



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk

~ Stayton Fire Chief Jay Alley

DISTRICT HONORS CHIEF JACK CARRIGER'S YEARS OF SERVICE

Chief Carriger began his fire service career in 1986 as a volunteer with MCFD #1. In 1996, he was hired as the first full-time paid Fire Chief at Nestucca Fire District, and then in 2002 he was hired as the second full-time Fire Chief for Stayton Fire District. Prior to his fire service career, he was a reserve deputy for Marion

County Sheriff Office for 10 years. He has a total of 46 years in emergency services!

Chief Carriger had a strong background, passion and commitment to the volunteer fire service. He served as President for Oregon Volunteer Firefighter Association and with his involvement at the state level he became active with the National Volunteer Fire Council serving on the Executive Board.

During Chief Carriger's 20 years with Stayton Fire District, he had several significant accomplishments; he secured over \$4 million dollars in grants, obtained his Associate Degree in Fire Science, developed a financial plan that has served the district well and will into the future, and promoted a strong sense of pride and own-



ership in the volunteers. Much credit is given to Chief Carriger in creating a successful organization and providing stability for the future of this district.

Stayton Fire District offers its deepest appreciation for the years of service, dedication and sacrifices he has made to make this District what it is today. The District has been truly blessed to have this level of outstanding service.

Congratulations to Chief Carriger for his long and distinguished career in emergency services. We wish him and Kelly much happiness in his retirement. We will always remember, as he so often reminded us, that life is "just peachy".



DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

OCTOBER

Sherry Bensema—29 yrs.
Kelly Oliver—21 yrs.
Matt Riordan—21 yrs.
Barbara Nelson—21 yrs.
Monica Stacey—15 yrs.
Nick Lulay—10 yrs.
Maria Sammons—10 yrs.

NOVEMBER

Kurt Hueller—19 yrs.
Daniel Koellmann—6 yrs.
Marcus Andrews—4 yrs.
Matt Shine—2 yrs.
Braedon Davidson—2 yrs.
Cody Murphy—1 yr.
Drake Smith—1 yr.

DECEMBER

Doug Kintz—32 yrs.
Scott Vigil—21 yrs.
Kristin Griffith—14 yrs.
Mike Beaumont—6 yrs.
Curtis Deetz—5 yrs.
Rachael Potter—2 yrs.
Tim Trahan—2 yrs.
Chris Nichols—2 yrs.
Corey Rhinevault—1 yr.

***Congratulations
And Thank You
For 247 Years
of Service!***

Volunteer Recruitment

Some new things over in Recruitment and Retention! We are excited about the completion of the wrap on Staff 80! Marcus Andrews along with AP Graphics put a lot of work into this project and the outcome was fantastic. The visibility this creates around town while promoting our cause and need for volunteers is going to be a big benefit to the district. If you see us around town, feel free to come say “hello” and check out the pictures of the volunteers in action! We were able to complete

volunteer? Our academy starts in January 2023, for any questions about volunteering, you can reach us by email at volunteering@staytonfire.org or call the station at 503-769-2601. Watch our Facebook page for all the happenings and upcoming events, we will be busy during the holiday season and can't wait to see everyone.

We welcomed back one of our previous volunteers, Nastasja Johnson, to our Elkhorn station and we are happy to have her



this project with funding from the SAFER Grant.

With the combined efforts of our shift crews and volunteers, we are continuing to get out into the community and spread the word and encourage folks to come join our team. We have been able to visit Stayton High School for career fair and talk with the fire science class about a future in firefighting and volunteering.

Did you know that you can start volunteering at the age of 17 and go through certified training and gain awesome experience as a

back! We have one recruit signed up for Academy but there is still time to join and become a volunteer firefighter. Academy is 6 months long, every other weekend and drill on Thursdays. Upon completion you earn your entry level fire certifications and skills to begin response. Maybe fire isn't for you, but you want to help your community? We offer medical training as well or you can come join our support team and participate in planning and events or rehab on a fire scene. Everyone plays an important role and is needed to serve our community.

Congratulations to newly promoted
Fire Chief Jay Alley and
Assistant Chief Doug Kintz!

Wishing
Jay and
Doug
the very
best as
they
continue
to serve
the
District
in their
new
roles!



**DISTRICT
BIRTHDAYS**

OCTOBER

- 2—Laura Houston
- 15—Kelly Oliver
- 19—Sherry Bensema

NOVEMBER

- 8—Adam Bailey
- 17—Aletha Shine
- 30—Ashley Mitchell

DECEMBER

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

Happy
Birthday!



To You and Yours

Upcoming Events...

Nov 24— **Happy Thanksgiving!**

Nov 24 and 25—Business office closed for the holiday

Dec 1—Family Christmas Dinner

Dec 3—Santa Cruise In Breakfast and Toy drive

Dec 17—Toy for Joy pick up

Dec 25— **Merry Christmas !**

Watch your emails for work party dates

** Congratulations Corner**



Congratulations Chris and Britt Enquist and welcome to Oscar Bilyeu born October 5, 2022 weighing 5 lbs. 5 oz



Congratulations Nathan and Lucy Hemenway and welcome to Isaac Felix born November 11, 2022 weighing 8 lbs. 9 oz



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May the wonder of the season
fill your hearts with
LOVE, JOY, and PEACE.



Cooking Fire Safety

Cooking is a leading cause of residential fires and fire casualties.

Families gather in the kitchen to spend time together, but it can be one of the most dangerous rooms in the house if you don't practice safe cooking behaviors. Whether you are cooking the family holiday dinner or a snack for children, practicing safe cooking behaviors will help keep you and your family safe.



**MAKE
FIRE
SAFETY
YOUR KEY
INGREDIENT
WHEN COOKING**

To learn how to prevent a cooking fire in your home and how to keep members of your household safe in case of fire, read the home fire safety information provided below.

Here are some cooking fire safety tips:

- Keep an eye on what you're cooking- don't leave cooking unattended.
- Keep your cooking areas clean and clear of combustibles (potholders, food packaging, towels, etc.) and wipe up surface spills.
- Create a three-foot kid- and pet-free zone around the stove.
- Older children should only cook with permission and under the supervision of an adult.
- Have a lid or cookie sheet within reach while cooking (to smother flames) in case of a fire.

Safety tips for if a cooking fire does start:

- Put a lid on it! Slide a lid over the pan (from the side) and then turn off the burner.
- Don't move the pan until the fire is completely extinguished and cooled, and don't try to transfer the pan to the sink.

If you cannot extinguish the fire:

- Get you and your family safely out of the house.
- If you can, close doors as you are escaping, to help contain the fire.
- **Call 911** from a safe place (outside).

Home for the Holidays: 7 Ways to Decorate Safely

- ❄️ **Check all holiday light cords** to ensure they aren't frayed or broken. Don't string too many strands of lights together — no more than three per extension cord. Turn off all holiday lights when going to bed or leaving the house.
- ❄️ **Ensure outside decorations are for outdoor use** and fasten lights securely to your home or trees. If using hooks or nails outside, make sure they are insulated to avoid an electrocution or fire hazard.
- ❄️ **Look for the fire-resistant label when buying an artificial tree.** Keep it away from fireplaces, radiators and other sources of heat. Never use electric lights on metallic trees.
- ❄️ **If getting a live tree, make sure it's fresh and keep it watered.** Bend the needles up and down to make sure no needles fall off.
- ❄️ **Don't light the fireplace** if hanging stockings on the mantel.
- ❄️ **Check the labels of older decorations.** Some older tinsel is lead-based. If using angel hair, wear gloves to avoid irritation. Avoid breathing in artificial snow.
- ❄️ **Have good, stable placement when using a ladder** and wear shoes that allow for good traction.

*Stayton Fire District Wishes
everyone a very*

*Merry
Christmas*

*and a Safe and
Wonderful New Year!*