



## *Chiefs Report*

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*September 24<sup>th</sup> 2024*

Highlights for July and August 2024:

### JULY 2024

- Meeting with USFS regarding IFPD USFS Partnership agreement.
- IFPD Team 11 members responded to the BASIN fire on the Sequoia NF: June 27-July 14<sup>th</sup>.
- IFPD participated in the annual Idyllwild 4<sup>th</sup> of July "Independence Day Parade" (Six IFPD Vehicles) IFPD also participated in the events throughout the day and the Concert that evening.
- IFPD Participated in the first annual JULY 5<sup>th</sup> celebration. (July tree lighting) IFPD provided coloring books and fire safety information to the kids, fire prevention and safety info to adults too.
- IFPD Participated in the ongoing summer concert series and provided the US Flag on T621.
- IFPD Sent a T6 strike team to the White Fire which then was reassigned to the Ridge Fire in Kern County Ca. July 16-24<sup>th</sup>
- IFPD Team 11 members responded to the SQF Lightning Fires and then the Borel Fire in the Sequoia NF. July 26<sup>th</sup> – Aug 10<sup>th</sup>.
- IFPD Provided ambulance/EMS coverage and service to the Friday night football games at Hamilton High School in Anza Ca.
- IFPD Sent a T3 Strike team to the GOLD fire in the Plumas NF and was then reassigned to the Park fire. July 25<sup>th</sup> – Aug Aug 11<sup>th</sup>.

### August 2024 –

- IFPD Team 11 members worked the Borel fire until August 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.
- IFPD ST6074C worked the Park fire until August 11<sup>th</sup>.
- IFPD Team 11 members responded to the Boise Fire in the Six Rivers and Klamath NF's from August 22<sup>nd</sup> through September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- IFPD Participated in the annual "National Night Out with RivCo Sherriffs department.
- IFPD Provided ambulance/EMS coverage and service to the Friday night football games at Hamilton High School in Anza Ca.
- IFPD underwent FF Oral Board Interviews with test Candidates.
- IFPD Participated in the ongoing summer concert series and provided the US Flag on T621.

## 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

## Ongoing Property Abatement 2024:

As with previous years the Idyllwild Fire Protection District will continue inspecting ALL (3829) 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). ***This year's 1<sup>st</sup> inspections have been conducted with 623 1<sup>st</sup> inspection fail notices being mailed out.*** IFPD has re-inspected the **623** parcels with final fail notices being mailed out to **248** property owners. ***Citation notices have been mailed out to any property owner not found in compliance.***



Items which top the "Failed" inspection list each year 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.

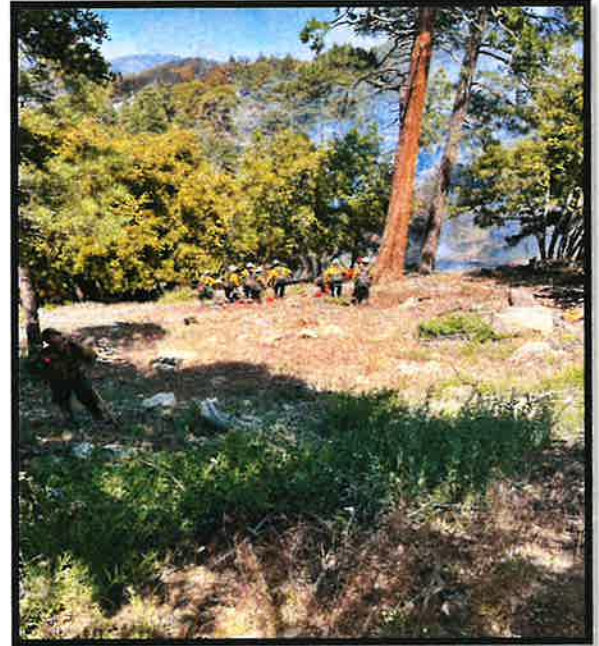
***Please check our website or contact our office with any questions you may have regarding Property Abatement, the IFPD will be happy to assist you! Property Abatement is an ongoing responsibility.***

**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.

***Update: (Partnership agreement with the USFS is completed)***

**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.



***Update: The Bear Trap fuel project is ready for an RX (firing) treatment. We will likely need to do a "re-entry" on this project early 2025 and then apply the Rx treatment.***

**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! (We are currently working with SCE on providing permanent power to this site) Currently we have LP generator power and solar energy providing power to the site.

***Update: We have worked through the project planning process with SCE and anticipate having final "site plan" approvals soon, this will provide for permanent power to the site.***

**Individual and ongoing 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 have already provided six (6) CPR class in 2024***, one for the local water districts one for MCFSC, one for Tree Companies, one for the local medical clinic, one for local camps and a community "citizen" CPR class. (Persons interested in attending a CPR class should contact our office and speak with Rachel 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.***

**2024/25 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 2024/25 FY including but not limited to:*

**2024/25FY Mutual Aid Fire assignments:**

BASIN FIRE	Team 11	June 27 <sup>th</sup> – July 14 <sup>th</sup>
White Fire	T6 Strike Team	July 16 – July 20 <sup>th</sup>
Ridge Fire	T6 Strike Team	July 20 <sup>th</sup> – July 24 <sup>th</sup>
Gold Fire	T3 Strike Team	July 25 <sup>th</sup> – July 28 <sup>th</sup>
Park Fire	T3 Strike Team	July 28 <sup>th</sup> – Aug 11 <sup>th</sup>
SQF Lightning	Team 11	July 26 <sup>th</sup> – July 30 <sup>th</sup>
BOREL	Team 11	July 28 <sup>th</sup> – Aug 10 <sup>th</sup>
BOISE Fire	Team 11	Aug 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sep. 8 <sup>th</sup>
Line Fire	Task Force 621	Sept. 6 <sup>th</sup> – (?)



**(TF 621 consists of BR Eng's 621/622/625 and Crw621)**

***One of the most incredible experiences in my Career, and my time on Incident Management Teams was captured by a friend of mine while chatting with Octavia of Lake Isabella. What an awesome reminder of just why we provide these critical services “wherever and whenever” they are needed. We are honored at the opportunity to provide these services to families wherever they are in their time of need. Thanks Octavia, for such a wonderful chat, and reminder as to just why we provide Mutual Aid.***



2024 Fires Invoiced to Date: \$

**2,870,000.00**

(Received YTD 2024= \$ 189,301.61)

In **2023** IFPD invoiced: \$ 1,353,000.00  
in mutual aid reimbursement.

In **2022** IFPD invoiced: \$ 2,010,000.00  
in mutual aid reimbursement.

In **2021** IFPD invoiced: \$ 1,205,000.00  
in mutual aid reimbursement.

In **2020** 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. (Awarded)**



***UPDATE: IFPD was awarded the 1m \$ Investment in Wildfire Prevention Grant, stay tuned for more information as this grant and the dollars associated come available (est. early 2025)***

**Statistics:**

<i>Incident Volume:</i>	<i>JULY 2024</i>	<i>AUG 2024</i>
Medical:	55	48
Fires:	11	12
Hazardous Cond:	6	4
Public Service:	18	22
False Alarm:	2	4
Other:	9	13
<b>Total number of Incidents:</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>103</b>
Medical:		103
Fires:		23
Hazardous Cond:		10
Public Service:		40
False Alarm:		6
Other:		22
<b>Running total:    FY24/25</b>		<b>204</b> <i>(as of August 31, 2024)</i>



**Ambulance Transactions:**



	<b>July . 24</b>	<b>Aug. 24</b>	<b>YTD</b>
<b>Transports:</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>63</b>
Charges:	\$ 99,455.00	\$ 119,254.00	\$ 218,709.00
Payments:	\$ 23,383.88	\$ 24,083.27	\$ 47,467.15
Current A/R:	\$ 415,981.12	\$ 391,897.85	\$ 403,939.49

**Equipment:**

**Suppression Equipment:**

Unit	Mileage	Condition	Notes
T-621	29891	Good	2023 Ladder test completed.
E-621	37234	Good	Repairs completed.
RE-622	62617	Good	Front line
BR-621	62615	Fair	PM Completed
BR-622	132550	Good	PM Complete
BR-625	33135	Excellent	NA
OES-6608	24406	Excellent	NA
WT-621	30065	Fair	See CIP needs replacement.

**Ambulances:**

Medic Unit One 1	61595	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit Two 2	45101	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit Five 5	36395	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit 626	63816	Good	NA

**Administrative/Other Units**

		Condition	Notes
C-6200	73240	Excellent	NA
B-6201	31385	Excellent	NA
B-6202	16105	Excellent	NA
S-621	49265	Good	NA
U-621	129555	Good	NA



## **IFPD CREW621:**

Members of Crew 621 received an “in Service” training on May 19<sup>th</sup> 2024

Crew 621 has a greater than 80% return of last year’s members which will allow crew 621 to reclassify as a type II IA crew (upgrading from last year’s classification of Type II) All members have received a full in service “red card” training and the crew is in service and has already been assisting the USFS (BDF) San Jacinto Ranger District with the continued prescribed burn project at Thomas Mountain, and has also provided Mutual Aid to the Sierra National Forest from June 29<sup>th</sup> through July 12<sup>th</sup> 2024. Great Job CREW 621!!!



***UPDATE: As I write this report Crew 621 is providing critical fire suppression services on the “LINE FIRE” in the San Bernardino National Forest. Thanks Crew 621 for your incredible effort, and reliable service, we know that those who have received the benefit of your hard work and effort truly appreciate you!!***

### **Training:**

All IFPD members continue to complete and exceed all minimum fire training requirements. 30 hours of minimum training per month for all career staff members and, 20 hours of continuous training for all reserve/intern and crew members. Annual EMS education (continuing education was completed in January and February of 2024 for all IFPD employees/admin staff and intern reserves). All IFPD suppression personnel have completed the annual “red card” training.

IFPD was extremely busy throughout the 2023/24FY, and continue to be busy in the early months of the 24/25 FY. In addition to our regular call volume and automatic - mutual aid services that we provide, the IFPD also:

- hosts several school visits and fieldtrip to the Fire Station, Participates 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 consistently Participate in the annual Fourth of July Parade, the Idyllwild Halloween Parade and Carnival and the Annual Idyllwild Christmas Tree Lighting. We met with Congressman Ken Calvert and his staff, we have had the opportunity to speak with numerous local membership groups (Rotary, Idy Elders, Water Districts) IFPD assisted the USFS with their “C” FAL1 certification program, and also put on our own “C” Faller1 certification class this year.
- Please see our five-year list of accomplishments.





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

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

Emergency Siren Testing

*3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month @  
1:00pm.*



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

*Medical Aid Incidents. 3.02 minutes*

*Fire Related Incidents. 3.46 Minutes*

*Overlapping Incidents 31.26%*

*From our Family to Yours,  
“You are our Mission.”*