



Chiefs Report

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Highlights for MARCH and APRIL 2024:

- March 5th (IFPD Special Meeting):
- Meeting with Congressman Ken Calvert. (Discussion items included opportunities for grant funding, importance of community paramedicine alternative for rural communities, USFS PayScale disparity and loss of personnel)
- IFPD Medical Director (David Romness) Dr. Romness and two resident medical students from EMC gave presentations on cardiac and stroke emergencies. Continuing education units (2hours) were given to our personnel that were in attendance. (Thank you Dr. Romness for your consistent support of our EMS program!)
- Incident Management Teams Meeting: I attended the annual IIMT (Interagency Incident management team) meeting in Sacramento. Several new topics were addressed including CIM (complex incident management) CICCIS (California incident command certification system). Team Rosters were approved, and team rotations were established.
- Water Districts: The IFPD has been assisting in hydrant maintenance with our local water district partners of the Fern Valley Water District and Idyllwild Water District. Lots of progress has taken place in the last several months on hydrant repair and maintenance. Thank you to our water district GMs and personnel for all your effort to help keep Idyllwild's water system safe, efficient, and reliable.
- CPR classes: We have already put on three (3) CPR classes for our USFS partners, One (1) community CPR class and one (1) CPR class for our local tree companies. We are scheduling more CPR classes for the near future. See Rachel for more information.
- We met with OES representative Chris Cox on our annual scheduled Type 6 engine inspection. All items were inspected and our OES T6 (6608) is cleared for service through the upcoming season. (Next inspection will be scheduled for spring of 2025)
- Met with our USFS partners to discuss our new partnership agreement, we are nearing completion of the agreement and anticipate signing said agreement before June 1, 2024.

2023 Property Abatement Results:

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District inspects 3829 properties each year.



- As Per IFPD Ord. 19-01 we have begun performing our annual abatement inspections on ALL properties within IFPD jurisdiction. IFPD crews completed the first round of inspections on **April 30th** and failed inspection notices were mailed out to 623 property owners (Last year we mailed out over 705 fails on the first round of inspections.
- Second inspections will begin May 15th, After the second inspection notices are mailed out, then a three week interval is given to complete the work prior to the final inspections being performed.
- We anticipate final inspections in June. Last year **81** citations were mailed out on those properties which remained out of compliance.

- Overall 2023 abatement results: **97% compliance** and **3% noncompliance**. We continue to work with those who have not come into compliance to ensure all have met / will meet the minimum abatement requirements.

Looking Ahead – Ongoing Property Abatement:

As with previous years the Idyllwild Fire Protection District will continue inspecting ALL properties for compliance with ORD 19-01. This local ordinance is in addition to the CA State abatement regulations: (IFPD abatement Inspections begin late spring generally Mid to Late April – Early May each year). Items which top the “Failed” inspection list are:

- Address Numbers – These must be 4” or greater in size and must be visible from the street in a contrasting color.
- Clearance around Propane Tanks – Must have a minimum of 10’ clearance around LP tanks.
- Roof clear of flammable debris – Your roof must be free from pine needles, leaves, and other flammable debris.
- Thirty (30’) ft. clearance of all vegetation around your home.



Please check our website or contact our office with any questions you may have regarding Property Abatement, the IFPD will be happy to assist you!

Ongoing Fuels Projects: The Idyllwild Fire Protection District continues to work with our Cooperative Partners on fuels reduction and community resiliency projects: Thomas Mountain, Westridge, South Ridge, Strawberry, and other local fuels projects. The IFPD has also had the opportunity to assist with fuels projects in the Cleveland National Forest.



Bear Trap Fuel Reductions:

IFPD continues working on this critical fuel reduction project with the private property owners to reduce fuels on a ridgeline west of Idyllwild and east of Bear Trap Canyon. These fuels reductions will greatly strengthen our fire prevention efforts along with the other ongoing fuels reductions projects on west ridge, south ridge, and strawberry fuel reductions. We anticipate an RX treatment in early 2024 on this project.

Communications Site:

The IFPD completed improvements to our communications site. The IFPD plans to relocate WNKI (1610 am emergency radio) to the site which will greatly enhance our overall emergency communications network and provide a larger coverage area for the community. This relocation is anticipated to take place early 2024. Thank you to all those who participated in making this project a huge success!

Community CPR Classes:

IFPD delivers several CPR classes each year. In 2023 we provided five (5) CPR classes for the USFS, two (2) local tree company classes, two (2) local camp employees courses and two (2) community CPR classes. We are currently planning CPR class for the local water districts and are planning to deliver additional citizen CPR courses throughout 2024. (Persons interested in attending a CPR class should contact our office for details and schedule)



CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

IFPD held a full CERT Course in October of 2023. We also conducted 1 refresher course in June of 2023. IFPD sponsors MDP (Mountain Disaster Preparedness) and partners with them in the training of new CERT members. Twenty-two new CERT members took the October 2023 training course. The IFPD anticipates putting on one (1) new CERT course and one (1) refresher course in 2024. Check our website or call our office for details regarding upcoming classes. Thanks to all who assisted and participated in these training classes.



2023/24 FY Mutual Aid Fires:

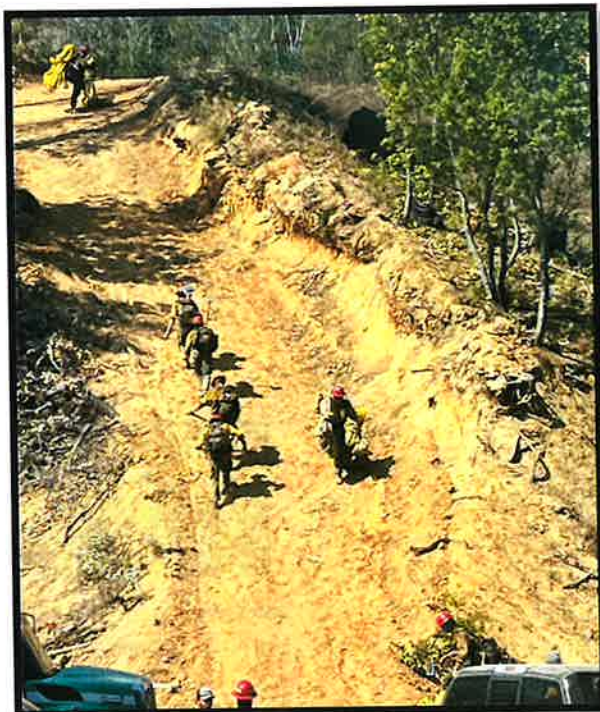
IFPD is a proud contributor to the greater Mutual Aid effort. IFPD has served on numerous fires to date during the 2023/24 FY including but not limited to:

2023/24FY Mutual Aid Fire assignments:

1. Thomas RX. (Garner Valley CA)
2. Mecca (wildland Thermal CA)
3. Johnson (wildland Thermal CA)
4. Rabbit (Moreno Valley CA)
5. Heat Wave Support (Idyllwild CA)
6. Wild Incident (Idyllwild CA)
7. Bonny Incident (Anza CA)
8. York Incident (Hole in the Wall)
9. No Name Fire (395 wilderness)
10. EMAC (Eugene OR)
11. Smith River Complex (Six Rivers CA)
12. South Fork Complex (Shasta/Six Rivers CA)
13. Little Bear Fire (Idaho wildfire)
14. Happy Camp Complex (Klamath CA)
15. Highland Fire. (Anza CA)



(Happy B-Day Bill Sandborg 2023)



2023 Fires Invoiced to Date: \$ 2,262,000.00

(Received YTD= \$ 2,192,236.00)

In **2022** IFPD invoiced: \$ 1,353,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursement.

In **2021** IFPD invoiced: \$ 2,010,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursement.

In **2020** IFPD invoiced: \$ 1,205,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursement.

In **2019** IFPD invoiced: \$ 500,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursement.

Grants:



Awarded: AFG Grant 2023 – 25,000.00 PPE Gear.
Awarded: VFA Grant 2023 – 15,000.00 Radio and Communications Equipment.
Awarded: FEMA 2023: \$ 50,000.00 Medical Equipment, gurneys, stair-chairs, laryngoscopes, and more.

- Previously Awarded items:
 - Firehouse Subs SCBA Grant(s)
 - Previously Awarded items: Striker Life Pac Cardiac Monitors and Gurneys.
- Pending Grants:
 - \$ 25,000.00 Rope rescue gear, misc. rescue equipment.
(Submitted)
 - \$ 1m California Investments in Wildfire Prevention.



Statistics:

| <i>Incident Volume:</i> | <i>March 2024</i> | <i>April 2024</i> |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Medical: | 54 | 41 |
| Fires: | 7 | 5 |
| Hazardous Cond: | 19 | 4 |
| Public Service: | 20 | 16 |
| False Alarm: | 6 | 6 |
| Other: | 4 | 5 |
| Total number of Incidents: | 110 | 77 |
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| Medical: | 519 | |
| Fires: | 68 | |
| Hazardous Cond: | 63 | |
| Public Service: | 130 | |
| False Alarm: | 48 | |
| Other: | 55 | |



Running total: FY23/24

883 (as of April 30, 2024)

Ambulance Transactions:



| | MAR. 24 | APR. 24 | YTD |
|--------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Transports: | 26 | 25 | 238 |
| Charges: | \$ 140,467.63 | \$ 92,976.30 | \$ 1,019,095.33 |
| Payments: | \$ 26,296.97 | \$ 21,513.53 | \$ 188,231.74 |
| Current A/R: | \$ 521,927.82 | \$ 514,409.35 | \$ 514,409.35 |

Equipment:

Suppression Equipment:

| Unit | Mileage | Condition | Notes |
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------------------------|
| T-621 | 29685 | Good | 2023 Ladder test completed. |
| E-621 | 36672 | Good | Repairs completed. |
| RE-622 | 61935 | Good | Front line |
| BR-621 | 58960 | Fair | PM Completed |
| BR-622 | 131795 | Good | PM Complete |
| BR-625 | 29085 | Excellent | |
| OES-6608 | 21750 | Excellent | NA |
| WT-621 | 30048 | Fair | Winterized. |

Ambulances:

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|-----------------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|
| Medic Unit One 1 | 58720 | Excellent | NA |
| Medic Unit Two 2 | 40715 | Excellent | NA |
| Medic Unit 625 | 177118 | Poor | (OOS) NA |
| Medic Unit 626 | 61600 | Good | NA |

Will be replacing medic 625 with M5 in April 2024 GMC TIII , 30k miles.

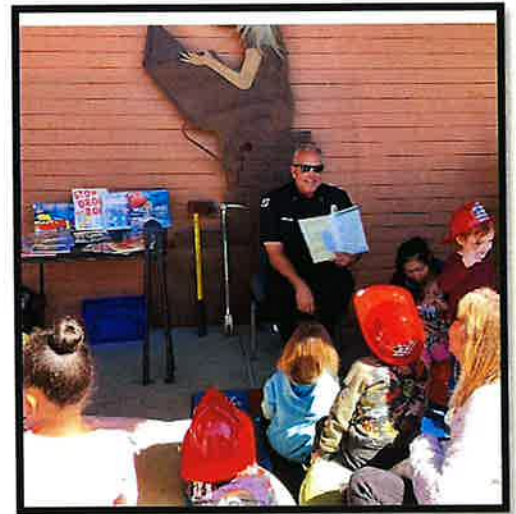
Administrative/Other Units

| | | Condition | Notes |
|--------|--------|-----------|--------------------|
| C-6200 | 68988 | Excellent | (New front bumper) |
| B-6201 | 23950 | Excellent | NA |
| B-6202 | 9214 | Excellent | NA |
| S-621 | 48,692 | Good | NA |
| U-621 | 114032 | Good | NA |



Training: All IFPD members have continued to complete and exceed all minimum fire training requirements. 30 hours of minimum training per month for career staff and, 20 hours for reserve members. Annual EMS education (continuing education was completed in January and February of 2023 for all IFPD employees/admin staff and intern reserves)

IFPD was extremely busy throughout the first half of the 2023/24FY . In addition to our regular call volume and automatic - mutual aid services we provide, the IFPD also: Hosted the Town Hall Kids fieldtrip to the Fire Station, Participated in Fire Prevention Month by visiting the Idyllwild School and educating our Kids on Fire Safety, visiting the Idyllwild Library for “Storytime” reading with the Kids, Visiting Awana at the Idyllwild Bible Church for fire prevention week, we had a Great visit with Senator Kelly Seyarto to discuss fire safe communities. We Participated in the annual Idyllwild Halloween Parade and Carnival and the Annual Idyllwild Christmas Tree Lighting.



Please remind your family, friends, and neighbors that Fire Prevention and Abatement efforts are a year-round commitment.

Emergency Siren Testing
3rd Saturday of each
month @ 1:00pm.

Thank you for your efforts in helping to keep Idyllwild
Fire Safe!

IFPD Response Time Averages: (time of dispatch to time of arrival)

Medical Aid Incidents. 3.18 minutes

Fire Related Incidents. 3.83 Minutes

Overlapping Incidents 31.83%



From our Family to Yours,

“You are our Mission”

