



# IDYLLWILD FIRE

## Chiefs Report

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### NEW ITEMS:

- I attended the Annual Cooperators meeting at the Palm Springs arial tramway on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Discussion regarding wildland readiness/capabilities and qualifications was discussed in addition to discussions on joint training opportunities.
- We provided two (2) USFS CPR classes for the San Bernardino National Forest Employees in April. And we provided a CPR Class for the Tahquitz Pines Camp Employees in March.
- We met with the Insurance Standards Office field representative on April 13<sup>th</sup>. (ISO review of the IFPD takes place every 5-7 years).
- We are working with the County parks agency at the Hurkey Creek Camp. We are currently utilizing the area for tree felling training and as an added benefit assisting the park with their tree removals.
- I attended the annual IMT (Incident management Team) virtual mtg April 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup>. Main attendance was held at the Ft. McClellan training center in Sacramento.
- We attended the Funeral for USFS Firefighter Donovan Palmer-Gooding on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Calvary Church Hemet. IFPD Personnel, Truck 621 and Flag was displayed.
- I attended the So Cal. IMT meeting on May 6<sup>th</sup> in San Bernardino at the USFS Main Office. Discussion on the upcoming fire season outlook and overall capabilities.
- I attended the local AOP (annual operating plan) meeting (May 11<sup>th</sup>) with local cooperators for the San Jacinto Mt. District. USFS/Cal Fire/Palm Springs Fire and IFPD were in attendance.
- We had IFPD Medical Director Dr. David Ronmess up for a Cardiac STEMI training on April 22, 2022, and a CVA (stroke) training on May 23, 2022.
- The Idyllwild Fire Volunteer Company Spaghetti Dinner (May 7<sup>th</sup>) was incredible, the event was well attended with approx. 280-300 attending.
- We are hosting an NWCG S 212 course May 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> here at the IFPD. Members from our cooperative partner agencies (USFS, Hemet Fire, Palm Springs Fire, Murrieta Fire, Corona Fire and Calimesa Fire) are planning to attend.
- Our annual Wildland Refresher Final Drill (RT 130) is scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> of June.
- The new B6201 vehicle has been completed with decals installed. This vehicle is in use and operational.
- I would like to Thank the FVWD as they assisted us with preparation for our S212 class, and for their efforts with the data collection for our ISO review.
- New Hire Start dates: Josh Leih; 3/1/22: Jackson Steward; 5/1/22: Eric Soles; 7/1/22.

## Abatement Inspections 2022:



➤ As Per IFPD Ord. 19-01 we began our annual abatement inspections on ALL properties within IFPD jurisdiction **April 15th**. Crews completed the first inspections on May 2nd and failed inspection notices have been mailed out.

➤ At the completion of our first round of inspections of 2022 there were **307** properties which were found to be out of compliance. Notices were issued for those properties.

➤ The second inspections have begun, and we anticipate completion of the second inspections no later than May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. (We anticipate the third inspections to take place beginning on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2022 and final notices and citations to be mailed by June 30, 2022).

**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.**

### Highlighted upcoming CIP needs: 2022-2025

One (1) Type 3 Brush Engine: \$ 475,000.00 – \$ 525,000.00

One (1) Water Tender: \$ 215,000.00 - \$ 250,000.00

One (1) Ambulance: \$ 165,000.00 - \$ 200,000.00 (2wd)

Primary Equipment: \$ 135,000.00 - \$ 165,000.00 (Jaws of Life/Ladders/Chain Saws/generators/hose/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(May 25-27). / S-219 Firing and Ignition (Complete) / S-190 Introduction to Wildland Fire Behavior (Complete) / S – 230 Crew Boss (June 1-4) / S-231 Engine Boss (June 1-4) / S -270 Basic Air Operations (Complete) / S-290 Intermediate Wildland Fire Behavior/ S-390 Intermediate Wildland Fire Calculations.*

**Equipment:**

**Suppression Equipment:**

Unit	Miles	Condition	Notes
T-621	28804	Good	2022 Ladder test Scheduled
E-621	34809	Good	Repairs complete .3/22
RE-622	59322	Good	Rebuild complete .3/22
BR-621	56276	Fair	PM Completed 4/25
BR-622	127948	Good	PM Complete 12/21
OES-6608	8725	Excellent	NA
WT-621	29821	Fair	NA

**Ambulances:**

Unit	Miles	Condition	Notes
Medic Unit One 1	32897	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit Two 2	14513	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit 625	175930	Fair	NA
Medic Unit 626	58517	Good	NA

Administrative/Other Units		Condition	Notes
C-6200	34768	Excellent	NA
B-6201	907	Excellent	In Service
S-621	41,218	Good	NA
U-621	98227	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 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>. 3 New Hires have received their conditional letters of employment. Josh Leih; Start Date March 1, 2022  
Jackson Steward; Start Date May 1, 2022  
Eric Soles; Start Date July 1, 2022

**Statistics:**



<i>Incident Volume:</i>	<i>Mar 22</i>	<i>Apr. 22</i>
<b>Total number of Incidents:</b>	65	80
Medical:	49	39
Fires:	6	9
Hazardous Cond:	2	7
Public Service:	5	16
False Alarm:	2	5
Other:	1	4

**Ambulance Transactions:**



	<i>Mar. 22</i>	<i>Apr. 22</i>
Transports:	35	22
Charges:	\$ 121,396.00	\$ 94,152.50
Payments:	\$ 26,786.67	\$ 35,607.28
Current A/R:	\$ 574,072.45	\$ 558,850.00

## 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 May 2022)
- VFA: \$ 20,000.00/\$ 40,000.00 Radios, communications equipment (50% match requirement) (Anticipate submittal in 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 completed the 2021 FYE Audit with Fedak/Brown. Which is being presented at the May 24<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.
- ✓ Please review the 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- ✓ We have entered into 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.
- ✓ We will be hosting a CERT class on June 9/10/11, 2022 with a CERT refresher on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

**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. 3.36 minutes*

*Fire Related Incidents. 4.51 Minutes*

*Overlapping Incident 27.01%*

*“You are our Mission”*