



IDYLLWILD FIRE

Idyllwild Fire Protection District

54160 Maranatha Drive
Idyllwild, CA 92549

Regular Board Meeting

AGENDA

Tuesday August 24, 2021

3:00 PM

Meeting to be held physically at the Idyllwild Fire Protection District conference/training room at 54160 Maranatha Drive, Idyllwild, CA. and by Video/Electronic means via Zoom meetings.

Public access to this meeting can be made physically at the above address (Please note that there will be limited physical occupancy due to social distancing regulations) or by using Zoom meetings @ [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us). The meeting ID # 307-288-7739 The password for this meeting is: 328844.

Call to Order: Please silence cell phones and/or pagers.

Roll call: Commissioners; President Sawicki; Vice President Messina; Secretary Andrewson; Fogle; Reitz.
Staff; Fire Chief Mark LaMont and Administrative Assistant Rachel Teegarden.

Pledge of Allegiance: Please join us in Honoring our great Country.

Invocation: TBD

Citizens' Comments:

Citizens may comment on any district related matter at this time or may wait to comment on an item that is on the Agenda at the time it is being discussed. The Board will have the option to limit the time that each individual may speak as well as the total time per subject matter (Board Policy 5030.4.1) Comments and questions will be directed to the Board Chair.

Citizens making public comments: You are not required to state your name and address; however, it is appreciated for the minutes.

Reports

- Commissioner(s)
 - H. Sawicki
 - D. Messina
 - R. Andrewson
 - C. Reitz
 - D. Fogle
 - IFPD Fire Chief M. LaMont
 - Idyllwild Career Firefighters Assoc.
 - Idyllwild Volunteer Co.
 - Other. (Special Reports)
 - ADHOC. (committies)

Action Items:

The Board may approve or act on any item(s) contained under "Action Items". Action Items with guest speakers may be taken out of order at the discretion of the Board.

- | <u>ITEM:</u> | <u>Staff Recommendation(s):</u> |
|---|---------------------------------|
| 1. Approve meeting minutes from 5/25/21 Regular Board Meeting: | <i>Approve as presented.</i> |
| 2. Approve meeting minutes from 6/22/21 Regular Board Meeting: | <i>Approve as presented.</i> |
| 3. Accept June 2021: Incident Statistic / Ambulance Reports: | <i>Accept as presented.</i> |
| 4. Accept July 2021: Incident Statistic / Ambulance Reports: | <i>Accept as presented.</i> |
| 5. Review / Discuss / Approve June 2021 Financials: | <i>Approve as submitted.</i> |
| 6. Review / Discuss / Approve July 2021 Financials: | <i>Approve as submitted.</i> |
| 7. Review / Discuss / Approve June 2021: Bill Payments: | <i>Approve as submitted.</i> |
| 8. Review / Discuss / Approve July 2021: Bill Payments: | <i>Approve as submitted.</i> |
| 9. <i>Life Tribute: Honoring Bill Baker</i> Bill Tell Mile High Radio Club | <i>Presentation</i> |
| 10. Review / Discuss / Approve Emergency Siren | <i>Discussion/Approval.</i> |
| 11. Review / Discuss / Approve Authorized Bank Signers:
Resolution 522 | <i>Approve as submitted.</i> |
| 12. Review / Discuss / Approve: Upcoming Educational Events | |
| 13. Review / Discuss: Future Agenda Items | |

Announcement of Closed Session Agenda

- o Pursuant to Government code 54957:
Evaluation – Fire Chief

Return to open session:

Adjournment: Next regularly scheduled meeting: September 28, 2021 at 3:00 pm.

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Honoring Bill Baker
Thank you for your dedication and service to
your fellow man.





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Chiefs Report

Author: M. LaMont

Updated Aug 19th, 2021

Mtg. Aug. 24th, 2021

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2. Mutual Aid Fire(s)

- In the 2020/2021 FY we assisted with 26 mutual aid Incidents:

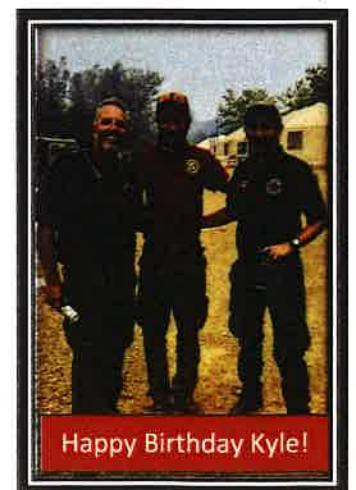
2020/2021 MA Billing was \$ 1,200,216.67

To Date we have received \$ 999,607.67, with a remaining A/R of \$ 200,609.00 for 20/21FY



- So far during the 2021/2022 FY We have already assisted with 8 mutual aid fire incidents.

**2021/2022 FY Billing is already
\$ 1,029,688.13.**



3. Abatement Inspections/Citations:

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Thank you!

4. Equipment:

Suppression Equipment:

Vehicle	Milage	Condition	CIP Info
✓ Truck 621	28,190	Good	2026 - 1,200,000.00
✓ Engine 621	34,224	Excellent	2028 - 850,000.00
✓ Engine 622	59,165	Good	2026 - 850,000.00
✓ Brush 621	50,895	Good	2025 - 425,000.00
✓ Brush 622	122,770	Good	2026 - 425,000.00

Admin Vehicles:

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✓ Battalion 6201	42,250	Excellent	2030 - 72,500.00
✓ Chief 6200	24,030	Excellent	2032 - 72,000.00
✓ 2010 Chev 4X4 U621	89,819	(NEW FEEP Utility Vehicle was received and put into service)	

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✓ Medic 623	104,980	(Out of Service)	(Replaced w/Medic 2)
✓ Medic 624	178,312	(Out of Service)	(Replaced w/Medic 1)
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We added OES IDL Type 6 Engine on May 4th

Our OES Type 6 engine and crew(s) have already assisted on mutual aid fires this year on the Bootleg and the Dixie Fires.



A Special THANK YOU!!! To IFPD Board President Henry Sawicki and his wife Karen for their assistance in delivery of our newest fleet addition!! While we were discussing our current status and how incredibly busy we are, Commissioner Sawicki asked "how can I help"? as the conversation went on I explained that our new ambulance was ready for delivery however it may be a little while before we have anyone to go pick it up, Henry exclaimed, "I'll go get it"! to which I said, Wow, thanks so much!



5. Grants:

Pending Grants:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Status</u>
FEMA Cares act grant:	\$ 150,536.00	Processing @ FEMA
AFG (assistance to FF)	\$ 198,550.00	Processing @ FEMA
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<u>Awarded Grants:</u>	<u>Cost IFPD</u>	<u>Received / Value</u>
FEPP Brush 622	\$ (\$ 0.00)	FEPP Received (\$ 322,000.00 value)
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2020 VFA (radios)	\$ (\$ 5,500.00)	VFA: Received (\$ 5,500.00)
2020 Firehouse (3/SCBAs)	\$ (\$ 0.00)	Firehouse Rcvd. (\$ 51,600.00)
2021 IDY Bible Church	\$ (\$0.00)	SCBA Purchase. Rcvd (\$ 6,500.00)
2020 Community Church	\$ (\$0.00)	EMS / EMT Paramedic Training 2k
2021 Firehouse Subs	\$ (\$0.00)	SCBA Purchase 4 additional. 28k
2021 AFG Grant	\$ (\$10,000.00)	Wildland gear/Radios/Equipment. 10k.

6. Training:

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- Numerous IFPD Employees have received both COVID vaccination shots.

8. Statistics:



Incident Volume:

July 2021.

Total number of Incidents:	91
Medical:	60
Fires:	7
Hazardous Cond:	3
Public Service:	14
False Alarm:	2
Other:	5

9. Ambulance Transactions:

July 2021.



Transports:	35
Charges:	134,646.50
Payments:	47,573.62
Current A/R:	462,107.14

10. Committees:

Sustainability Committee. (*Will reconvene at a later date*)
Rules and Regs ADHOC Committee (*Andrewson/Reitz*)

11. Other/ Misc:

- ✓ We have completed the 20FY Audit. We have **scheduled** **started** the fieldwork for the 2021 FYE Audit.
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- ✓ We approved and sent of the constitutional advance paperwork to Supervisor Washington's office. (***This item has been approved and is pending payment \$ 400,000.00*** advance



IFPD Participated with our other emergency response cooperators for the NATIONAL NIGHT OUT event at the Riverside County Sheriff's Lake Hemet sub-station in Mountain Center on August 3rd. There was a large turn out and we enjoyed the opportunity to help educate on property abatement, hardening your home and emergency services. We also passed out information pamphlets and ice cream. Thank you to Sergeant Frank James of the Riverside County Sheriff's office for inviting us to join in the event.



IFPD also participated in the Mountain Community Fire Safe Councils "Wildfire Ready Community Outreach Event" held at the mountain resource center off Franklin Dr. This event was well attended with information regarding Wildfire Readiness. Other agency cooperators included: California Fire Safe Council, So. Cal Edison, Riverside County Fire, Mountain Disaster Preparedness, Team Rubicon, Bob Severn's Insurance, Pacific Slope, Pearson's wood service, ARF, Cal Trans, and Others.

IFPD Response Time Averages:

Medical Aid Incidents. 3.48 minutes

Fire Related Incidents. 4.20 Minutes

Overlapping Incident % 21.36



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Updated July 18th, 2021

Mtg. July 27, 2021

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- ONC1 Staging (Team 11 Redding CA) Overhead
- Mile Post Fire Hoopa CA (Team 11) Overhead
- ONC2 Staging (Team 11 Redding CA) Overhead
- Indian Fire (Anza CA) BR621 / WT622
- Apple Fire (Beaumont CA) BR621
- Whitewater Fire (Cabazon CA) WT622
- Red Salmon Fire (Willow Creek CA) Overhead Team 11
- Ranch Fire (Azusa CA) Overhead. Team 11
- Hobo Fire (Willites CA)
- Elk Horn Fire
- Eldorado Fire (Yucaipa CA) Team 11
- August Complex (Mendocino Co. CA) Team 11
- Castle Fire (Sonoma CA)
- North Complex (Butte CA)
- Glass Fire (Sonoma CA)
- Bobcat Fire (Sierra Madre' CA) Team 11
- North Complex 11 (Overhead) (Plumas NF)
- Silverado Fire (Orange County CA)
- Mountain View Fire (Sierra Front) 11
- Airport Fire (Corona)
- Bonita Fire (Mtn Ctr.)



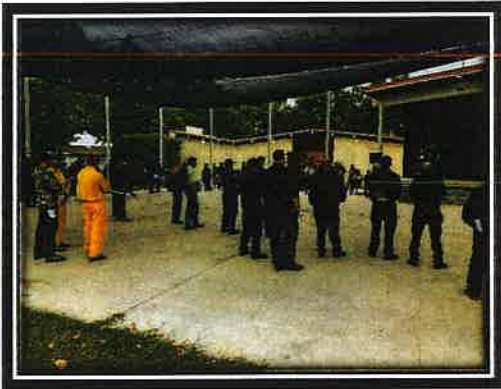
Current MA Billing is at \$ 1,200,216.67 To Date we have received \$ 914,685.25, with a remaining A/R of \$ 285,531.42.

Recent additional mutual Aid assistance fires:

Hwy 64 Fire Thermal Ca. / Coyote Fire Banning Ca. / Control Fire USFS 5S06 Idyllwild Ca./ Flat Fire Pinyon Ca. Willow Fire LPF. / Beckworth/Sugar Fire PNF

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We have gone into contract for another new Type 1 ALS ambulance. This ambulance is being built by the Arrow Ambulance Co. and we anticipate delivery of this unit Mid/End of August 2021.



“Good afternoon Chief LaMont”,

“I Hope you had a great 4th holiday weekend and things haven’t been too crazy for you guys with fire season. Just wanted to give you a quick update- we are making great progress on your ambulance project, and we have currently started on the electrical and HVAC. I will keep you posted as we progress, but right now we are looking at right around mid- August for completion”.

*Thanks again,
Mark Radtke
Arrow Ambulance*



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Summary of Accomplishments and Items Completed

04/19- 7/15/2021

In addition to ensuring professional and timely Fire, EMS and Emergency response to an average of 1200 incidents annually, the following is a short list of items which have been completed over the past 2 years:

Agreements:

- USDA/USFS Automatic and mutual Aid Agreement.
- IFPD / Riv. Co. Fire Dispatch Agreement. (Savings of \$ 8,000.00 annually)
- Legal Representation, Cole Huber. (Savings of \$ 250.00 hourly)
- Audit services, Fedak Brown.
- New Copier Lease.
- Automatic/Mutual Aid Calimesa Fire Department.
- FEMA Renewal. (FMAG/AFG/VFA/Other Government awards)
- SAMS (Systems award management system)

Grants:

- FMAG (Fire Management Agreement Grant) Cranston Fire \$ 128,000.00
- AFG: (Assistance to Firefighters grant) \$ 142,000.00
- VFA: (Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant) \$ 10,000.00
- Firehouse Subs (MSA) Breathing Apparatus \$ 45,000.00
- Idyllwild Community Church : \$ 2,000.00
- Idyllwild Bible Church : \$ 6,500.00
- Firehouse Subs (MSA) Breathing Apparatus \$ 40,000.00
- AFG (Wildland/Radios) \$ 20,000.00
- VFA (Tools/Equipment) \$ 10,000.00

IFPD Policy and Ordinance:

- Review and update 100% of all IFPD Board policies.
- New abatement ordinance 19-01 (100% inspections on 3571 parcels / 157 Final Citations)
- New Fee schedule (plan check/ special use/ public gathering/ other)
- New Fire Code Ordinance Completed ORD 513
- Updated Ambulance Fee schedule 2019,20,21

IFPD Other Items:

- Budget development (3years), presentation, and timely board approval: (2) (2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22).
- Audits Completed two (2) financial audits with RT Dennis and Fedak Brown (2019 - 2019/20 w/o material defect.)
- Consistent monthly written Chiefs reports.
- Hire of two (2) new Firefighter positions.
- Promotion of one (1) engineer.
- Conversion of Part time administrative assistant to Full time (40hr. workweek)
- Managed through the COVID-19 Pandemic. (Instituted policy/guidance and sanitation regulations) COVID Testing machine – offered to USFS on Fire Incidents.
- Completed a five (5) year MOU between IFPD and ICFA. (2021-2026)

Purchases Vehicles/Equipment: CIP Buydown:

- New (used) Type one Fire Engine (purchased from Beverly Hills Fire Department, \$ 6,000.00) E622 (IFPD CIP SAVINGS of \$ 750,000.00)
- New (used) Type three Fire Engine (USFS/USDA FEEP program) BR622 (\$0.00) (\$ 7,400.00 paint) (IFPD CIP SAVINGS of \$ 350,000.00)
- New Type one Ambulance. (Arrow ambulance Co. \$ 136,000.00 Dodge 4wd 4500)
- New Admin Vehicle. C6200 (Suburban Diamond hills Chevrolet \$ 51,000.00)
- New Type 6 engine/patrol. (OES Type six patrol) (Awarded, and delivered \$ 260,000.00)
- New MSA/SCBA Breathing apparatus (12) new SCBA's (Firehouse subs) (IFPD CIP SAVINGS of \$ 85,000.00)
- New Cardiac Monitors (4) (four new life pac 15 monitors / AFG grant) (IFPD cost: \$ 7,000.00) (IFPD CIP SAVINGS of \$ 142,000.00)
- New FEEP 4WD Chevrolet Utility vehicle. 50k savings to IFPD CIP
- New Type one (Additional) Arrow Ambulance recently approved and purchased: \$ 179,000.00)
- IFPD TOTAL CIP SAVINGS THROUGH GRANT FUNDING and ENGINE REPLACEMENT: **\$ 1,577,000.00**

Misc. Items:

- Siren / Alerting system: Negotiated an MOU with Fern Valley Water District to share in the cost of the Community alerting siren. Negotiated with Supervisor Washington's office for CDBG (Community development block grant) Total cost of system: \$ 35,000.00 (share of costs: IFPD \$ 12,500.00 / FVWD \$ 12,500.00 / CDBG \$ 10,000.00) also worked with MDP to help with the cost of education and mailings (\$2,500.00)
- In 2019 Invoiced \$ 500,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursements.
- In 2020 Invoiced \$ 1,205,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursements. (to date)
- Ensured full compliance with training requirements for all IFPD Personnel.
- Ensured average response times. (EMS call to arrival of 3.15 minutes) (Fire response avrg. call to arrival 4.22 minutes)
- Opened new bank accounts at Bank of Hemet. (Better interest rates on MMA)
- Opened new reserve account: \$ 150,000.00
- Initiated new credit card payment processing internally to provide for better customer service.
- Provided 6 community CPR Classes/10 USFS CPR classes/Joint fire training with the USFS and Cal Fire.
- Office improvements including, Flooring/File Cabinets/Training room upgrades/Chairs/Shutters and Blinds.
- Represented IFPD at several community meetings (flood/fire/fire in paradise)
- Met with several community groups including Idy. Board of Realtors/MAST/Mountain Fire Safe Council/Rotary).

Additional Accomplishments:

- Worked to improve agency moral, capability, and certification of our personnel.
- Recertified my State and National registry Paramedic Certification.
- Exceeded Fire training requirements and certifications.
- Completed my NWCG Operations Section Chief certification and Task Book.
- Maintained position of OSC2 on Incident Management Team 11.
- Ensured timely and full completion of all employee evaluations at the end of each calendar year.

I am extremely honored and proud to be a part of the team here at the IFPD. None of the accomplishments listed herein above would be possible without the incredible and selfless efforts each of our dedicated and capable personnel who provide these critical services on a daily basis. Our success in this 365 day a year 24/7 shop requires every one of our members to be at their very best.

I would like to Thank each of our hard-working Personnel for their Service and Continued Dedication.

Respectfully,

Mark LaMont

Fire Chief

Idyllwild Fire Protection District

Mutual Aid Incident Payments:
2020/21



Dates Deposited	Amount
July 20th	\$53,168.90
July 20th	\$8,826.19
June 14th	\$22,927.33
April 21 Wire BBVA	\$168,554.45
April 1 Deposit Bnk of Hemet	\$11,449.94
March 24 wire BBVA	\$447,936.95
March 22 Deposit Bnk of Hemet	\$11,137.10
March 8 Deposit Bnk of Hemet	\$176,339.00
March 8 Deposit Bnk of Hemet	\$1,545.00
March 2 Deposit Bnk of Hemet	\$12,664.12
Feb 4 Deposit to BBVA	\$2,975.00
Feb 1 Deposit BBVA	\$55,122.80
Jan 26 deposit BBVA	\$4,924.29
Nov. 18 deposit BBVA	\$2,760.40 Sanitation
Nov. 3 deposit BBVA	\$3,850.00
August 25 BBVA	\$15,426.20
Totals received to date	\$999,607.67
Billed out to date:	\$1,200,216.67
A/R	\$200,609.00



Wildfire is defined as;

" a sweeping and destructive conflagration especially in a wilderness or a rural area".

Idyllwild is certainly no stranger to Wildfire, the question on everyone's mind is are we prepared? George Santayana was credited with saying, "Those who do not learn their history are doomed to repeat it." – He also said, "Only the dead have seen the end of war". Applying Santayana's quotes to our question uncovers the following information:

As it pertains to wildfire, we know our history well. A study of fire history maps which have affected our area directly shows the following:

<u>Fires causing the evacuation of Idyllwild:</u>			
Year	Name	Structures lost in Idyllwild	Civilian Lives lost.
1996	Bee Canyon Fire.	0	0
2013	Mountain Fire.	0	0
2018	Cranston Fire.	3	0
<u>Fires near the area but NOT causing an evacuation of Idyllwild:</u>			
1958	Indian Hill Fire	0	0
1974	Soboba Fire	0	0
1977	Chino Fire	0	0
1980	Dry Falls Fire	0	0
1981	Center Fire	0	0
1983	Snow Creek	0	0
1988	Chimney Fire	0	0
1994	Lake Hemet Fire	0	0
1999	Mixing Fire	0	0
2001	Dry Fire	0	0
2002	White Post	0	0
2003	Canyon Fire	0	0
2004	River Fire	0	0
2006	Esperanza Fire	0	0
2009	Cottonwood Fire	0	0
2012	Lawler Fire	0	0
2013	Silver Fire	0	0

Although thousands of acres have burned around our general area, we have lost only 3 structures and have had no civilian lives lost to wildfire. Why are the statistics so good? There are many reasons, the robust fire prevention, and fuels reduction activities of your local cooperators, USFS, Riv. Co. Fire and the Idyllwild Fire Protection District. Continued training of the local fire service cooperators. Local property owner's adherence to the abatement policies. The efforts and cooperation of the MAST group (Mountain Area Safety Taskforce) the continued efforts of the MCFSC (Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council) and their committed members. As you can clearly see, the result of our continued efforts and collaborative partnerships is in large part a key ingredient to our historical wildfire success. Therefore, ensuring that these cooperators continue working together with the assistance of private property owners who are working hard to do their part is an absolute necessity.

Working closely with our cooperators I know that each of us is committed to our continued success.

As to Santayana's second quote, *"Only the dead have seen the end of war"*. Our stats have shown that over the past 70 years we have endured approximately 20 wildfires near Idyllwild wherein 3 of these events caused the community of Idyllwild to be evacuated. I thank God daily for blessing us with such a low structure loss history, and more importantly for NO loss of civilian life. With this in mind – I am certain that we will see wildfires in the future, and what is most important is that we continue our commitment to preparation, prevention, readiness, and training.

The NFPA has come up with the: **"Call to End the Destruction of Communities by Wildfire in 30 Years"** campaign.

“Over the past decade, the U.S. has witnessed a steady increase in wildfire activity. Experts predict this trend will remain. Despite the \$2 to \$3 billion per year to support wildland fire suppression efforts, the number of homes lost in wildfires per year has increased by 163 percent and wildfires now cost the U.S. an estimated \$63 to \$285 billion per year in losses”. *NFPA*

To stem the trend in wildfire-caused human and property losses, the U.S. must make significant policy changes at all levels of government. NFPA has released a comprehensive strategy that will push for the transformation that, over time, will significantly reduce risk to communities. The strategy is rooted in two realities – wildfires are going to happen, and the fire service will not be able to extinguish these fires at a pace to save people and property in their path. *NFPA*

According to the NFPA, to solve the wildfire problem, these five tenets must be supported by all levels of government:

1. Require all homes and business in the wildland urban interface (WUI) to be more resistant to ignition from wildfire embers and flames.
 - ***Hardening Your Home.***
2. Current codes and standards, as well as sound land use practices must be in use and enforced for new development and rebuilding in wildfire-prone areas.
 - ***IFPD RES. 513 – We must enhance fire code and require fire resistive building.***
3. Fire departments for communities in the WUI must be prepared to respond safely and effectively to wildfire.
 - ***IFPD Fire Personnel training is already required at above the national requirements.***
4. Government must increase resources for vegetative fuel management on public lands.
 - ***Currently being implemented on a small scale.***
5. The public must understand its role and take action in reducing wildfire risk.
 - ***Property Owners must be required to meet ALL fire codes, home hardening and abatement standards. – IFPD ORD 01-19***

(<https://www.nfpa.org/wildfirepolicy#:~:text=A%20Call%20to,in%20their%20path.>)

I would ask you to please, continue doing your part, work to help us prevent wildfire and create a safer community by following and applying the following abatement requirements:

HOME IGNITION ZONE: WITHIN 30 FEET OF ALL STRUCTURES

1. REMOVE ALL BRANCHES OR FLAMMABLE MATERIAL OF ANY KIND WITHIN 10' OF ANY STOVE PIPE CHIMNEY OR VENT EXITING THE STRUCTURE OF ANY KIND.
2. REMOVE LEAVES, NEEDLES OR OTHER VEGETATION ON ROOFS GUTTERS, DECKS, PORCHES AND STAIRWAYS ETC. The roof of any structure will be free of leaves, pine needles or other dead materials.
3. REMOVE ALL DEAD OR DYING TREES, BRANCHES, SHRUBS OR OTHER PLANTS ADJACENT TO OR OVERHANGING BUILDINGS. Dead or dying tree branches that touch or overhang a structure will be removed
4. PRUNE LOWER BRANCHES OF TREES TO A HEIGHT OF 6 TO 15 FEET (OR 1/3 TREE HT FOR TREES UNDER 18 FEET)
5. REMOVE ALL DEAD OR DYING GRASS LEAVES NEEDLES OR OTHER VEGETATION.
6. REMOVE OR SEPARATE LIVE FLAMMABLE GROUND COVER AND SHRUBS. Flammable chaparral species (like Manzanita and Chamise) shall be thinned and dead trees will be removed.

REDUCE FUEL ZONE (30 – 100 FEET OF ANY ALL STRUCTURES OR TO PRPERTY LINE)

7. MOW DEAD OR DYING GRASS TO A MINIMUM OF 4" (inches) IN HEIGHT, TRIMMING MAY REMAIN ON THE GROUND (THIS INCLUDES DEPTH OF DECORATIVE WOOD CHIPS OR MULCH). Pine needles, weeds or duff will not exceed a depth of 3 inches.
8. LIVE FLAMMABLE GROUND COVER LESS THAN 18" (inches) IN HEIGHT MAY REMAIN BUT OVERHANGING AND ADJACENT TREES MUST BE PRUNNED TO A HIEGHT OF 6 – 15 FEET
9. REDUCE FUELS IN AACORDANCE WITH THE CONTINUOUS TREE CANOPY STANDARD, SEE ADDENDUM.
10. REDUCE FUELS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE HORIZONTAL SPACING STANDARD, SEE ADDENDUM

DEFENSIBLE AND REDUCED FUELS ZONE (W/100 FEET OF ALL STRUCTURES OR PROPERTY LINE)

11. LOGS OR STUMPS NOT EMBEDDED IN THE SOIL MUST BE REMOVED OR ISOLATED FROM STRUCTURES OR OTHER VEGETATION.
12. REMOVE ALL DEAD OR DYING BRUSH AND TREES AND ALL DEAD OR DYING TREE BRANCHES WITHIN 15 FEET OFF THE GROUND

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

13. CLEAR ALL FLAMMABLE VEGETATION TRASH AND OTHER COMBUSTIBLE MATERAILS 10' ABOVE AND AROUND PROPANE TANKS. Abandoned or unused propane tanks to be removed within 14 days of service change.
14. Street addresses will be posted in numbers at least 4 inches high and clearly visible in contrasting colors from the public street. Be advised any and all new submissions for any/ all development after date of ordinance will be required to provide address numbers to be reflective and/or back lit.
15. Chimneys will be covered with wire screen per California Building Code Chapter 7A.
16. CLEAR 10 ft. AROUND AND 15 ft. ABOVE FUELS (WOOD PILES, LUMBER, HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES ETC. Firewood piles within 10 feet of a house will be covered with a tarp. This includes firewood piled against a house or under a deck. We do not recommend stacking firewood against your house. Firewood may also be stored in a covered shed.
17. REMOVE FLAMMABLE MATERIALS STORED UNDER DECKS AND OR SIMILAR OVERHANGS.

Please also remember that there is a ban on outdoor fires in Idyllwild which began on June 1st and will run indefinitely through Fire Season. Please also note that no wood or charcoal bar-b-ques (BBQs) are allowed in Idyllwild and a BBQ permit is required for gas BBQ's within Idyllwild Fires jurisdictional boundaries.

Thank you for your continued efforts to help make Idyllwild

FIRE SAFE.

Mark LaMont

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Response to the letter to the Editor: Town Crier Dated: July 15th (Chuck Weisbart/Author)

Mr. Weisbart.

I have read your letter to the Editor and wanted to encourage you and explain to you why I participate as a member of a national incident management team.

You state that Idyllwild is "Fire Prone", Our beautiful community is indeed surrounded by forest and wilderness lands where vegetation and fuels are abundant. I would like you to note that in the past 25 years Idyllwild has been threatened by wildland fire 3 times. 1996 - (B Canyon) 2013 - (Mountain Fire) 2018 - (Cranston Fire) It is important to note that although no one can pinpoint exactly when a fire may happen, statistically Idyllwild is likely to be threatened by wildfire approximately every 10-12 years.

You state that, "*off the hill visitors are clueless about how easy fires start*". I have researched numerous fire statistics and could not locate any instance of tourists causing fires in or around our community.

1996 B Canyon Fire – Accidental
2005 Soboba Fire – Accidental
2006 Esperanza Fire – Arson
2008 Silver Fire – Arson
2013 Mountain Fire – Accidental
2018 Cranston Fire – Arson
2019 Humber Fire – Accidental
2021 Bonita Fire – Undetermined
2021 Flats Fire – Vehicle Fire
2021 Control Fire – Vehicle Fire

As to your comment: "*where is our IFPD Fire Chief*": I am right here. In fact, last year I averaged 80 hours of work per week. I do not work on the Incident Management team to miss out on yet another anniversary, birthday, wedding, graduation, or other family event. I participate because I have committed and sworn to serve. Therefore, because of this commitment and because I believe that a Fire Chief who is not out learning new techniques, witnessing fire activity, operationally engaging, working through planning and contingency development on actual fires, cannot and will not be fully ready for a fire that threatens his or her jurisdiction and the people they serve back at home.

In addition to participating on the team, I have been here and have participated in the suppression of every wildfire incident which has affected our community over the last 20 years. And I have also been here and worked on each of the recent structure fires which we have successfully suppressed. I continue to receive valuable on scene training, experience, and knowledge as a member of an Incident Management Team and want the community to know that you are being served by incredibly competent, trained, and experienced fire personnel here in Idyllwild whether I am here at home, or out working on other fires.

Should you have additional questions please feel free to come by my office and discuss in greater detail.



IDYLLWILD FIRE

54160 Maranatha Drive
Idyllwild, CA 92549
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes – May 25, 2021

Meeting held both physically at 54160 Maranatha Dr. Idyllwild CA. and by video/electronic means.

Call to Order: 15:02

Roll call: Commissioners: Vice President Sawicki; Secretary Andrewson; Commissioner Fogle; Commissioner Reitz; Chief Mark LaMont and Administrative Assistant Rachel Teeguarden

Pledge of Allegiance: Vice President Sawicki

Invocation: Chaplain Don Hales

Chief LaMont asked for a moment of silence in honor of Vol. Firefighter Jim Kutsch.

Citizens' Comments: - See Action Item #7

Reports

- Vice President Sawicki – *Nothing to report at this time.*
- Secretary Andrewson – *Thank you to Jim Kutsch for his service to IVFC.*
- Commissioner Fogle – *Nothing to report at this time.*
- Commissioner Reitz – *June 13th at 2PM is the service for Jim Kutsch at Calvary Chapel Mountain Center. Pancake breakfast and American Legion dinner are both on Memorial Day. Steam Punk Festival is on June 13th.*
- Chief Mark LaMont. – *Please see Chief LaMont's written report.*
- Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company (Engle) – *Thank you to Jim Kutsch for his years and dedication to the IVFC and he will be truly missed.*
- Idyllwild Career Firefighters' Association – *(Rodriguez) – Nothing to report at this time.*
- Ad HOC Committee – *Nothing to report at this time.*

Action Items

1. Approve meeting minutes from 04/27/21 Regular Board Meeting:
Secretary Andrewson made a motion to approve the 04/27/21 Regular Board Meeting minutes; Commissioner Fogle 2nd. Motion passed 4-0
2. Review / Discuss / Approve Vacant Commissioner Position
The Candidates submitting resumes for the vacant Board Position were: David Cutter, Daniel Messina and Stephanie Yost. Mr. Cutter withdrew his candidacy for the vacant Board position. Stephanie Yost and Daniel Messina both spoke as to why they would be best suited for the position.

IFPD Clerk of the Board called for a vote: Secretary Andrewson voted for D. Messina; Commissioner Reitz voted for S. Yost; Commissioner Fogle voted for D. Messina; Vice President Sawicki voted for D. Messina. Vote count 3- Messina / 1- Yost.

Swearing in and Oath of Office for Commissioner Dan Messina was given by Vice President Henry Sawicki.

3. Review / Discuss / Appoint Board Officers:
Secretary Andrewson nominated Henry Sawicki for President; Commissioner Fogle 2nd
Motion passed 5-0
Secretary Andrewson nominated Dan Messina for Vice President; Commissioner Fogle 2nd.
Motion passed 5-0
Commissioner Messina nominated Rhonda Andrewson for Vice President; President Sawicki 2nd
Motion was not passed – Dan Messina is Vice President.
Commissioner Fogle nominated Rhona Andrewson for Secretary; Commissioner Reitz 2nd
Motion passed 5-0
4. Accept April 2021: Incident Statistic / Ambulance Reports:
Commissioner Fogle made a motion to accept the April 2021 Incident Statistic and Ambulance Reports; Secretary Andrewson 2nd. Motion passed 5-0
5. Review / Discuss / Approve April 2021 Financials:
Secretary Andrewson made a motion to approve the April 2021 Financials; Commissioner Fogle 2nd.
Motion passed 5-0
6. Review / Discuss / Approve April 2021 Bill Payments:
Secretary Andrewson made a motion to approve the April 2021 Bill Payments; Vice President Messina 2nd Motion passed 5-0
7. Review / Discuss – Alerting System
Citizen Tom Paulek on Meadow Dr. Made the following comments:
 - **He stated that he was not able to hear the siren during the test.**
 - **He views the siren as a fire alarm for the community.**
 - **He was very concerned when a house fire broke out very close to his house.**
 - **He has concerns that when the alarm goes off you must turn into WNKI, and that He does not feel that is good enough.**
 - **He stated “I need something that will wake me up in the middle of the night”.**
 - **He asked how the IFPD would implement the siren?****Chief LaMont responded: As you are all aware, the siren test took place on May 15th at 1300hrs. as advertised. This test was ultimately just that, a test to ensure that the siren worked, and that the electricity and other functions worked. The Siren will need to run at least 1 full minute per the manufacturer in order for the siren to reach full decibel level. We will run future tests on the third Saturday of each month at 1300hrs. with the test lasting 1 minute. Actual emergencies will be denoted by a series of 3 – 3 (three) minute siren blasts. Should you hear the siren please tune to 1610 a.m. WNKI emergency radio for information. Also find information at: idyllwildfire.com / fernvalleywater.com and mdpityllwild.org. Chief LaMont went on to state that the siren is a value-added tool, not the only tool and that all of the tools that have been utilized during previous incidents will continue to be utilized and that none of those tools will be taken away because the siren is being used. Chief LaMont continued by saying that when the Siren was initially bid the coverage maps showed that two to three sirens may be needed to reach the entire community, and that the initial siren should be reaching 60-70% of IFPD jurisdiction. Chief LaMont added that the Siren would be utilized for emergencies as deemed appropriate by the IFPD and the Fern Valley water district and that the Siren could be used for a large variety of emergency notifications.**
Mr. Paulek added, “this area used to be known as the “asbestos forest” and that he does not believe that is true anymore.
Melissa Diaz-Hernandez stated that she could hear the siren all the way up in Pine Cove, and that she is thankful for the efforts and additional tool for public safety. Ms. Diaz Hernandez also stated that the educational ad for the siren will run in next week’s paper. She did not run it this week as she thought there might be changes.

8. Review / Discuss / Approve – Board Policy(s)
Board Policy 2040 – Electronic Device Usage
Secretary Andrewson made a motion to approve Board Policy 2040 Electronic Device Usage Policy as amended, Vice President Messina 2nd. Motion passed 5-0 (Chief LaMont noted that all IFPD Board policies had now been reviewed within a 2 year timeframe)
9. Review / Discuss / Approve – Prop 218 Letter
Secretary Andrewson made a motion to approve the Prop 218 Letter; Vice President Messina 2nd. Motion passed 5-0
10. Review / Discuss / Approve – Resolution 521 Annual Unit Fee Assessment
Secretary Andrewson made a motion to approve IFPD Resolution 521 Annual Unit Fee Assessment; President Sawicki 2nd. Motion passed 5-0
11. Review / Discuss / Approve – Upcoming Educational Events
✓ 1. EMT Cert Training for Board Members
12. Review / Discuss / Approve – Future Agenda Items

Correspondence – Included in Board Packet

Announcement of Closed Session Agenda

- Pursuant to Government code 54957: Evaluation – Fire Chief

Regular Meeting Recessed 16:10 Non-Board members excused

Closed Session Called to Order: 16:10

Closed Session Item(s):

- Evaluation – Fire Chief

Closed Session Adjourned, Motion to adjourn R. Andrewson, Second, D. Messina, Motion carried 5-0 Closed session Adjourned at: 16:43

Reconvened to Regular Meeting: 16:44

- Announcement of any actions taken during closed session.

No reportable action to announce out of Closed Session.

Adjournment: 16:44

Respectfully submitted,

Administrative Assistant
Rachel Teegarden

Approved:

Henry Sawicki, President

Date

Clerk of the Board

Date



IDYLLWILD FIRE

54160 Maranatha Drive
Idyllwild, CA 92549
Regular Board Meeting
Minutes – June 22, 2021

Meeting held both physically at 54160 Maranatha Dr. Idyllwild CA. and by video/electronic means.

Call to Order: 15:00

Roll call: Commissioners: President Sawicki; Vice President Messina; Secretary Andrewson; Commissioner Fogle; Commissioner Reitz; Chief Mark LaMont and Administrative Assistant Rachel Teeguarden

Pledge of Allegiance: President Sawicki

Invocation: Vice President Messina

President Sawicki and Chief Mark LaMont presented a plaque to Trevor and Clarissa from Sturgeon Electric for their assistance in getting the Alerting Siren stood up.

Citizens' Comments: -

Reports

- President Sawicki – ***Nothing to report at this time.***
- Vice President Messina – ***He and Commissioner Andrewson attended Bruce and Jim's service. We hope to be able to have something at the station to celebrate their lives at a later date.***
- Secretary Andrewson – ***Reminder that the July 4th parade will be on the 3rd all commissioners are welcome to attend and be apart of that. Summer concerts are starting July 8th. Was glad to be apart of Jim and Bruce's service and would like to see something at the station to honor them.***
- Commissioner Fogle – ***Nothing to report at this time.***
- Commissioner Reitz – ***Has concerns about the siren says "some people say they couldn't hear it very well" and also stated that she received an anonymous complaint about the District's website and its transparency. President Sawicki asked for clarification as to what the specifics are, to which Reitz did not have any specifics to provide.***
- Chief Mark LaMont. – ***Please see Chief LaMont's written report.***
- Idyllwild Volunteer Fire Company (Riggi) – ***Nothing to report at this time.***
- Idyllwild Career Firefighters' Association – ***(Clark) – Nothing to report at this time.***
- Ad HOC Committee – ***Nothing to report at this time.***

Action Items

1. Approve meeting minutes from 05/25/21 Regular Board Meeting:
Citizen Tom Paulek on Meadow Dr. states that he:
 - **does not like the minutes from the May 25th meeting and does not believe that they reflect everything he said in that meeting**

- **stated that he is an expert in transparency and does not think that the minutes reflect transparency.**
- **would like to see everything he said reflected in the minutes.**

Secretary Andrewson responded that no meeting including the Board of Supervisors provide a word for word or verbatim set of minutes.

The minutes from May 25th were tabled until next meeting.

2. **Accept May 2021: Incident Statistic / Ambulance Reports:**

Commissioner Fogle made a motion to accept the May 2021 Incident Statistic and Ambulance Reports; Vice President Messina 2nd. Motion passed 5-0

3. **Review / Discuss / Approve May 2021 Financials:**

Commissioner Fogle made a motion to approve the May 2021 Financials; Vice President Messina 2nd. Motion passed 5-0

4. **Review / Discuss / Approve May 2021 Bill Payments:**

Secretary Andrewson made a motion to approve the May 2021 Bill Payments; Vice President Messina 2nd Motion passed 5-0

5. **Review / Discuss – Alerting System**

Chief LaMont reported that we performed the siren test this last weekend. We had some citizens report on the level/volume that they witnessed during the test. Reports from the Fern Valley area specifically on Howland it was a 6 or 7 out of 10. Reports from the area around the dump stated that it was a 5 or 6 out of 10. Received a report from the Tollgate area it was a 4 or 5 out of 10. A report from the Double View area came back as a 2 or 3 out of 10.

Chief LaMont went on state that we do have some areas that you will not be able to hear the siren as robustly and some areas which you may not hear it at all.

In speaking with Sentry Siren, due to the specific topography features like we discussed at the onset of this project, topography and vegetation features can make it more difficult due to elevation change sound being absorbed by trees brush and other vegetation.

Each person that reported back said that they did hear the siren, some obviously more than others and some just barely heard it.

Chief LaMont reiterated that it is important to remember that prior to April 15th 2021 we did not have a siren at all and that this siren is simply another tool that we have added to our tool box to add yet another lifesaving component. “This is one more tool”, it is not “the only tool”. If at some point in the future we can add another siren that will only help. An additional siren can be a discussion that we can have and make a determination as to when that could possibly be accomplished in the future. This siren is a starting place and not the end of our search for other tools. We will continue to research and search out best practices and continue to provide the services that the citizens of Idyllwild will benefit from. Ultimately, this is a win-win, we have one more tool that we added to our tool box. It was not heard by every person, but it was heard by many. I know that over near Idyllwild Arts the Siren was not heard. The Idyllwild Arts campus is a location that we will be looking into and possibly partnering with them in the future to possibly add a siren on their property. We would also look into utilizing the FVWD maintenance yard up in Fern Valley and possibly add a Siren on their site.

Commissioner Fogle asked if the test went for a full minute.

Chief LaMont stated that “yes” the Siren ran for a full minute and added that Sentry Siren said the longer you run the siren the more chance it will have to echo off rock outcroppings and other features.

Commissioner Fogle stated that he heard the siren outside but not inside his house up on Scenic Dr. Chief LaMont asked the commissioners to go out and talk with their neighbors and find out if 3 minutes for a test is something that they would like to do, cautioning that we are not going to make everyone happy and those citizens that are already not excited about the Siren and do not think we should have it, could potentially be upset, and may think that it is too invasive.

Chief LaMont stated “We want to provide every possible tool that we can”, but is also sensitive to the fact that not everyone up here agrees with one another on the Siren Issue.

President Sawicki stated that at some point we will need to have the conversation about the possibility of adding more Sirens.

Citizen Tom Paulek Made the following comments:

- **He stated that we need to know the liability of the system we got and if it will be adequate with a 3 minute run. He said with 3 1 minute runs he doesn't understand why we can't run it more. Chief LaMont corrected him and said that in an actual emergency the Siren will operate for three (3) three (3) minute blasts. Chief LaMont also re-iterated that this is not the only tool we will use when it comes to an emergency. During the Mountain and Cranston Fires the Riverside County Sheriff and an IFPD engine were going up and down the streets with sirens on advising of the need for evacuation. The Sheriff also went door to door making sure everyone knew that they needed to evacuate.**

President Sawicki said that in the future there will need to be a discussion to have the siren run for 3 minutes for the test.

- **Mr. Paulek stated that he lives on Meadow Dr. and that he had his eleven year old "very smart grandson" up and that his grandson knows Idyllwild and understands the fire threat and said the siren was "pathetic" and that it would not wake him up.**

President Sawicki replied that the siren isn't going to wake you up, it will be the Sheriffs vehicle siren going up and down the street that will wake you up.

- **Mr. Paulek stated that he is concerned with a structure fire on a windy night, and said that the commission is not ready.**

President Sawicki stated that the commission is very much ready and they are doing everything that they possibly can to be prepared. The siren that we have is not the end of this, it is a starting point. With reverse 911, the vehicle sirens going up and down the streets, and going door to door waking everyone up is still going to take place.

- **Mr. Paulek stated that he does not think that tuning into WNKI is good enough. How do you tell kids at the school to tune into a radio station?**

President Sawicki told him it doesn't work that way, and that the kids at the school and camps are not asked to do that. The leadership of the schools and camps will be doing that and will be instructing the kids as to what to do in the event of an emergency.

President Sawicki again stated that the siren is another tool, and the commission continues to work on behalf of the citizens.

- **Mr. Paulek stated that the fire siren is a total failure.**

President Sawicki stated that the siren is in no way a failure, and the siren is doing what it was intended to do, and that the cost of the siren, after Chief LaMont went out and found lots of help in funding this project. The Board is not done, and we are going to continue to ask the Chief to search out additional resources and options.

Secretary Andrewson stated that her grandson said that he could not hear the siren very well, and that she has worked hard over the 7 years she has served on the board and will do everything she can to try and serve the community to the best of her ability.

6. Review / Discuss / Approve – Upcoming Educational Events

- ✓ 1. **EMT Cert Training for Board Members**

7. Review / Discuss / Approve – Future Agenda Items

The minutes of May 25th will be revisited and placed on the next month's Agenda. President Sawicki asked for a closed session on the next agenda for the Chief's evaluation.

Commissioner Reitz asked to be added as a signer to the Bank Accounts.

Vice President Messina read what the definition of "Transparency"

Commissioner Messina Read the definition, and stated that: Someone who is being transparent does not hide or conceal. I know that this Board is not hiding anything. This board is working hard on behalf of the community, please don't bring these arbitrary comments of lack of transparency, that doesn't help us help anyone else. We have jobs, we have our lives, and we truly care about the community, please help us do just that, help our community.

Correspondence – Included in Board Packet

Commissioner Fogle made a motion to adjourn; Commissioner Reitz 2nd Motion passed 5-0

Adjournment: 16:08

Respectfully submitted,

Administrative Assistant
Rachel Teegarden

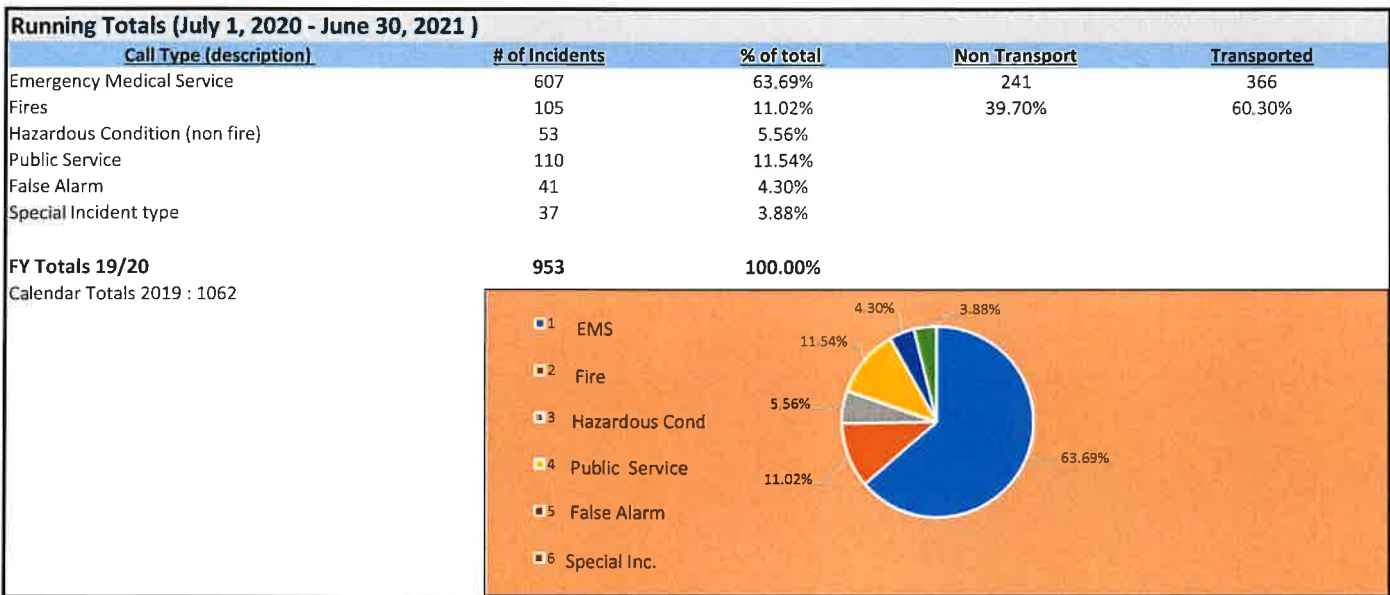
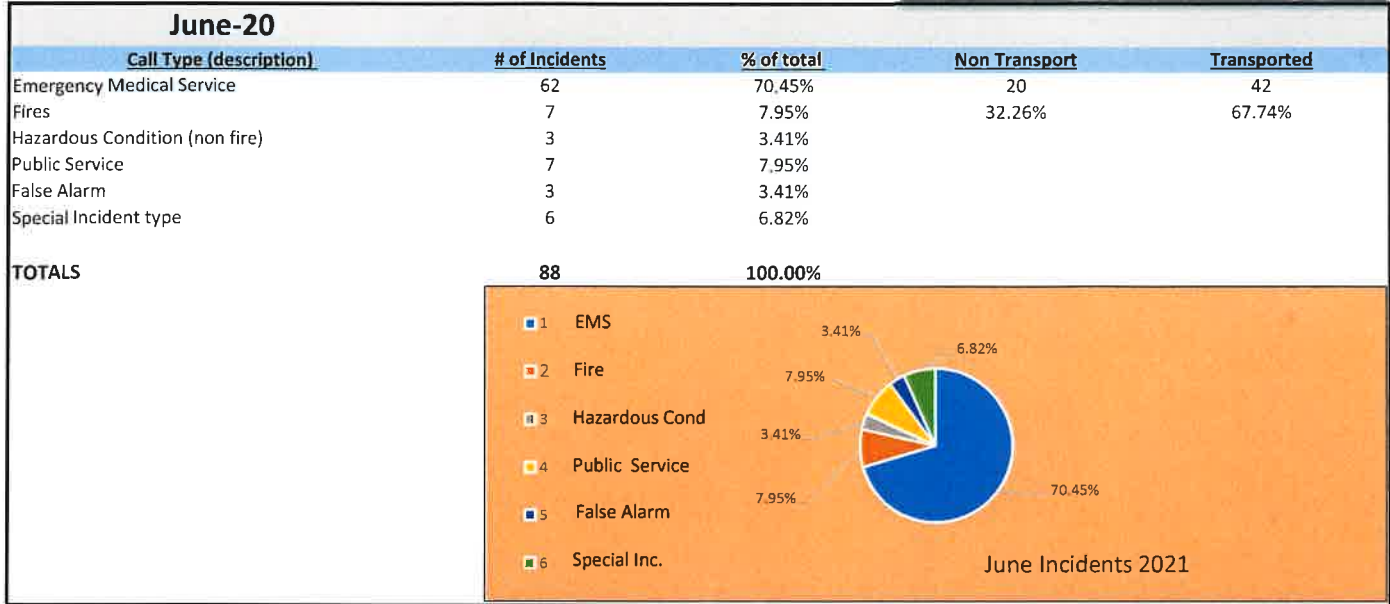
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Henry Sawicki, President

Date

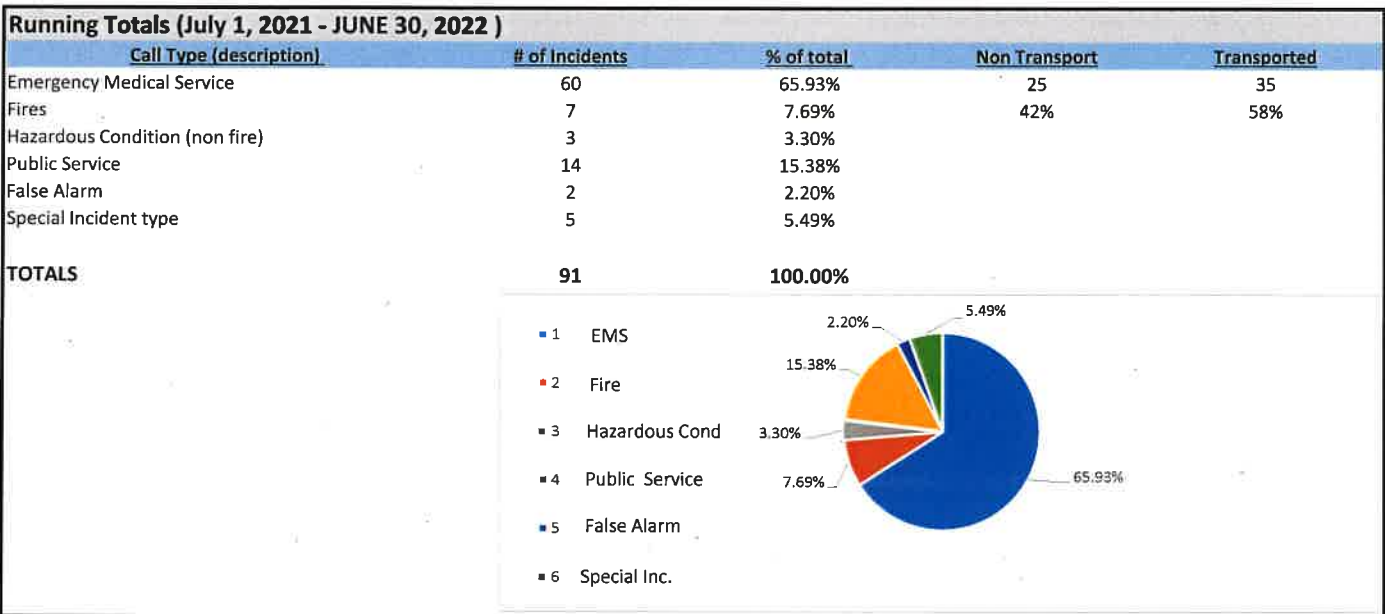
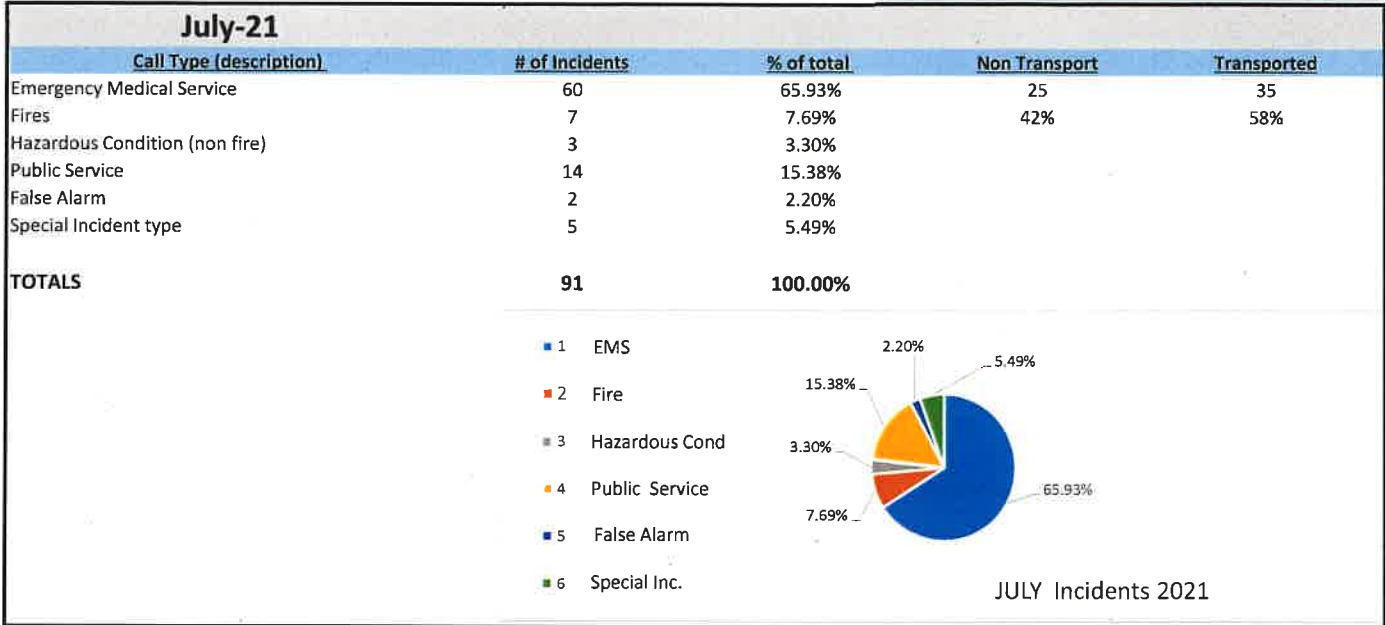
Clerk of the Board

Date



Idyllwild Fire Protection District (Incident Average Statistics)

Daily Incident Avg. :	2.65			
Daily Transport Average :	1.01			
Percentage of Overlapping Calls:	34.81%			
Mutual Aid Given	26	248		
Mutual Aid Received	2			
Transport Destinations				
<u>EMC</u>	<u>HVMC</u>	<u>San G</u>	<u>DRMC</u>	<u>Other</u>
26	6	3	3	4
61.90%	14.29%	7.14%	7.14%	9.52%
201	68	16	22	59
54.92%	18.58%	4.37%	6.01%	16.12%
Average Response times:				
Dispatch to Arrival :	EMS	3.01	Fire / Other	4.42



Idyllwild Fire Protection District (Incident Average Statistics)

Daily Incident Avrg. :	3.03
Daily Transport Average :	1.17
Percentage of Overlapping Calls:	21.36%
Mutual Aid Given	14
Mutual Aid Received	0
Transport Destinations	
<u>EMC</u>	<u>HVMC</u>
15	11
42.86%	31.43%
<u>San G</u>	<u>DRMC</u>
5	3
14.29%	8.57%
<u>Other</u>	<u>Other</u>
1	1
2.86%	2.86%
Average Response times:	
Dispatch to Enroute:	EMS 0.4
Dispatch to Arrival :	EMS 3.48
	Fire / Other 0.51
	Fire / Other 4.2

Idyllwild Fire Protection District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Revised Budget
For Fire Suppression (111)
For the Fiscal Period 2021-12 Ending June 30, 2021

Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget %
Revenues					
Total Taxes Revenues	0.00	0.00	1,157,920.00	1,228,718.73	(6.11%)
Total Licenses, Permits, and Franchises Revenue	0.00	1,156.00	3,750.00	10,240.00	(173.07%)
Total Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties Revenues	0.00	0.00	430.00	0.00	100.00%
Total Revenue From Use of Money and Property R	0.00	76.88	0.00	1,472.24	0.00%
Total Intergovernmental Revenues Revenues	0.00	5,410.29	67,980.00	199,923.51	(194.09%)
Total Charges For Services Revenues	0.00	360.00	2,670.00	2,725.00	(2.06%)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues Revenues	0.00	460.00	6,000.00	52,771.79	(779.53%)
Total Fire Suppression Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 7,463.17	\$ 1,238,750.00	\$ 1,495,851.27	(20.75%)
Expenditures					
Total Salaries Expenditures	0.00	21,275.82	298,820.00	243,411.77	18.54%
Total Benefits Expenditures	0.00	14,240.32	197,780.00	184,957.41	6.48%
Total Supplies Expenditures	0.00	0.00	27,630.00	19,069.65	30.98%
Total Services Expenditures	0.00	1,697.14	97,790.00	113,667.59	(16.24%)
Total Capital Outlay Expenditures	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	60,330.23	(905.50%)
Total Debt Service Expenditures	0.00	0.00	12,170.00	11,014.49	9.49%
Total Fire Suppression Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 37,213.28	\$ 640,190.00	\$ 632,451.14	1.21%
Fire Suppression Excess of Revenues Over Expenditur	\$ 0.00	\$ (29,750.11)	\$ 598,560.00	\$ 863,400.13	(44.25%)

Idyllwild Fire Protection District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Revised Budget
For EMS-Ambulance (121)
For the Fiscal Period 2021-12 Ending June 30, 2021

Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget %
Revenues					
Total Charges For Services Revenues	0.00	150,950.53	722,000.00	970,002.48	(34.35%)
Total Miscellaneous Revenues Revenues	0.00	0.00	5,500.00	3,204.22	41.74%
Total EMS-Ambulance Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 150,950.53	\$ 727,500.00	\$ 973,206.70	(33.77%)
Expenditures					
Total Salaries Expenditures	0.00	60,205.68	705,650.00	718,073.60	(1.76%)
Total Benefits Expenditures	0.00	36,583.13	461,450.00	476,382.31	(3.24%)
Total Supplies Expenditures	0.00	0.00	67,190.00	57,874.00	13.87%
Total Services Expenditures	0.00	14,427.41	272,300.00	295,935.86	(8.68%)
Total Capital Outlay Expenditures	0.00	0.00	6,000.00	201,356.07	(3255.93%)
Total Debt Service Expenditures	0.00	0.00	32,030.00	27,632.24	13.73%
Total EMS-Ambulance Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 111,216.22	\$ 1,544,620.00	\$ 1,777,254.08	(15.06%)
EMS-Ambulance Excess of Revenues Over Expenditure \$	0.00	\$ 39,734.31	\$ (817,120.00)	\$ (804,047.38)	1.60%

Idyllwild Fire Protection District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures

Revised Budget
For Mutual Aid (131)
For the Fiscal Period 2021-12 Ending June 30, 2021

Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget %
Revenues					
Total Charges For Services Revenues	0.00	0.00	432,000.00	1,207,532.46	(179.52%)
Total Mutual Aid Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 432,000.00	\$ 1,207,532.46	(179.52%)
Expenditures					
Total Salaries Expenditures	0.00	26,403.20	183,250.00	639,048.39	(248.73%)
Total Benefits Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	4.95	0.00%
Total Supplies Expenditures	0.00	0.00	0.00	99.00	0.00%
Total Mutual Aid Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 26,403.20	\$ 183,250.00	\$ 639,152.34	(248.79%)
Mutual Aid Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ (26,403.20)	\$ 248,750.00	\$ 568,380.12	(128.49%)

Idyllwild Fire Protection District
Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
Revised Budget

For the Fiscal Period 2021-12 Ending June 30, 2021

Account Number	Current Budget	Current Actual	Annual Budget	YTD Actual	Remaining Budget %
Total Revenues	\$ 0.00	\$ 158,413.70	\$ 2,398,250.00	\$ 3,676,590.43	(53.30%)
Total Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ 174,832.70	\$ 2,368,060.00	\$ 3,048,857.56	(28.75%)
Total Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ 0.00	\$ (16,419.00)	\$ 30,190.00	\$ 627,732.87	(1979.27%)

IFPD June 2021 Bill Payments



Line Item #	Payment to:	Description	
(111) Fire (121) EMS (131) MA			
(111)(121) - 4911	Southern California Edison	Electricity	757.57
(111)(121) - 4921	Idyllwild Water	Water	290.62
(111)(121) - 4941	CR&R	Trash Service	250.26
(111)(121) - 3911	Wex Bank - Chevron	Vehicle Fuel	900.66
(111)(121) - 3911	County Transportation - Fuel	Fuel	2535.98
(111)(121)(131)	US Bank - Cal Card	Cal Card - Mutual Aid - Grants	25137.93
(111)(121) - 4611	Canon	Copier Lease	244.21
(111)(121) - 4111	Spectrum	Internet - Phone	425.85
(111)(121) - 2301	Aflac	Med -125 Ins	153.4
(111)(121) - 3511	Staples	Office Supplies	69.98
(111)(121) - 4631	S. Edwards	May & June Communication Site Rental	600
(111)(121) - 4304	Forest Lumber	Station repairs	147.76
(121) - 4121	Verizon	iPads Service (EPCR)	230.18
(121) - 4303	Idyllwild Garage	Vehicle Maint and Repair	2496.69
(111)(121) - 4303	Napa Auto Parts	M623/622 Parts	1279.69
(111)(121) -	Fulton Distributing	Station Supplies	653.55
(111)(121) - 3491	McKesson	Medical Supplies	1206.1
(111)(121) - 3491	Nationwide Medical	Medical Supplies	1362.01
(111)(121) - 4522	Cole Huber		92.95
(111)(121) - 4512	Fedak and Brown	Audit Services - 19/20 FY Audit	143
(111)(121) -	CME	CPR Class - Idy Pines	70
(111)(121) -	Fire Apparatus Solutions	Parts and Equip	51.16
(111)(121) -	Fire Apparatus Solutions	Parts and Equip	6176.26
(111)(121) -	Westrux	BR621 (Annual Preventative Maintenance)	787.37
(111)(121) -	Emergency Reporting	Emergency Reporting	3038.07
(111)(121) -	R. Clark	OES 6608	129.29
(111)(121) -	N. Escovar	Mattress	332.96
(111)(121) - 4772	Idyllwild House Publishing	Siren Ad - Town Crier	468

IFPD July 2021 Bill Payments



Line Item #	Payment to:	Description	Amount
(111) Fire (121) EMS (131) MA			
(111)(121) - 4911	Southern California Edison	Electricity	1048.38
(111)(121) - 4921	Idyllwild Water	Water	285.13
(111)(121) - 4941	CR&R	Trash Service	250.26
(111)(121) - 3911	Wex Bank - Chevron	Vehicle Fuel	851.16
(111)(121)(131)-3911/4772/4301	US Bank - Cal Card	Cal Card - Mutual Aid - Grants	9705.01
(111)(121) - 4611	Canon	Copier Lease	269.21
(111)(121) - 4111	Spectrum	Internet - Phone	425.42
(111)(121) - 2301	Aflac	Med -125 Ins	153.4
(111)(121) - 3511	Staples	Office Supplies	94.42
(111)(121) - 4631	S. Edwards	July & Aug Communication Site Rental	600
(111)(121) - 4304	Forest Lumber	Station repairs	685.46
(111)(121) - 4304	Village Hardware	Station Supplies - Includes new equipment	15.07
(121) - 4121	Verizon	iPads Service (EPCR)	230.18
(111)(121) - 3491	McKesson	Medical Supplies	4826.71
(111)(121) - 4522	Cole Huber	Legal	175.71
(111)(121) - 4772	Riverside County - Auditor Controller	LAFCO FY22 Fees	614.44
(111)(121) - 3911	Russ Bray	fuel for MA	149.99
(111)(121) - 4772	Idyllwild House Publishing	Siren Ad - Town Crier	235.01



Idyllwild Fire Protection District

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Resolution No. 522

BANK OF HEMET AUTHORIZED SIGNERS

WHEREAS, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District (IFPD) is required to authorize signers for all bank accounts;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that we, the Board of Commissioners, do hereby authorize the following to be signers on IFPD accounts with Bank of Hemet:

Henry Sawicki
Dan Messina
Christina Reitz

Rhonda Andrewson
Dennis Fogle
Mark LaMont, Fire Chief

Any one of these above authorized signers have the authority to sign checks on behalf of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District.

It is further resolved that IFPD Administrative Assistant Rachel Teegarden is authorized to do the following: online banking; deposits; and phone inquiries.

This resolution supersedes and voids all previous resolutions addressing Bank of Hemet Signers

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED at the regular meeting of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Board of Commissioners held Tuesday July 27, 2021.

Henry Sawicki, President

I hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was duly adopted and in Witness hereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Idyllwild Fire Protection District.

Mark LaMont, Fire Chief

Rachel Teegarden, Clerk of the Board

Response to the letter to the editor: Town
Crier dated July 15 (Chuck Weisbart/author)

Mr. Weisbart,
I have read your letter to the editor and wanted to encourage you and explain to you why I participate as a member of a national incident management team.

You state that Idyllwild is "Fire Prone." Our beautiful community is indeed surrounded by forest and wilderness lands where vegetation and fuels are abundant. I would like you to note that in the past 25 years Idyllwild has been threatened by wildland fire three times -- 1996 (Bee Canyon), 2013 (Mountain Fire) and 2018 (Cranston Fire). It is important to note that although no one can pinpoint exactly when a fire may happen, statistically, Idyllwild is likely to be threatened by wildfire approximately every 10-12 years.

You state that off the hill
1996 Bee Canyon Fire - Accidental
visitors are clueless about
2005 Soboba Fire - Accidental
how easy fires start I have
2006 Esperanza Fire - Arson
researched numerous fire
2008 Silver Fire - Arson
statistics and could not locate any instance of tourists
2013 Mountain Fire - Accidental
causing fires in or around
2018 Cranston Fire - Arson
2019 Humber Fire - Accidental
our community.
2021 Bonita Fire - Undetermined
2021 Pias Fire - Vehicle Fire
2021 Control Fire - Vehicle Fire

As to your comment: "Where is our JPPD Fire Chief?" I am right here. In fact last year I averaged 80 hours of work per week. I do not work on the Incident Management Team to miss out on yet another anniversary, birthday, wedding, graduation or other family event. I participate because I have committed and sworn to serve. Therefore, because of this commitment and because I believe that a fire chief who is not out learning new techniques, witnessing fire activity, operationally engaging, working through planning and contingency development on actual fires, cannot and will not be fully ready for a fire that threatens his or her jurisdiction and the people they serve back home.

In addition to participating on the team, I have been here and have participated in the suppression of every wildfire incident which has impacted our community over the last 20 years. And I have also been here and worked on each of the recent structure fires which we have successfully suppressed. I continue to receive valuable on-scene training experience and knowledge as a member of an Incident Management Team and want the community to know that you are being served by incredibly competent, trained and experienced fire personnel here in Idyllwild whether I am here at home or out working on other fires.

Should you have additional questions, please feel free to come by my office and discuss in greater detail.

MARK LAMONT

Aug 8, 2021

Dear Mark

I am so glad you didn't let Mr. Weisbart's letter to the editor go. Your response was great!

I couldn't believe he would write a letter like that (although I have to say I didn't know him). I made the very difficult decision to leave Idy after 38 years in that beautiful home - Last winter really did me in - I do love living where I am - near family - I love being able to watch SD Padre Baseball Games and not feel guilty about not bringing in firewood, etc - your care these years is unsurpassed !!!!!

Best of luck
Jean Stein
(Previously on Howland Rd)



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THANK YOU

For the Gyllenild
Fire Dept. crew that
helped Bud Hunt
on Aug 3rd. I believe

It was so much
appreciated & to see
how professional they
were — and personal!

Good to see you all.
Bud & Barb

Maybe breakfast out?

You're a great example
of everything that's right
with the world.

Idylwild Fire, thank you.
I truly cannot express the
attitude, have for your diligence,
dedication, and attitude.
You are truly heroes +
I am forever grateful! For
all you have done for me with a
month ago you helped me with a
sprained wrist + on Monday you got
my partner air lifted to Eisenhower.
In one of my scariest moments, it
was you guys who came to
the rescue.
Thank you
Patty + Dan Rardon

P.S. give that dog
a raise!

1/23/21

On 7-1-21, you came to help
my husband on Toll Gate
with a hip dislocation.
Thought you'd appreciate
knowing he's had hip
replacement surgery,
no more surgery, is mobile and
pain free. Thank you
all for your caring aid.
We appreciate you all.

The Buckett
Family

Stephen & Susan Jaffe
We recently had the pleasure of serving you and
Would appreciate your input.

Please rate your;

54071 Northridge

- | | | | |
|---------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Arrival Time: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement |
| Crew Courtesy: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement |
| Crew Knowledge: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement |
| Overall experience: | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent | <input type="checkbox"/> Standard | <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement |

Comments:

Extraordinary service
and community spirit
& awareness. Thank you

Thank you for your input and the opportunity of serving you. We hope that your incident was resolved and that this note finds you and yours well and in good health. If we can help you with anything, or if you have any questions or comments please contact us: (951) 659-2153.

We look forward to meeting your Emergency Service Needs!
The Idyllwild Fire Protection District

