



# IDYLLWILD FIRE

## Chiefs Report

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### NEW ITEMS:

- I was blessed with the opportunity to attend the Yarnell Hill (Granite Mtn. Hotshots) staff ride and memorial. This training opportunity is hosted by the State of Arizona Department of Fire and Forestry.
- I had the opportunity to meet and speak with the Idyllwild Rotary. Myself, Robert Clark and Brett Leseberg discussed our current operation, ongoing challenges and also our recent grant writing process and accomplishments.
- We held an NWCG (National Wildland Coordinating Group) course (S-219) Firing Operations Class. 12 IFPD Personnel attended and completed the course.
- We have been participating with the USFS on fuel reduction projects throughout the Mountain Plateau.
- I was Honored at the opportunity to speak and attend Fire Chief "Bud" Hunts memorial service and celebration of life on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2022. This event was well attended, and we delivered our appreciation for Chief Hunt and the Hunt families service and commitment to all those they have served. We also presented Mrs. (Barbara) Hunt with a Flag and presented the "tolling of the bell" service 3-3-5.
- We provided a CPR class for the Tahquitz Pines camp.
- We completed the Firefighter Testing Process and made Conditional Job offers to:
  - Josh Leih – Start Date 3/1/2022
  - Jackson Steward – Start Date 5/1/2022
  - Eric Soles – Start Date 7/1/2022
- We attended bench dedications for Earl Parker, (red kettle) and Mel Goldfarb (Idy. Pharmacy)
- The New Dodge Ram 3500 (replacement for the B6201 vehicle) was purchased.
- Hose testing was completed in February.
- I attended the MAST mtg. via. Microsoft teams. (Discussion re: electronic platform)
- We are currently working on the costs for improvement to our Radio/Repeater site. Where we intend to run IDL/Sup. 11 and WNKI from in the future.
- We are working on the cost of adding an equipment building (metal structure) to our compound for equipment storage.

**IFPD CIP (Capital Improvement Plan.)** Ongoing review of the IFPD Capital Improvement Plan is instrumental in the identification of critical needs. The 2021/25 CIP has been updated to reflect our current situation and is available for review.

Notable highlights of the IFPD CIP are the reduction(s) of overall critical needs through the recent purchase of life saving equipment and vehicles. Several funding sources have been utilized to assist us in reaching our stated goals. A summary of these items is as follows:

**Recent Vehicle Purchases:**

- IFPD Medic Unit One (2020 Dodge Ram 4WD 4500) Cost \$ 143,000.00 Loan through KSB
- IFPD C6200 Admin Vehicle (2020 Chevrolet Suburban 4WD) Cost \$ 52,000.00 Loan through KSB
- IFPD Medic Unit Two (2020 Dodge Ram 4WD 4500) Cost \$ 172,000.00 Cash Purchase

**Aged/Timed Out Vehicle Sales:**

- Medic Unit 622 (sold and removed from inventory)
- Medic Unit 623 (sold and removed from inventory)
- Medic Unit 624 (sold and removed from inventory)

**FEPP Vehicle additions:**

- IFPD Brush Engine (Type 3) 2008 BME 4WD Est. useful life until 2026/27 Cost: \$ 0.00
  - Estimated replacement Cost : 2026/27, \$ 475,000.00 - \$ 525,000.00
- IFPD Utility Pick Up (2010 Chevrolet 2500) 4WD Est. useful life until 2026/2028 Cost \$ 0.00
  - Estimated replacement Cost 2026/28 \$ 90,000.00 – \$ 110,000.00

**Additional Vehicles:**

- OES/IFPD Patrol Type 6 (Unit 6608 4WD Ford622) through agreement with OES utilization of this vehicle in cooperation with the Governors Office of Emergency Services. Cost: \$ 0.00
  - Should IFPD Replace this unit in the future with an IFPD owned vehicle the estimated cost of replacement in 2032 would be in excess of \$ 350,000.00
- IFPD Battalion 6201 was totaled in a 2021 Vehicle collision. IFPD received payout and paid off the vehicle and ~~will be looking to replace this vehicle in 2022.~~  
Cost to replace \$ NTE \$ 70,000.00 *(This vehicle has been replaced through an all cash purchase. We purchased a 2022 Dodge Ram 3500 at a cost of \$ 60,500.00. We are currently completing the build up on this unit and will have this unit in service shortly).*

**Examples of recently acquired equipment:**

- Four (4) new lifepac 15 Cardiac Monitors were purchased with an AFG grant.
  - Grant funding of \$ 142,000.00 with IFPD cash commitment of \$ 7,500.00. (These critical cardiac monitors will have an estimated useful service life of approximately 8-10 years) replacement cost estimates range from \$ 200,000.00 - \$ 250,000.00 in 2030.
- Six (6) New Handi-talkie (HT) Radios (Bendix – King HT Radios)
  - Grant funding through a VFA grant of 50% allowed us to purchase six new radios at a total cost of \$ 10,000.00 and 50% paid through the grant. IFPD Cost \$ 5,000.00
- Twelve (12) new SCBA’s (Self contained breathing apparatus) units have been obtained,
  - Grant funding through Firehouse Subs allowed the IFPD to purchase 11 of the 12 units free of cost to IFPD and the Idyllwild Bible Church also stepped in to provide the IFPD with one (1) additional unit bringing our total NEW SCBA unit total to 12 of the 14 needed for a full complement. We anticipate working toward future grants in assistance of purchasing the remaining 2 units needed.
- Wildland gear/ Equipment and PPE: Through the Assistance to Firefighters grant we received a 50% grant of \$ 20,000.00 costing the IFPD \$ 10,000.00 and allowing us to purchase wildland protective gear, tools and equipment.

Overall CIP Project reductions from 1/2019 – 12/2021 = **\$ 2,003,000.00** (Grants/Loans/Cash/FEEP)  
IFPD Total Debt obligation as of 2022. \$ 133,153.00 (annual payments of \$ 28,975.00) 2026 -0-

**Highlighted future CIP needs: 2022-2025**

Type 3 Brush Engine: \$ 475,000.00 - \$ 525,000.00

Water Tender: \$ 215,000.00 - \$ 250,000.00

Ambulance: \$ 165,000.00 - \$ 200,000.00  
(2wd)

Primary Equipment: \$ 135,000.00 - \$ 165,000.00  
(Jaws of Life/Ladders/Chain Saws/generators/etc. )

Estimated CIP expenditures 2022 – 2025 \$  
1,060,000.00 (\$ 265,000.00 annually)



(\*note, the purchase of vehicles, equipment, building improvements and administrative items listed within the CIP are reliant upon IFPDs financial ability during these timeframes and purchases may be moved forward or delayed dependent upon funding availability and funding sources)

Planning beyond the five-year term of this 2021-2025 Capital Improvement plan has been included and estimates for purchases through the year 2035 have been anticipated.

## Mutual Aid Fires:



In 2019 IFPD Invoiced  
\$ 500,000.00 in mutual aid  
reimbursement.  
In 2020 IFPD Invoiced  
\$ 1,205,000.00 in mutual aid  
reimbursement.  
In 2021 IFPD Invoiced  
\$ 2,010,000.00 in mutual aid  
reimbursement.

*IFPD is a proud contributor to the  
greater Mutual Aid efforts serving  
on numerous fires in 2021  
including but not limited to:*

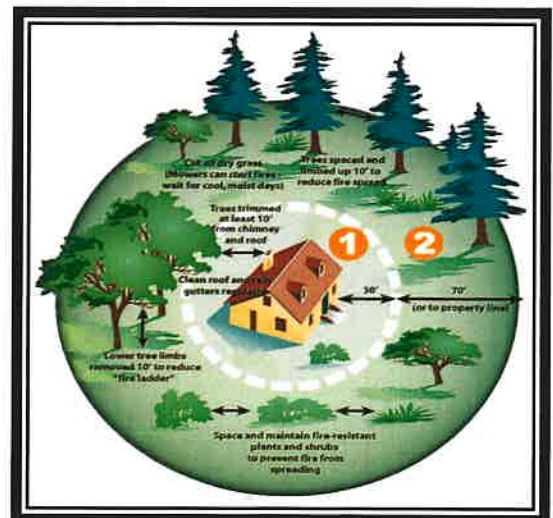
*Willow Fire, Coyote Fire, Beckworth Fire, Bootleg Fire, Dixie Fire, Peak Fire, Flats Fire, Bonita Fire, Control  
Fire, McFarland Fire, Caldor Fire, ONC Staging, Windy Fire, Monument Fire, Alisal Fire, Wind Event ONC  
cover assignment.*

*In anticipation of the 2022 fire season IFPD personnel have already jumped into the wildland refresher  
training program. In addition to the RT (refresher training) 130 requirements IFPD members will be  
instructing and receiving training in: S- 212 Wildland Fire Chainsaw use. / S-219 Firing and Ignition / S-  
190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior / S – 230 Crew Boss / S-231 Engine Boss / S -270 Basic Air  
Operations / S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior/ S-390 Intermediate Wildland Fire Calculations.*

## Abatement Inspections/Citations:

- As Per IFPD Ord. 19-01 we anticipate that we will begin annual abatement inspections on ALL properties within IFPD jurisdiction in late **April – early May of 2022**. We are currently working on an informational postcard which can be mailed out to residents and property owners in advance of these annual inspections.
- **After our final inspections of 2021 there were 145 properties which remained out of compliance. Citations were issued for those properties in 2021 which accounts for approx. 3% of the total parcels inspected.**

IFPD Ord. 19-01 can be found on our website and details the complete process for Inspections and for property owners to appeal their citations to the IFPD Board. We will continue working closely with property owners to assist them as they work to meet full compliance.



**Equipment:**

**Suppression Equipment:**

Unit	Miles	Condition	Notes
T-621	28726	Good	2021 Ladder test Passed
E-621	34550	Good	Repairs complete .3/22
RE-622	59289	Good	Rebuild complete .3/22
BR-621	56087	Fair	PM Est. 3/22
BR-622	127885	Good	PM Complete 12/21
OES-6608	8332	Excellent	NA
WT-621	29771	Fair	NA

**Ambulances:**

Unit	Miles	Condition	Notes
Medic Unit One 1	30743	Excellent	1 month mileage inc. 2538
Medic Unit Two 2	12685	Excellent	1 month mileage inc. 2462
Medic Unit 625	175929	Fair	NA
Medic Unit 626	58382	Good	NA

Administrative/Other Units		Condition	Notes
C-6200	32050	Excellent	NA
<del>B-621</del>	<del>0</del>	<del>Totaled</del>	<del>Replace vehicle in 2022</del>
B-6201	259	Excellent	Added 2/2022
S-621	40,888	Good	NA
U-621	97622	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 is scheduled throughout January and February of 2022 for all IFPD Employees/Admin Staff and Intern Reserves)



**3. Personnel:**

➤ We had three (3) Firefighter Positions which were open and have completed the testing process to hire new probationary Firefighters. The written Firefighters Exam was February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022. We also conducted the IFPD PAT and Oral interview process which was completed Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. New Hires have received their conditional letters of employment.

**Statistics:**



<i>Incident Volume:</i>	<i>Jan. 22</i>	<i>Feb. 22</i>
<b>Total number of Incidents:</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>81</b>
Medical:	56	51
Fires:	8	3
Hazardous Cond:	9	9
Public Service:	9	8
False Alarm:	3	3
Other:	6	7

**Ambulance Transactions:**



	<i>Jan. 22</i>	<i>Feb. 22</i>
Transports:	35	22
Charges:	\$ 132,662.00	\$ 90,354.00
Payments:	\$ 41,039.43	\$ 28,448.82
Current A/R:	\$ 569,808.11	\$ 547,176.14

**Grants outlook for 2022:**

- AFG: \$ 50,000.00 Medical Equipment, gurneys, stair-chairs, other. (5% match requirement) (Has been submitted)
- AFG: \$ 360,000.00 Water tender, fire suppression equipment for implementation. (Has been submitted)
- Firehouse Subs: \$ 25,000.00 Rope rescue gear, misc. rescue equipment. (Anticipate submittal in April/May 2022)
- VFA: \$ 20,000.00/\$ 40,000.00 Radios, communications equipment (50% match requirement) (Anticipate submittal in April/May 2022)

Total Grant funding requests for 2022 (est. \$ 475,000.00)

**Committees:**

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

**Other Misc:**

- ✓ We have started the fieldwork for the 2021 FYE Audit with Fedak/Brown. (Anticipate completion of the 21FY Audit in Feb. 2022.)
- ✓ Please review the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- ✓ We have entered an MOU with the ICFA 2021-2026 (Five-year agreement)
- ✓ We completed the review of ALL IFPD policy's which have each been reviewed within a two-year time frame. We have begun the review process of all IFPD policies and will continue throughout the calendar year 2022.
- ✓ We have completed a new dispatch agreement with Riv. Co. Fire. Expires in 2025.
- ✓ We continue working with Riverside County Fire and Riv. Co. TLMA to finalize IFPD ORD513.
- ✓ The Community Alerting Siren will continue to be tested on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Monthly at 1:00pm.  
We are working on quotes for additional sirens to complement the existing Siren.

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

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!

**IFPD Response Time Averages:**

*Medical Aid Incidents. 3.16 minutes*

*Fire Related Incidents. 4.03 Minutes*

*Overlapping Incident 28.62%*

*We look forward to meeting your emergency response needs,  
and ask God to bless each of us throughout 2022.*

*“You are our Mission”*



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## Summary of Accomplishments and Items Completed Through March, 2022

In addition to ensuring exceptional and timely Fire, EMS and All Risk Emergency response to an average of 1200 incidents annually, the following is a partial list of items which have been completed over the past three years.

### Agreements:

- USDA/USFS Automatic and mutual Aid Agreement. (Exp. 2024)
- IFPD / Riv. Co. Fire Dispatch Agreement. (Savings of \$ 8,000.00 annually) (Exp. 2025)
- Legal Representation, Cole Huber. (Savings of \$ 250.00 hourly)
- New Audit services agreement, Fedak Brown.
- New Copier Lease (savings approximately \$ 1,200.00 annually.
- Automatic/Mutual Aid Calimesa Fire Department. (Exp. Upon termination)
- Completion of a New Automatic/ Mutual Aid agreement with Canyon Lake FD.
- FEMA Renewal. (FMAG/AFG/VFA/Other Government awards) Competed annually
- SAMS (Systems award management system) Completed annually.
- Completed a five (5) year MOU between IFPD and ICFA. (2021-2026)

### Grants:

- FMAG (Fire Management Agreement Grant) Cranston Fire \$ 128,000.00 (Reimbursement of exp)
- AFG: (Assistance to Firefighters grant) \$ 142,000.00 (Purchase of new Cardiac Monitors)
- VFA: (Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant) \$ 10,000.00 (Purchase of new PPE)
- Firehouse Subs (MSA) Breathing Apparatus \$ 45,000.00 (new MSA-SCBA Purchase)
- Idyllwild Community Church : \$ 2,000.00 (EMS Training)
- Idyllwild Bible Church : \$ 6,500.00 (MSA – SCBA Purchase)
- Firehouse Subs (MSA) Breathing Apparatus \$ 40,000.00 (new MSA-SCBA Purchase)
- AFG (Wildland/Radios) \$ 20,000.00 (Wildland PPE/ Radio Purchase)
- VFA (Tools/Equipment) \$ 10,000.00 (Purchase of tools and equipment)
- TOTAL Benefit: \$ 403,500.00

### IFPD Policy and Ordinance:

- Completed review and update 100% of all IFPD Board policies as of July 2021.
- New abatement ordinance 19-01 (100% inspections on 3571 parcels/145 Final Citations in 2021)
- New Fee schedule (plan check/ special use/ public gathering/ other)
- New Fire Code Ordinance Completed (ORD 513)
- Updated Ambulance Fee schedule in FY's 2019,20,21,22



### **IFPD Other Misc. Items:**

- Budget development (4 years), presentation, and timely board approval: (3) (2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22). Currently completed draft budget development for 2022/23.
- Audits Completed two (2) financial audits with RT Dennis and Fedak Brown (19 & 20 w/o material defect.) (2021 Annual Audit in process)
- Consistent and timely monthly written Chiefs reports.
- Hire of two (2) new Firefighter positions, and then hiring of three (3) additional behind separation of past employees.
- Promotion of two (2) Engineers. Anticipate an Engineers test in July/Aug. 2022.
- Part time administrative assistant was moved to Full time (40hr. workweek) and completed EMT certification, currently assisting with emergency EMS incidents.
- Continue to manage through the COVID-19 Pandemic. (Instituted policy/guidance and sanitation regulations) COVID Testing machine – offered to USFS on Fire Incidents.

### **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) Engine rebuild complete, E622 back in service.
- 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> / Additional) Arrow Ambulance recently approved and purchased: Cash purchase at \$ 179,000.00)
- IFPD TOTAL CIP Impact THROUGH GRANT FUNDING and Vehicle REPLACEMENT: **\$ 2,003,000.00**

### **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) (CDBG Funds have been received 5k to FVWD/5Kto IFPD)
- In 2019 Invoiced \$ 500,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursements.
- In 2020 Invoiced \$ 1,205,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursements.
- In 2021 Invoiced \$ 2,010,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursements.
- Ensured full compliance with training requirements for all IFPD Personnel.
- Ensured response time standards, providing 3-minute EMS and 4 Minute Fire response avrg's.
- Opened new bank accounts at Bank of Hemet. (Receiving better interest rates on MMA)
- Opened new reserve account, Current Bal. \$ 500,000.00 (Need to work with RTD Accountancy to ensure proper investment strategy(s).
- Initiated new credit card payment processing internally to provide for better customer service.

- Have Provided 6 community CPR Classes/ 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. (Currently working to complete remodel of crew barracks and BC/Captains offices)
- Represented IFPD at several community meetings (flood/fire/fire in paradise presentation)
- Met with several community groups including Idy. Rotary, Board of Realtors, MAST, Mountain Fire Safe Council, MDP, ).

**Additional Accomplishments:**

- We have worked to improve agency moral, capability, and certification of our personnel.
- I have recertified my State and National registry Paramedic Certification.
- All IFPD Personnel Exceeded Fire training requirements and certifications at all levels throughout 2021, and are on track to exceed the training minimums in 2022 as well.
- I Completed my NWCG Operations Section Chief Task Book and have maintained the position of OSC2 on Interagency Incident Management Team 11.
- Have Ensured timely and full completion of all employee evaluations at the end of each calendar year.
- Instituted succession planning through the detail position of Battalion Chief which each of our Fire Captains will work within over the upcoming years. Currently have Robert Clark working in this detailed position.

*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 prayer, and 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 service opportunity requires every one of our members to consistently be at their very best. As we look forward to 2022, we will strive to “do nothing out of selfish ambition, or vain conceit, and rather in humility we will put others above ourselves” and continue to provide those we serve with compassionate and exceptional service.*

*May God Bless us in the coming year.*

*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