



# The SPANNER

A Bi-Monthly Publication for the Friends and Firefighters of the Stayton Fire District

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## From the Chief's Desk

~ Stayton Fire Chief Jack Carriger

The District had commemorative coins made in memory of the Beachie Creek/Santiam Canyon Fire. The coins are for all members of the Fire District. If

you have not received a coin yet, you may pick one up from me at the station.

I would like to thank everyone that returned their survey asking for feedback on going out for a Local Option Level for additional staffing. The Board was very encouraged by the overwhelming support of the volunteers and staff. Unfortunately, due to a relatively new law that requires two filings instead of one, we were past the filing date to go on the May ballot.

At the next Board meeting the Board will be discussing the options of going out in November 2021 or waiting until May of 2022. The Board encourages any and all participation in creating a plan for informing citizens about the levy and our need for staffing. When the Board sets our direction, we will be informing everyone and hope to have everyone's participation.



## FIRE & ICE

Starting Friday morning, Feb 12, 2021, the District started receiving calls for downed trees and wires, transformers exploding and starting fires, along with several structures starting on fire. Fortunately, responders did not have to deal with icy roads as they responded to call after call.

In the first 24 hours of the ice storm, volunteers and staff ran on 91 calls. Then another 33 calls within the next two days. That does not include non-emergent calls that we were not able to respond to.

The shop fire on Tegen Lane, the structure fire at Knife River, and residential

fire on Santiam Lane were all casualties during the storm.

Thank you and "well done" to our volunteers and staff for the many exhausting, labor-intensive hours you put in for your community.



## DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

### APRIL

Eric Fery—34 yrs.  
Adam Bailey—17 yrs.  
Craig Griffith—15 yrs.

### MAY

Jay Alley—36 yrs.  
Tunie Alley—22 yrs.  
Mike Odenthal—21 yrs.

### JUNE

Doug Smith—10 yrs.  
Ashley Mitchell—4 yrs.

*Congratulations  
And Thank You  
For 159 Years  
of Service!*

## Volunteer Recruitment

As we finish our first quarter of the year, our recruitment efforts are still going strong. We are continuing to adapt to new recruitment techniques while following COVID-19 guidelines. We plan to keep a strong social media presence and explore other options to get the word out about the importance and need for volunteer firefighters. One avenue we are looking into is placing a recruiting message on one of the new digital billboards across from the State Correctional Institute.

Our four recruits are working their way through academy and on their way to receiving their Firefighter I certification in the upcoming month. As they push through this year's academy, we are looking to fill seats for next year.

We currently have four candidates going through the membership process. Thank you all for the support and help.

~ Marcus Andrews, Recruiter

Fuel truck roll over on Golf Club Road on Tuesday, March 23; leaking fuel caused homes to be evacuated.

Road may still be closed to through traffic due to containment and clean-up work still in progress.



Mutual Aid to Seed Plant explosion in Silverton



House Fire on McClellan Lane

## Benefits of Being Organized & Simple Steps to Getting There

- \* Save time looking for things
- \* Save money replacing lost or misplaced items
- \* Be more productive
- \* Less mess, less stress
- \* Improve your well-being and peace of mind
- \* Be ready for the unexpected—you'll have what you need when you need it because you know where it is
- \* You'll be safer - clutter can cause health problems as its difficult to keep it clean; it can cause falls and injuries, and its a fire hazard—putting everyone in danger if there is a fire.

Organizing experts say that, regardless of whether you're organizing your workspace, your garage, a closet, a big project, or something in between, all you need are these four basic steps to get you started:

- Step 1: **Gather similar items together.** Clean out the space you want to organize then put similar items together. Throw away or give away things you do not use or need.
- Step 2: **Contain the items.** Put the items you want to keep in containers such as boxes, baskets, trays, etc.
- Step 3: **Label the items / containers**
- Step 4: **Create a 'home' for the items.** Find the right and most convenient place to store these items and always put them away in that place.

## Cleaning Up and Fixing Up

Like everyone else, the District is working on cleaning up and fixing up after the fires and ice storm. Several district vehicles have been repaired and we are still working on replacing a pump house and equipment at the Elkhorn station.

Our IT Manager is tracking the problems related to our Elkhorn station's phone and Internet as they are still finding issues. The District also lost a computer and some other electronic equipment.

As part of the recovery efforts for the areas affected by the wildfires, volunteers are working to replace and install address signs for those residents of



our fire district.

They have put up over 50 signs in the Mehama area so far and plan to move up the North Fork by April.

Members of the community have expressed appreciation for the signs and said it made them feel established there once again.

Thank you to all the volunteers assisting with this project.

Watch your email for notices of more work parties.

~ Project Coordinator Allyson Wren

## DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

### APRIL

1—Ashley Griffith  
3—Kathi Kent  
12—Jay Alley  
17—Bradford Dees  
18—Gene Dershewitz  
21—Matt Shine  
26—Braedon Davidson

### MAY

3—Jay Myers  
4—Josh Lindemann  
7—Rachel Heinrich  
9—Monica Stacey  
9—Tim Wilson  
12—Josh Starbuck  
13—Barbara Nelson  
13—Rachel Potter  
14—Kurt Hueller  
16—Allyson Wren  
21—Scott Orr  
25—Greg Beitel

### JUNE

4—Anjuli Foster  
5—Dan Houston  
10—Nick Lulay  
11—Tanie Alley  
14—Craig Griffith  
17—James McDougall  
17—Marcus Andrews  
23—Alexandre Ponot  
24—Christopher Nichols

Happy Birthday!

## Upcoming Events...

**District Buildings Remains Closed  
to Public Meetings**

**Drills— Stayton Volunteers will begin  
drilling each Thursday.**

**Thank you volunteers for your dedica-  
tion during these trying times**

**We will let you know when we  
are able to have  
public events once again.**

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Backyard or Open burning (including burn barrels) is burning of yard debris such as grass clippings, leaves and needles, small branches, and brush clippings from plants grown on the property of origin.

Agriculture (Ag) burning is burning of waste related to an agricultural operation such as raising, harvesting and selling a crop or animals for profit.

**Call toll free  
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for  
information  
on open  
burning**



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