



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk

~ Stayton Fire Chief Jack Carriger

Although the November 2nd election date grows near, there is still time to educate our community about the Fire & Medical Response Local Option Levy and remind them to vote.

We still have a week left to get out into our neighborhoods and hand out flyers informing our citizens about the help we need to continue to provide timely, consistent response. There are several ways to get out into the community and help inform the voters.

Please contact the office if you have questions or would like to help get the word out.

Winter has most certainly arrived and with that the days are becoming much shorter and the driving conditions are changing dramatically.

With shorter days we will be doing a much higher percentage of our response driving in the dark and in inclement weather. Slowing down and elevating our

situational awareness is a must to respond safely to the station and to the call. Taking the time to ensure our visibility by having clear windows and mirrors is critical to arriving safely and providing service. Reducing our speed is the highest priority in preventing accidents.



Stayton Fire District has an outstanding safety record in accident avoidance over the years and our goal is to perform our duties in a safe manner and maintain our outstanding record. "Everyone goes home safe".

Have a Safe and Happy Halloween!



Life Member— Bonnie Reid

Bonnie Reid was a volunteer firefighter with the Mehama station for 25 years from 1983 to 2008, and continued her service as a Support member from 2008-2013.

It is with grateful hearts that we recognize Bonnie for her many years of dedicated service to Stayton Fire District and the community of Mehama.

Bonnie received our Volunteer Service with Pride award for 2008 and as a member of the entire Mehama crew in 2010. She was also Support Member of the Year for 2010.

Thank you Bonnie for your spirit of service, dedication and commitment as a Volunteer for Stayton Fire District! We are proud to have you as a Life Member!

DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

Nov

Jack Carriger—19 yrs.

Kurt Hueller—18 yrs.

Tania McFadden—12 yrs.

Jason Wren—5 yrs.

Daniel Koellmann—5 yrs.

Marcus Andrews—3 yrs.

Matt Shine—1 yr.

Braedon Davidson—1 yr.

DEC

Doug Kintz—31 yrs.

Scott Vigil—20 yrs.

Kristin Griffith—13 yrs.

Mike Beaumont—5 yrs.

Curtis Deetz—4 yrs.

Rachel Potter—1 yr.

Tim Trahan—1 yr.

Christopher Nichols—1 yr.

**Congratulations
And Thank You
For 140 Years
of Service!**

Training Facility Update

We had a great work party at the Training Facility on October 23rd completing several projects to include: Installing and sheeting three of the movable walls on the second floor, installed four doors and hardware, framed in three windows on the first floor, installed the cabinets and appliances in the kitchen area, and repaired floors in the tower. We also did some general cleanup and removed some of the excess furniture.



Fire & Medical Response

Stayton Fire District
Local Option Levy Measure 24-459

Why are we asking?

- Demand for emergency services continues to increase while the number of volunteers decreases.
- The number of emergency calls on nights and weekends with no volunteer response is increasing.
- Volunteers respond from home to the stations and then to the incident. Paid staff would respond immediately from the station, cutting response times in half.
- We often experience little or no response during evenings and weekends. Volunteer response time averages 12 minutes. Paid staff would cut response time to 6 minutes on average.

Fires double in size every 30 seconds. CPR should be started within 6 minutes to increase survival rate for heart attack victims.



How does this benefit you?

- Ensures response to all emergencies
- Cut response times in half
- Helps save lives and reduce property loss
- We can provide additional or enhanced services including fire prevention, public education, pre-planning and safety inspections.

How much will it cost?

For example: a \$250,000 home would be about \$18.54 per month.



The next phase will be to cut the opening between the third and fourth container on the second floor, build the terrace wall and install a patio door.

Many thanks to Davis Blackman, Larry Achen, Bryn Nelson, and Tyler Marquez from Aumsville Fire and Taunie Alley, Matt Riordan, Braedon Davidson, John Jensen, Scott Vigil, Jay Alley, and Doug Kintz from Stayton Fire. We are very fortunate to have so many volunteers who are dedicated to improving the training facility and ensure quality training for all. Thank you!



IDENTITY THEFT AND INTERNET SCAMS

Unfortunately this is something we need to be reminded of on a regular basis. Not the happiest of subjects, but very important.

Today's technology allows us to connect worldwide, bank and shop online, and control our televisions, homes, and cars from our smartphones. Unfortunately, with this added convenience comes an increased risk of identity theft and Internet scams.

COMMON INTERNET SCAMS

As technology continues to evolve, cybercriminals will use more sophisticated techniques to exploit systems, accounts, and devices to steal your identity, personal information, and money. To protect yourself from online threats, you must know what to look for. Some of the most common Internet scams include:

- **COVID-19 SCAMS** take the form of emails with malicious attachments or links to fraudulent websites to trick victims into revealing sensitive information or donating to fraudulent charities or causes. Exercise caution in handling any email with a COVID-19-related subject line, attachment, or hyperlink, and be wary of social media pleas, texts, or calls related to COVID-19.
- **IMPOSTER SCAMS** occur when you receive an email or call from a person claiming to be a government official, family member, or friend requesting personal or financial information. For example, an imposter may contact you from the Social Security Administration informing you that your Social Security number (SSN) has been suspended, in hopes you will reveal your SSN or pay to have it reactivated.

SIMPLE TIPS

• **DOUBLE YOUR LOGIN PROTECTION.** Enable multi-factor authentication (MFA) to ensure that the only person who has access to your account is you. Use it for email, banking, social media, and any other service that requires logging in. If MFA is an option, enable it by using a trusted mobile device, such as your smartphone, an authenticator app, or a secure token—a small physical device that can hook onto your key ring.

• **SHAKE UP YOUR PASSWORD PROTOCOL.** According to (National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) guidance, you should consider using the longest password or passphrase permissible. Get creative and customize your standard password for different sites, which can prevent cyber-criminals from gaining access to these accounts and protect you in the event of a breach. Use password

managers to generate and remember different, complex passwords for each of your accounts.

- **STAY UP TO DATE.** Keep your software updated with the latest version available. Maintain your security settings to keep your information safe by turning on automatic updates, so you don't have to think about it, and set your security software to run regular scans.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO YOU

If you discover that you have become a victim of cybercrime, immediately notify authorities to file a complaint. Keep and record all evidence of the incident and its suspected source. The list below outlines the government organizations that you can file a complaint with if you are a victim of cybercrime.

- FTC.gov: The FTC's free, one-stop resource, www.identitytheft.gov/can help you report and recover from identity theft. Report fraud to the FTC at ftc.gov/OnGuardOnline or www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov.
- US-CERT.gov: Report computer or network vulnerabilities to US-CERT via the hotline: 1-888-282-0870 or us-cert.cisa.gov. Forward phishing emails or websites to US-CERT at phishing-report@us-cert.gov.
- IC3.gov: If you are a victim of online crime, file a complaint with the Internet Crime Complaint Center (IC3) at www.IC3.gov.

Upcoming Events...

District Buildings Remain Closed
to Public Meetings until further notice

Sorry to say, there will NOT be a
Halloween event
at the Stayton fire station this year.

The Toys for Joy program has begun.
Applications can be obtained at the
Stayton station or online. Sign up for
appointments is online only.

Continued appreciation to our volunteers for
their dedication during these trying times.

www.staytonfire.org

2021 TOYS FOR JOY AND GIFT OF CHRISTMAS DINNER PROGRAMS

Serving Stayton & Sublimity Fire Districts

Sign-ups are by appointment only!
at staytonfire.org

Tuesday	November 16	1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Wednesday	November 17	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Friday	November 19	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Tuesday	November 30	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Wednesday...December 1		1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

*Dates could change without notice

Where: Stayton Foothills Church
975 Fern Ridge Rd SE
Stayton, Oregon



What to bring:

- 1) Oregon photo ID or driver's license for all adults in household
- 2) 2020 Form 1040 Individual Income Tax Return (page 1) or 2020 Form OR-40 (page 1) listing dependents or you need one of the following for each dependent child in the home:
 - a. Social security card
 - b. Medical card
 - c. Birth certificate
- 3) Current utility bill for proof of address
- 4) Completed Toys for Joy & Gift of Christmas Dinner Application. Applications are available online at staytonfire.org or you can pick up a blank application at the Stayton Fire Station, 1988 W. Ida Street.

Space is limited; children will not be allowed to accompany parents during application and distribution process. Please have childcare arranged ahead of time. There will be no exceptions!

Only one adult will be allowed at the appointment. COVID-19 screening will be done prior to your appointment and masks are required. Maintain a 6-foot social distance while waiting in-line.

By applying for the Toys for Joy and/or the Gift of Christmas Dinner Program(s) you are agreeing not to solicit other agencies for the same service(s). Applying to other agencies will void your applications.

For more information call 503-769-2601 (Stayton Fire Station)

NOTE: If you live in Lyons fire district, you must register at Lyons fire station (503)859-2410

RECRUITING VOLUNTEERS ~Marcus Andrews

Crunch time is upon us, and we are entering the last few months to get potential candidates through the recruit application process for the upcoming Academy.

In the last two months we welcomed two recruits: Audrey Anderson (responding from St. 83) and Matthew Rule (responding from St. 80). We have three additional candidates that are well into the paperwork phase working towards establishing membership. We have six recruits attending our 2022 Fire Academy so far with the potential of adding the three additional recruits.

We are continuing to adapt and reevaluate our recruiting efforts. We have utilized radio advertisements, billboards, and social media, to name a few. We have seen some success with all of the methods used this year and continue to look for the next marketing idea that will work for Stayton Fire. Recruiting tactics are changing all the time, but one has stayed most effective for years—word of mouth—it's the best way to recruit, so everyone can help by spreading the word.

We all love volunteering and can convey passion to potential candidates. As a whole, we do very well talking with potential candidates and I would like to say thank you for your help and support. Let's keep up the great work and continue to grow our ranks.



Audrey Anderson: I enjoy the outdoors, my two dogs, anything to do with camping, fishing, or being outside in nature. I am a Chef and a Culinary Arts Instructor. When I am not at work cooking, I try to spend as much time with my family as possible. I decided to volunteer because I really wanted to give back to this community, and in large part because of my grandfather and his involvement with the fire department over the years, I value the work that first responders provide, and wanted to be a part of that in an area that I love and call home. I am looking forward to Fire Academy in January, and just absorbing everything that I can about fire service and EMS.



Matthew Rule: I wanted to volunteer because I want to help people. I feel like being a first responder is the greatest way I can positively impact the community. My interests are spending time with my amazing wife and playing MMO games, as well as drawing. I look forward to being able to respond to calls so that I can help others.

DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

Nov

- 8—Adam Bailey
- 10—Sandy Johnson
- 17—Aletha Shine
- 30—Ashley Mitchell

DEC

- 2—Nick Pomme
- 4—Dana Orr
- 8—Daniel Koellmann
- 11—Russ Strohmeyer
- 12—Antonio Johnson
- 17—Grant Vogel
- 28—Eric Peterson
- 31—Curtis Deetz



Backyard Burning Season is open.

Call the Burn Information line before you burn for allowed times.

1-877-982-0011

Congratulations Corner



Congratulations to Antonio and Christine Johnson on the birth of their twin daughters, Elizabeth (born 8:10 am) and Charlotte (born 8:11 am) October 19, 2021.

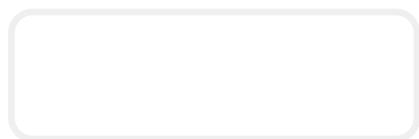


Congratulations to Trent and Darcie on the birth of Maverick Lee Tegen, born October 20, 2021, at 6:50 pm. 7 lbs. 4 oz.



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POSTAGE



**BE
WINTER
READY**



Be prepared for winter storms, flooding, and power outages. Have food and fuel on hand, prepare your homes and vehicles, and have emergency supplies ahead of time.

