and contracts were awarded to two different manufacturers. To date, all the equipment has been received and placed into service except for the turnouts which should be arriving sometime in April 2006.

During all of this the Volunteers and Staff continued to perform their day-to-day responsibilities; responding to calls, continuous training, on-going education and community events. It never ceases to amaze me the amount of time, commitment and dedication the Volunteers have for their community. Equally important is the support and appreciation the community continues to show the Volunteers. I feel extremely fortunate to be a part of this team and to serve with, and for, the quality of individuals we have in Stayton Fire District.

~Chief Jack R. Carriger

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# Prevention Education 2005

This year we utilized the Oregon Life Safety Team's campaign and presented "Home Fire Safety Is Up To You". Presentations to the kids covered kitchen safety, messy rooms and candle safety. As usual we touched on smoke alarms and escape routes and showed the kids what a firefighter looks like in turnout gear with an air pack on. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out at the schools; we couldn't have done it without you!

Along with school visits we had several station tours and home presentations. The largest endeavor this year was to get the address signs project started. Chief Carriger, Laura Houston, and Barbara Nelson get a 'hat's off' in appreciation for overseeing this task.

Our Halloween Safety Open House was a great success bringing in over 900 people. A huge thank you goes out to Betty Lackner and Deanna Classen for all their hard work supervising that project.

We have the best group of volunteers around, that is why we accomplish so much!! ~Deborah Gregson  
Public Education Officer



*Resident  
Volunteer,  
Jay Hinderks  
giving a  
public  
education  
tour.*

## Facilities



In 2004 we decided to make a nice area for lunches and breaks outside station 80. We laid down a patio and put the picnic table on it. It turned out so good we thought we should do more so in 2005 I tried making my greasy fingers into green thumbs.

We tore up the old landscaping on the west side of the station, dug out the old bark dust, and started in on a sprinkler system. After a bit of trial and error (not to mention driving the fine sales folks at Wilco Farm Store crazy), we had water spraying everywhere we wanted. We put in some dirt, and with sod donated

by Loyd Fery we had a new lawn.

It turned out so nice that we might even try the front in 2006.

Also in '05 we made changes to the station at Elkhorn. We finished the concrete work on the dam and spillway for the station water site, and poured a pad for a generator that will soon be placed there. We tore off the old gutters which were ready to come down. This left us with a problem of getting wet when trying to get into the station. So we had awnings installed over the doors to keep them clear.

~Maintenance Officer Ken Smith

## grants

In 2005 the District applied for the Federal Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for turnout gear and a turnout dryer. The District was awarded \$112,175 to purchase 50 complete sets of turnouts and the dryer.

The District also applied for an amendment to our 2004 AFG and was awarded \$16,767 remaining funds to place 2,425 reflective address signs in the rural areas of the District. In addition, Santiam Memorial Hospital donated \$1,000, the Stayton Volunteer Protection Company #1 donated \$1,500 and the District provided \$1,865 to complete the project.

The EMT Education Fund awarded \$4,585 to send four of our

firefighters to Chemeketa Community College for their EMT Basic certification and one firefighter for his EMT Intermediate certification training. In addition, the District provided First Responder training to eight new firefighters.

The District also received \$3,600 from the 2003 Rural Access to Emergency Devices grant to purchase two new AED's that were originally purchased from this grant and recalled.

Overall, 2005 was a very good year for grants. The District and our constituents will benefit tremendously from the grant funds awarded.

~ Laura Houston, FF/EMT/IMS

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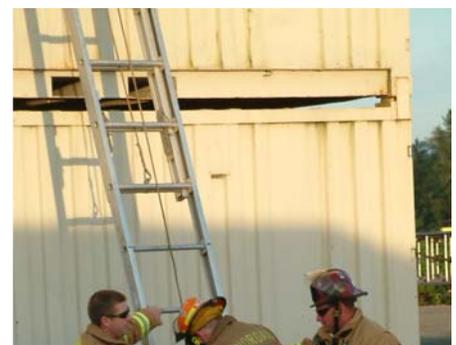
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MSA Training



Wildland Live Fire Training



Ladder Drill



Woolen Mill Live Fire Training



2005 Academy Graduates

# Training

~ AC/Training  
Officer Jay Alley

Wow, what a year! In my 20 years with the District I can't remember a more exciting time for the Volunteers. We spent many hours working with new equipment and writing specifications for new apparatus. This is above and beyond responding to 843 calls and 52 weekly drills.

With the purchase of new Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA), used for breathing while in hazardous atmospheres, along came many drills and hours on how to use them. The SCBA's are a vital component to a firefighter, providing clean air to breath so they are able to save lives and protect property from smoke and fire. Each and every firefighter has to be proficient in the use and operations of the SCBA's in order to perform their duties automatically and effectively.

The timing of the new SCBA's came perfect with the acquisition of the old Paris Woolen Mill store to use for training and eventually to burn for practice. Many drill nights and weekend classes utilized the building for not only Stayton firefighters, but also Aumsville, Sublimity, Scio, Lyons and members of the

Santiam Firefighter Recruit Academy. The focus of the training with this building was search and rescue and SCBA confidence for the firefighter. Eventually the training ended with the burning of the building and practice of firefighting skills.

Stayton Fire District is involved with the Santiam Firefighter Recruit Academy, a cooperative effort of the Turner, Jefferson, Aumsville, Scio, Sublimity, Lyons, Gates and Stayton Fire District's to train new members on basic firefighting skills. Two academies a year are offered in the area to train new Volunteers on how to respond to emergencies in the communities they serve. The time commitment for a new Volunteer member to receive this training is approximately 150 hours.

Volunteer and career members of the Stayton Fire District train to respond to a multitude of incidents, emergency and non-emergency. This training is primarily accomplished during weekly drills that are held every Thursday night for 2 hours. Additional training can be obtained from weekend classes, conferences, workshops and seminars. The members of the Stayton Fire District take training very seriously, like our motto "*Volunteer Service With Pride*".

**2005 TRAINING HOURS:** EMS—397, FIRE—2916, ACTIVITIES—1808 (Activities include Safety Meetings, Community Events, Officer Meetings, Public Education, and District Project Work Parties)

# Civil Service

Early in 2005, staff member, Riley Martinka, decided to make a career move and was hired on with Eugene Fire District as a full-time firefighter. Chief Carriger then had to decide how we were going to provide the daytime response we needed. It was decided that Maintenance Officer Smith would go back to paid firefighter status and the District would hire another FF/EMT to take Riley's place.

Oregon law states that if we employ four or more firefight-

ers on a full-time basis, we are required to implement the civil service system. In a nutshell, it's a set of rules that ensures that all hiring, firing, promoting, and demoting is done in a fair and unbiased manner and that all qualified candidates are provided an equal employment opportunity.

The District Board of Directors appointed three citizens who were willing to serve as commissioners: Jack Fiske, Don Eubank, and Randy Lafollett. Chief Roy Hari, of Marion County Fire District #1, was appointed as the Chief Examiner who administers examinations and other aspects of the Civil Service program.

## 2005 Apparatus Inventory

### Station 80 - Stayton

- 2 Engines
- 1 Tender
- 2 Support
- 1 Rescue
- 1 Grass
- 1 Command

### Station 82 - Mehama

- 1 Engine
- 1 Tender
- 1 Rescue

### Station 83 - Marion

- 1 Rescue
- 1 Tender

### Station 85 - Elkhorn

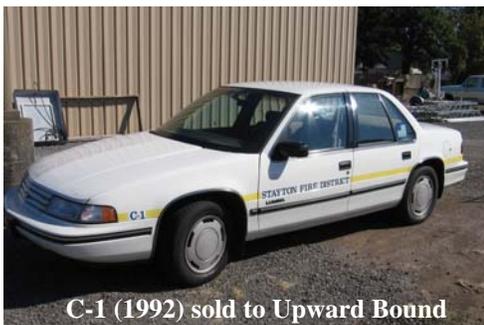
- 1 Engine
- 1 Tender



# Apparatus

A 2005 Ford Expedition and 2005 Ford F250 pickup were the first vehicles purchased from the November 2004 bond levy proceeds. The Expedition serves as the new Command vehicle and the pickup serves as a Support vehicle for transporting personnel and equipment. With the new vehicles going in-service, older ones were moved to positions where they would be put to the best use. The old command vehicle (1995 Suburban) is now serving in a support role.

In December, an ad was placed in the newspaper to advertise the sale of our older surplus vehicles. All have sold except for an engine and mini pumper. The funds from the sale of vehicles were used towards equipping new apparatus.



C-1 (1992) sold to Upward Bound



L80 (1960) sold to Russ Strohmeier



G81 (1994) sold to Maupin FD



E83 (1981) sold to Maupin FD



S80 (1989) sold to private party in Indiana

# District Information

## FIRE SERVICE AREA

City of Stayton - 3 square miles  
Rural Areas - 104 square miles

## TOTAL PROPERTY VALUE PROTECTED

Marion County	561,515,667
Linn County	66,857,841
Total Value	\$628,373,514

## PERSONNEL

Career	6
Volunteer FF	52
Volunteer Support	11

## STATIONS

Elkhorn	5 firefighters
Mehama	7 firefighters
Marion	7 firefighters
Stayton	33 firefighters

## 2004-2005 OPERATING BUDGET

Personal Services	429,831
Materials & Services	321,334
Capital Outlay	27,875
Reserve Funds	
Apparatus	37,954
Building	15,147
Length of Service	8,830
Rescue Equipment	1,500
Training	6,690
Contingency	102,000
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 951,161</b>

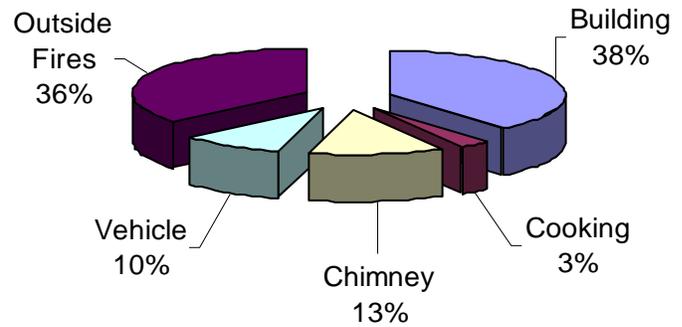
## DEBT SERVICE

Permanent Rate	1.3133
Bond 2004 Rate	.1212

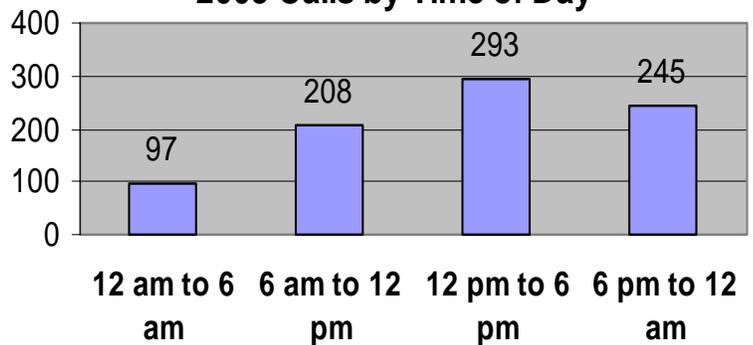
## Community Budget Committee Members

Dave Carpenter      Randy Fery  
Randy Lafollett      Gary Butler  
Russ Strohmeyer

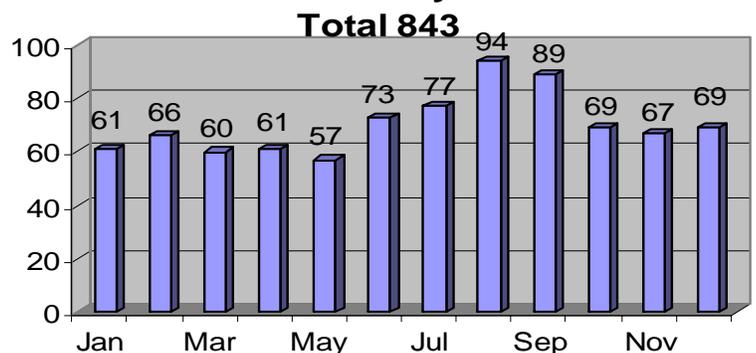
## 2005 Fire Calls by Type Excluding Mutual Aid



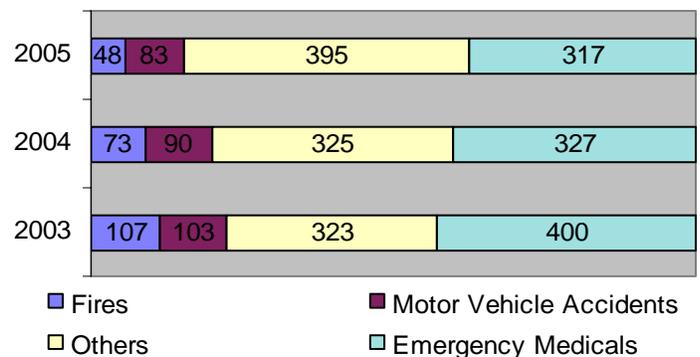
## 2005 Calls by Time of Day



## 2005 Alarms by Month



## 3 Year Alarm Summary



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## Elkhorn Station Turns Twenty

Twenty years ago the Elkhorn Station was completed and began providing Emergency Response in the Elkhorn Valley. 2005 was a year of changes; long-time Volunteer and Station Captain, Tom Williams, was married and moved to Alpine Oregon. Captain Williams takes a lot of knowledge about the station and the apparatus at Elkhorn with him. We lost another Volunteer when Firefighter Randy Holman moved his family to the Mill City area. Both Tom and Randy have joined up with the local departments to serve their new communities. The Elkhorn Volunteers wish both of them success at their new departments.

The Elkhorn Volunteers hosted a community potluck, a Volunteer Business meeting and their annual dinner for the Board of Directors. This year's Volunteer Thanksgiving dinner turned into a problem solving exercise with the major problem being how to cook turkey dinner for twenty people without power.

The final repairs on the water site following the 1996 flood were completed with a water site dedication to be held in future months. Elkhorn Volunteers responded to 14 calls for service in 2005. Thank you everyone for your dedication to the community; well done!

~Captain Sherry Bensema

## Mehama Station

The Mehama station hosted their 47th Annual Bingo and Sweetheart Breakfast with 100-150 in attendance for Bingo and approximately 400 for breakfast.

Mehama Volunteers also began conducting joint drills on the third Tuesday of each month with Lyons Fire District Volunteers. Mehama assisted Lyons Volunteers on several mutual aid calls throughout the year including a natural gas explosion in a home, a 4th alarm shop fire, and a structure fire with spot fires at an abandoned mill.

We gained a new member when previous volunteer, Brad Kimsey, returned after serving in the Army for four years in Iraq and we gained another EMT when Volunteer FF, Kurt Hueller, completed his EMT Basic certification.

~ Captain Doug Hansen

## Stayton Station (A year in the life of a Station 80 Volunteer)

Show up for drill, show up for calls, be professional and magically make all the bad go away when you arrive on scene. That's it right? WRONG! That is just a small part of being a Volunteer. Our hidden talents and extra effort are used much more frequently. Skills like cooking, golfing, giving kids candy and gifts, cruising cars, designing apparatus, and, of course, great organizational skills to make it all come together.

At the breakfast in May we fed 920 people and raised \$2000. The Annual Firefighters Golf Tournament sported 33 teams and raised a record \$5000 to benefit the Oregon Burn Center in Portland. July has us parading on the 4th, cooking for Habitat for Humanity's fundraiser, and painting faces and handing out fire prevention materials at Summerfest. In October we host the Public Safety Open House for a safe, educational night of fun and treats for hundreds of kids and their parents. During the Christmas season we host the Santa Cruise In and Toys for Joy program which allows us to help provide a little extra Christmas joy to local children. This year we were able to give gifts to 384 kids.

Some ongoing projects we have taken on were upgrading the equipment in the weight room, rebuilding the refrigeration trailer and designing our new ladder and engine.

2005 was a very successful year for us so along with the other Officers and Staff I would like to express my thanks for everyone's time and energy, we couldn't have done it without you.

~ Captain Doug Kintz

## Marion Station

Marion Volunteers held an Open House in July which was well attended. The rock wall was a highpoint with the children. Over 100 members of the community came by giving us the opportunity to hand out prevention information, recruit members and inform them of District services. The event was co-sponsored by Marion Grocery.

Volunteers also participated in the Marion School carnival that was held in March again giving us the opportunity to share prevention education messages.

In the fall, the volunteers followed the progress of the BRATs as they were being built and began to prepare for their arrival.

Our station gained a new member, Byron Smith, who has completed most of his initial training and will be an asset to the station team.

~ Captain George Crosiar

## Major Incidents

 Jan - 2nd & Florence, Stayton, Apartment Fire

 June - 1st Ave, Stayton, Strip Mall Fire

 July - Wespark Ct., Stayton, Playground Fire

 Aug - Deschutes Dr, Stayton, Trus Joist

 Sept - E. Santiam St, Stayton, Apartment Fire

### Annual Loss Vs. Risk

Value Loss \$392,603 → Value at Risk \$7,952,338  
Loss 4.94% → Saved 95.06%

# awards

The 2005 Awards Banquet was held at the Regis Activity Center on March 8th. After a delicious dinner, Chief Carriger and Volunteer President, Troy Gulstrom started the evening with a presentation of a District jacket to Jack Darley in recognition of his generous contributions to the Volunteers over the years.

Years of Service awards then presented to: Pat Clokey, Rhonda Grant, Deb Gregson, Brad Vaughn, and Greg Peevy for five years; to John Lackner for seven years; and to Doug Kintz for fifteen years.

Twenty-year awards were presented to Jay Alley, Eric Fery, Sandy Johnson, Dick Morley, and Thomas Williams. Doug Cathcart was the recipient to a twenty-five year

award. Special recognition was given to Thomas Williams for his dedication and years of service as the Captain of Station 85 at Elkhorn.

District Awards presented were: Rookie of the Year to FF Jay Hinderks; Support Person of the Year to Beth Gregson; Officer of the Year to Captain Thomas Williams; and Firefighter of the Year was shared by Captain Ken Rowling and Fire Ground Leader Ruben Sisto. In recognition of the excellent teamwork and performance of every person on the department, Chief Carriger presented the entire membership with a shirt for the Volunteer Service With Pride award.

We are very proud of each of our members for their hard work and dedication over the past year. Great job everyone!!



Jack Darley



Fifteen Year Award



Twenty Year FF Awards



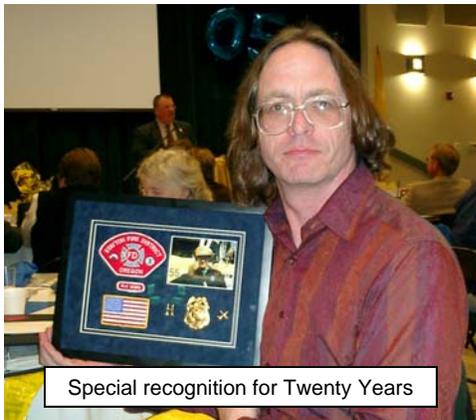
Twenty-five Year Award



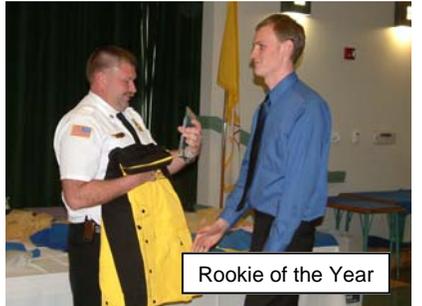
Co-Firefighters of the Year



Twenty Year Director Award



Special recognition for Twenty Years



Rookie of the Year



Biggest loser in BUNCO looks pretty in pink. 😊



Guests enjoy a rousing game of BUNCO



Support Person of the Year