



Chiefs Report

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July 23, 2024

Highlights for MAY and JUNE (JULY Preview) 2024:

May 2024-

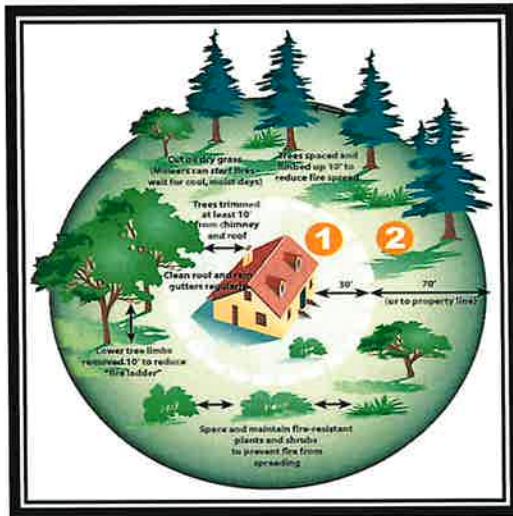
- Fuels meeting with the USFS for Thomas Mountain Prescribed Burn.
- Rotary, Spoke to the Rotarians regarding fire prevention, safety and property abatement.
- Annual Wildland Season Palm Springs Tram Meeting.
- Flag Retirement ceremony at the Idyllwild American Legion.
- Pancake Breakfast at the Town Hall.
- Memorial Day Flag presentation over Hwy 243.
- Spoke at the Board of Realtors.
- Met with the Idyllwild Elders group at the library to discuss Fire Prevention, Safety and Property Abatement.
- Joined Riverside County Sherrif at the Library for discussion regarding public safety.
- Provided CPR Class for the Water Districts.
- Provided CPR Class for Tree Felling Companies on the Hill.
- Provided CPR class for the Buckhorn Camp personnel.
- Provided CPR class for the new Strawberry Creek Medical Center Employees.

June 2024 –

- Thomas Mountain RX with the USFS (provided Crew 621, Overhead and Medic 626)
- Attended Mountain Area Safety Taskforce Meeting.
- Guns and Hoses. (local fire, EMS and Law enforcement)
- Summer Day with the kids at Idyllwild School.
- Provided assistance at Living Free for their annual Hoedown.
- Mutual Aid assistance to the Post Fire in LA County near Lake Pyramid.
- Mutual Aid assistance to the Basin Fire in the Sierra National Forest.
- Annual Local Cooperators Meeting at Keen wild (USFS, Riv Co Fire, Palm Springs Fire, IFPD)
- IFPD Firefighter Testing.
- Provided CPR class for the Mountain Communities Fire Safe Council.
- Provided a Citizen CPR Class to the public.

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.*

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 1st inspections have been conducted with 623 1st inspection fail notices being mailed out.*** IFPD has re-inspected the **623** parcels with fail notices being mailed out to **248** property owners. Citation notices will be 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!

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! (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.

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.

2023/24 FY Mutual Aid Fires:

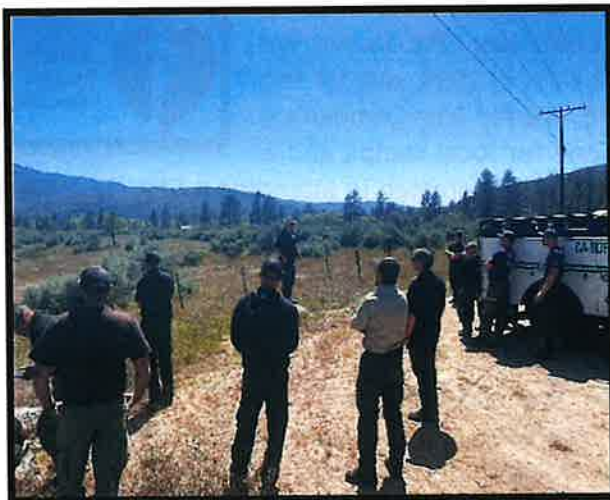
IFPD is a proud contributor to the greater Mutual Aid effort. IFPD has served on numerous fires to date during the 2023/24 FY including but not limited to:

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 to BC Bill Sandborg)



2024 Fires Invoiced to Date: \$ 2,262,000.00

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

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.

2024/2025 Mutual Aid

- Post Fire (LA County CA, Pyramid Lake – T 3 Strike team STEN/STENT and two (2) T3 Engines BR621 and BR625.
- Basin Fire (Sierra National Forest, Prather CA – Crew 621
- Basin Fire (Sierra National Forest, Prather CA – Overhead Team 11 (OSC, PIO,FBAN,GSUL,SPUL,SOFR, ORDM(T) RCDM(T) RADO(T).
- White Fire (Tehachapi CA , T6, STEN, at the time of this report our equipment and personnel are still engaged on this incident.

IFPD has invoiced just under one million dollars' worth of Mutual Aid Assistance for the 2024/2025 FY.

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>May 2024</i>	<i>June 2024</i>
Medical:	51	56
Fires:	6	11
Hazardous Cond:	3	6
Public Service:	14	18
False Alarm:	4	2
Other:	6	9
Total number of Incidents:	84	102
Medical:		626
Fires:		85
Hazardous Cond:		72
Public Service:		162
False Alarm:		54
Other:		70
Running total: FY23/24		1069 <i>(as of June 30, 2024)</i>



Ambulance Transactions:



	MAY. 24	JUNE. 24	YTD
Transports:	27	36	362
Charges:	\$ 96,840.30	\$ 107,650.10	\$ 1,467,967.53
Payments:	\$ 28,832.07	\$ 16,796.90	\$ 273,598.95
Current A/R:	\$ 443,288.42	\$ 439,090.11	\$ 470,875.62

Equipment:

Suppression Equipment:

Unit	Mileage	Condition	Notes
T-621	29840	Good	2023 Ladder test completed.
E-621	36885	Good	Repairs completed.
RE-622	62400	Good	Front line
BR-621	59650	Fair	PM Completed
BR-622	131875	Good	PM Complete
BR-625	30050	Excellent	NA
OES-6608	24320	Excellent	NA
WT-621	30065	Fair	See CIP needs replacement.

Ambulances:

Medic Unit One 1	61135	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit Two 2	44895	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit Five 5	33062	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit 626	63210	Good	NA

Administrative/Other Units

		Condition	Notes
C-6200	70450	Excellent	NA
B-6201	27495	Excellent	NA
B-6202	12150	Excellent	NA
S-621	49265	Good	NA
U-621	125770	Good	NA



IFPD CREW621:

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

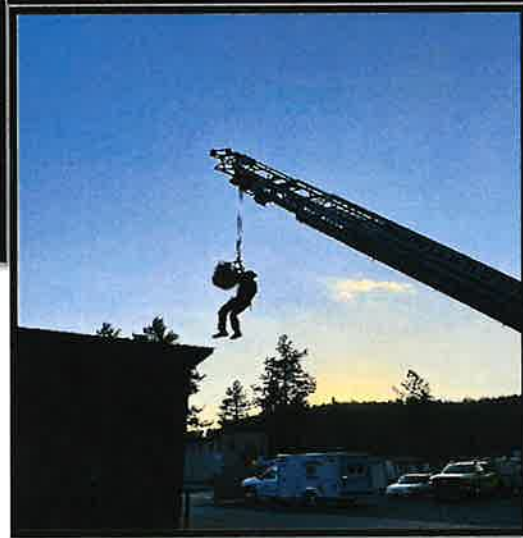
Crew 621 has a greater than 80% return of last year’s members which will allow crew 621 to reclassify as a type II IA crew (upgrading from last year’s classification of Type II) All members have received a full in service “red card” training and the crew is in service and has already been assisting the 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 29th through July 12th 2024. Great Job CREW 621!!!

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 . In addition to our regular call volume and automatic - mutual aid services that we provide, the IFPD also:

Has hosted several school visits and 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 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 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. 3.06 minutes

Fire Related Incidents. 3.22 Minutes

Overlapping Incidents 30.59%



From our Family to Yours,

“You are our Mission.”