



The SPANNER

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From the Chief's Desk

~ *Stayton Fire Chief Jay Alley*

As summer comes to an end, the district looks back on a busy few months, averaging nearly 120 calls a month. It takes a combination of our volunteers and career staff to handle all these calls.

Thanks to the Oregon State Fire Marshal Wildfire Season Staffing Grant, we were able to hire two seasonal firefighters for response from July 1 to October 31. Tyler Hagerty from Sublimity and Alex Mitchell from Gates have been busy with calls, projects in the district and getting our hydrants in Stayton and Mehama inspected and flushed. This extra staffing has also allowed us to send equipment and personnel on three state mobilizations (conflagrations) so far this year. Crews responded to the Golden Fire (Klamath), Lookout Fire

(McKenzie) and Bensel Fire (Umatilla).

The district received exciting news from FEMA on two grants we applied for over six months ago. The first grant is AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) to replace old SCBA (breathing air packs). The grant covers 95% of the cost with the district picking up 5% from the General Fund. The grant will go towards replacing 40 air packs, two RIT packs and a mask fit tester. The second grant is the SAFER grant in the amount of \$769,724 for a full-time Recruit and Retention Coordinator that is a shared position with Sublimity and Aumsville Fire District's. The grant pays for a staff person for four years, recruitment materials, a portable reader board, new recruit fire and EMS training and fire gear, and leadership training. Our success for grant writing is led by FF/EMT Laura Houston and our staff who all contribute to the applications.



As we head into fall and winter, remember to watch for kids with school starting and activities, road conditions will change and we will lose our daylight hours. Reminder to prepare yourself and your family for winter, clean chimneys and test your smoke alarms regularly.

DISTRICT ANNIVERSARIES

JULY

Ray Porter—34 yrs.
Rhonda Grant—23 yrs.
Lucy Hemenway—11 yrs.
James McDougall—10 yrs.
Russ Strohmeyer—8 yrs.
Antonio Johnson—5 yrs.
Craig Randall—5 yrs.
Jon Jensen—2 yrs.
Angie Hargin—1 yr.
Sean Mullins—1 yr.

AUGUST

Laura Houston—29 yrs.
Allyson Wren—13 yrs.
Scott Cooper—10 yrs.
Bradford Dees—3 yrs.

SEPTEMBER

Kevin Bakke—17 yrs.
Sean Weitman—11 yrs.
Dana Orr—7 yrs.
Ashley Griffith—6 yrs.
Nick Pomme—3 yrs.
Chris Enquist—3 yrs.
Brent Cross—1 yr.

OCTOBER

Sherry Bensema—30 yrs.
Kelly Oliver—22 yrs.
Matt Riordan—22 yrs.
Barb Nelson—22 yrs.
Nick Lulay—11 yrs.
Maria Sammons—11 yrs.
Natasja Johnson—9 yrs.

***Congratulations
And Thank You
For 330 Years
of Service!***

GRANT for SCBAs ~ AC Doug Kintz

Stayton fire District was recently awarded with an AFG grant to purchase new SCBA for the district. The grant amount awarded was \$377,561. The district is re-



sponsible for a 5% match totaling \$18,878. With these funds, the district will purchase 40 new SCBA packs with 2-45 minute, 4500psi cylinders and masks. In addition to that, we will purchase additional masks and a new SCBA fit test machine.

Earlier this year, we did some preliminary evaluations on several products. Currently, we have formed an evaluation committee and are in the process of having demonstrations from different manufacturers. Once the demonstration and evaluation process is complete, we will get quotes and place the order. We are hoping to come to a decision by the end of October 2023.

Stayton Fire welcomes our newest Board Member

Tom Etzel. Tom was raised on a Century Farm 6 miles east of Stayton on Fern Ridge Road. He and his wife Sharon recently built a home on a piece of that farmland. He graduated from Regis High School and both he and his wife have lived in this community all their lives.

Tom worked for the City of Stayton for 31 years retiring in 2021. After retiring, he took a part time position with St. Mary's Church in Shaw as their Building and Grounds Maintenance, which he is currently still doing.

Tom has served on:

- North Santiam School Board Budget Committee for 1 year.
- Regis High School Board for 3 years.
- Sublimity Fire Budget Committee for 2 years.

- Sublimity Fire Board for 8 years.
- Stayton Budget Committee for 5 years.

Tom is looking forward to being a part of the Stayton Fire District and serving on the board and for this community.



RECRUITMENT & RETENTION

We are excited to welcome our new Recruit and Retention Coordinator, Brian Harris! Brian joins us as a volunteer with Sublimity Fire District and many of you may recognize him as he was also a volunteer with Stayton Fire for five years. In total he brings us 10 years of experience. He has big plans and lots of enthusiasm as he gets started on his path.

R&R has been busy with interest cards and prospective volunteers...just in the month of July we had 17 and in the month of August, another 10! Currently there are 4 people actively in the process. Thank you to the volunteers that have been spreading the word and talking to the community about what we do.

We are coming up on our busy season of events...football games, Halloween, school events and Christmas. These are all opportunities for people to ask us how they can help out and be part of the community.

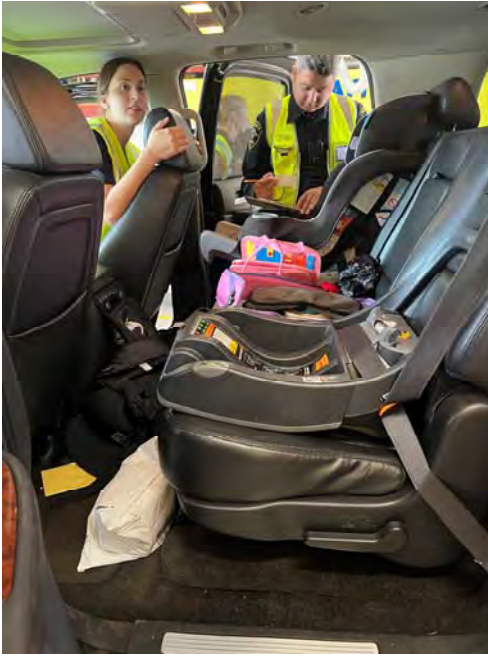
Stayton Fire District welcomes Brian Harris as their new Recruiter. Brian started his fire service career with Stayton Fire District as a volunteer in 2009 and completed Fire Academy training in 2010. Brian is a father to two children. He enjoys riding motorcycles and taking camping trips across Oregon with his family.

We also received the FEMA SAFER grant for another 4 years to cover the Recruit and Retention Coordinator position. It includes much of the previous funding, such as turnouts and education for our new volunteers, and a NEW mobile Reader Board! The continuation of the SAFER Grant allows the district to maintain the position and keep pursuing the public to join us and spread awareness for the need for volunteers and allows funding for existing volunteers benefits!

Please stop by and tell Brian “hello” and give him a warm welcome.

As always, thank you to our Volunteers for all you do and the time you give.





Stayton Fire District hosted a Child Safety Seat Clinic which was sponsored by: Mid-Willamette Valley Car Seat Coalition, Marion County Sheriff's Office, Santiam Hospital, Marion County FD #1, Marion and Polk Early Learning Hub and OHSU-Doernbecher. Volunteers inspected car seats, checked for recalls, and helped make sure they were installed correctly.

Kids are too small for adult safety belts. In a crash, a child can slip out of an adult safety belt or even be injured by a poorly fitting one. Kids who aren't buckled up at all face even greater danger. Securing your child in the right type of safety seat or booster seat dramatically reduces their risk of injury in a crash.

8 tips for a safely buckled up trip:

1. **Be a role model for your child:** Buckle up **every single time**—even on short trips.
2. **Follow directions:** Always read your car seat instructions and vehicle owner manual when installing a seat. (Look online for a Safety Seat Clinic for help with installation)
3. **Make sure it fits:** Use car seats and booster seats until the adult lap and shoulder belt fit your child correctly.
4. **Keep 'em in their place.** ALWAYS put children under 13 years of age in the back seat.
5. **One at a time:** Never place more than one child in the same safety belt.
6. **Know when to let go:** Never hold a child on your lap in a vehicle. In a crash, your child can be ripped from your arms and severely injured.
7. **Lay down the law:** Never let a child push a shoulder belt under their arm or behind their back.
8. **Keep 'em inside:** Never allow a child under 18 to ride in the open bed of a pickup truck. It's illegal in Oregon and its often deadly.

If you or someone you know needs assistance with a safety seat or help installing one, contact [Mid-Willamette Valley Car Seat Coalition](#)



Stayton Fire District welcomes Justin Large as our newest career Shift FF.

Justin started his fire service career as a Cadet at Sublimity Fire District in 2018 and completed his Academy training in 2020. Justin has worked on farms, in construction and as ski patrol. His passions are staying active, working, and skiing.

WILDFIRE PREVENTION

Know Before You Go

Check if there are any campfire restrictions before you go camping.

Create defensible space

Create a 30-foot perimeter of defensible space around your home to reduce the risk of wildfires. FIRE follows the fuel. Make sure your landscape is LEAN (plants are spaced apart), CLEAN (free of flammable debris), and GREEN (healthy and watered often).

TIPS FOR SAFE **FALL** **DRIVING**

Autumn means we need to be more careful as drivers.



1 WEATHER

Sudden changes in temperature, rain, snow and fog all make for hazardous driving. Be aware of the weather - know before you go.



2 SUNRISE & SUNSET

Daylight Savings Time means the sun on the morning drive might be right in your eyes. The sun goes down early now, so it gets dark a lot sooner! **HEADLIGHTS!**



3 CHILDREN & ANIMALS

Children are back to school and animals are busy preparing for winter. Look out for them. Slow down, keep an eye out, and be nice.



4 LEAVES

Leaves on the ground can be slippery and dangerous. Careful when driving on leaf-covered roads, whether it's raining or not. Clear leaves off your car before driving, just like snow.

Stay safe

**Backyard burn
Season Closed
Until October**

DISTRICT BIRTHDAYS

JULY

5—Sean Weitman
9—Craig Randall
10—Kaitlyn Woodsmall
19—Scott Cooper
19—Kristin Griffith
23—Alex Mitchell
23—Russ Strohmeier
31—Angie Hargin

AUGUST

13—Wyatt McDougall
13—Trent Tegen
14—Richelle Lundervold
21—Scott Vigil
22—David Champion
25—Steve Orr

SEPTEMBER

8—Eric Fery
13—Brent Cross
22—Matt Riordan
26—Micole Heater

OCTOBER

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

**Happy
Birthday!**

Upcoming Events...

Oct 31—Halloween Safety
Open House

Nov 5—Daylight Savings Time
ends, turn clocks back

Nov 23—Happy Thanksgiving

Nov 23-24—Business Office
Closed

Watch your emails or check
calendar on website for more info.

CALLS FOR SERVICE

Total fire calls July to Aug
40

Total calls for service
Including Fires, EMS, MVAs, Assists, etc.
January—August 2023
949



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