



Chiefs Report

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January 30, 2024

IFPD Quarterly Officers Meeting was held on November 1st, 2023

IFPD annual staff meeting was held November 7th, 2023

The IFPD holds quarterly shift meetings, biannual officer, and full staff meetings to ensure that communications are consistently taking place. Our emergency service team works together effectively, efficiently, and professionally in our effort to provide you with timely, effective, and compassionate service. In addition to numerous other topics, the following assignments were appointed/discussed.

	Position/Rank –	Special Assignment(s)
Mark LaMont:	Fire Chief	OSC- CAIIMT11
Executive Assistant:	Rachel Teeguarden	(Admin/EMT/Medical Billing)
Public Information Officer:	Amanda Munsey	All Public Information
William Sandborg:	Battalion Chief	Wildland Training
Daniel Felix:	Battalion Chief	Fire Behavior Analyst
Daniel Seawright	Battalion Chief	Vehicle Maintenance
Thomas Sherman	Battalion Chief	Safety Officer

Duty Shift assignments:

“A” Shift Assignments:	Fire Captain – Robert Clark	Grants
	Engineer – Brett Leseberg	Medical Supplies
	Firefighter – Jackson Steward	Reserve Program
“B” Shift Assignments:	Fire Captain – Jim LaMont	(Deputy Fire Marshal/Prev.)
	Engineer – Greg Minor	(Light Vehicles)
	Firefighter – Nelson Escovar	(Suppression Vehicles)
“C” Shift Assignments:	Fire Captain – Adam Rodriguez	(Training Officer)
	Engineer – Torrey Gerstner	(Station Supplies)
	Firefighter – Josh Leih	(Crew 621)

Battalion Chief “detail” assignment has concluded with each of our Fire Captains “detailing” in this position for a period of 9 months. The IFPD offered this “detail” work assignment in an effort to assist with hands on training for the position before filling the position through a testing process (Date TBD).

Some of the Battalion Chief job assignments include:

- Assist with Annual Budget Development
- PPE and Gear replacement costs and procurement.
- Minimum Training Standards NFPA 20 hr. min. IFPD 30 Hr. Min.
- Medical Aid Response Model (Ambulance out first on medical aid calls/resp. reflex times/ call back/discussion)
- Fire Response (structure and wildland) response/reflex times and availability / call back.
- EMS / Ambulance Transport times/ APOD/Other Items:
- Mutual / Auto Aid Response.
- Mutual Aid Invoicing.
- Ambulance / Suppression Vehicle Line Up. Maintenance, Equipment, Needs, Other.
- Interface with Medical Director/Contractor. (Dr. David Romness)
- Work with EMS Coordinator /Contractor. (Shadrach Smith)
- Medical Ordering and Supply:
- Ambulance Billing
- Succession Planning
- IFPD Organizational Chart
- Job Descriptions / Responsibilities
- Rules and Regulations
- MOU (career staff)
- Overall Expectations
- Capital Improvement Plan
- Intern Limited Term / Intern Reserve
- Reflex Times (response time standards) (1-minute EMS / 1.5 minutes Fire)
- Work on Public Relations w-PIO / Amanda Munsey
- Grants
- Inspections / LE 100
- Annual Evaluations Which are due no later than December 15th each year.



(Fire Prevention Week- IFPD @ AWANAS)

2023 Property Abatement Results :

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District inspects 3751 properties each year.



- As Per IFPD Ord. 19-01 we begin our annual abatement inspections on ALL properties within IFPD jurisdiction on May **15th**. IFPD crews completed the first round of inspections on **May 30th** and failed inspection notices were mailed out to **704** property owners.
- Second inspections took place beginning June 15th, with **311** failed properties. After the second inspection notices were mailed out, a three week interval is given to complete the work prior to the final inspections.
- Final inspections took place in July with **81** final citations being mailed out on those properties which have 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 - Property Abatement 2024 :

As with previous years the Idyllwild Fire Protection District will be inspecting 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 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 in 2023.



Bear Trap Fuel Reductions:

IFPD continues working on this 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.



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:

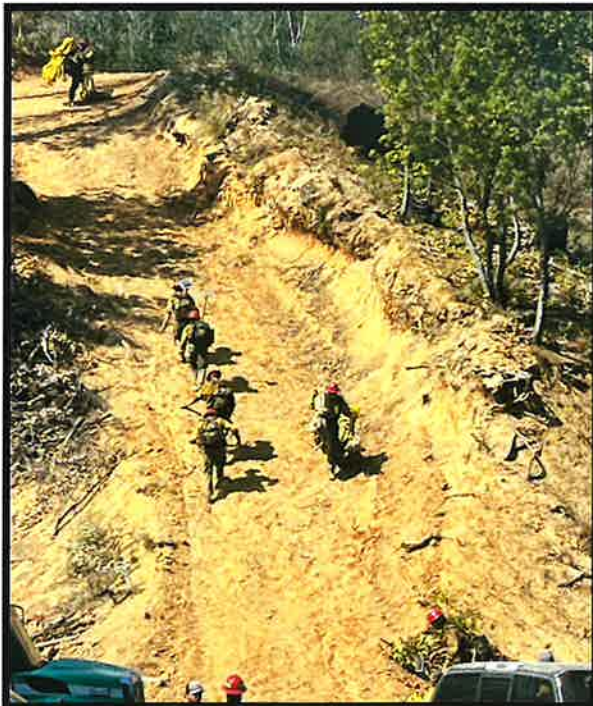
IFPD is a proud contributor to the greater Mutual Aid effort. IFPD has served on numerous fires to date during the 2023/24 FY including but not limited to:

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: \$ 2,130,000.00

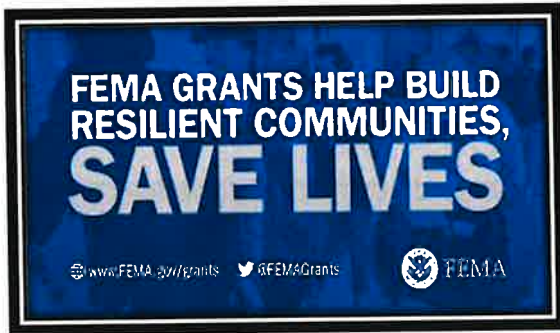
In **2022** IFPD invoiced: \$ 1,353,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursement.

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. (Submitted)
 - \$ 1m FEMA Community Wildfire Prevention. (Submitted)



Statistics:

<i>Incident Volume:</i>	<i>November 23</i>	<i>December 23</i>
Medical:	71	53
Fires:	6	3
Hazardous Cond:	4	4
Public Service:	8	9
False Alarm:	3	4
Other:	5	8
Total number of Incidents:	97	81



2023/24 FY (YTD) 536 (6- Months)

Medical:	329
Fires:	49
Hazardous Cond:	27
Public Service:	74
False Alarm:	25
Other:	32

Running total: FY23/24 536 (as of Dec. 31, 2023)

Ambulance Transactions:



	NOV. 23	DEC. 23	YTD
Transports:	32	31	187
Charges:	\$ 139,855.40	\$ 126,744.00	\$ 785,651.40
Payments:	\$ 41,647.00	\$ 20,201.90	\$ 140,421.24
Current A/R:	\$ 464,034.19	\$ 437,111.46	\$ 437,111.46

Equipment:

Suppression Equipment:

Unit	Mileage	Condition	Notes
T-621	29667	Good	2023 Ladder test completed.
E-621	36493	Good	Repairs completed.
RE-622	61925	Good	Front line
BR-621	58936	Fair	PM Completed
BR-622	131787	Good	PM Complete
BR-625	29078	Excellent	
OES-6608	21723	Excellent	NA
WT-621	30042	Fair	Winterized.

Ambulances:

Medic Unit One 1	56705	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit Two 2	39579	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit 625	177118	Poor	NA
Medic Unit 626	61227	Good	NA

Administrative/Other Units

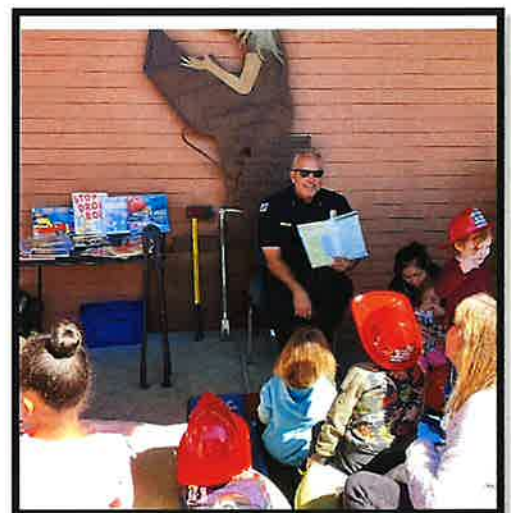
		Condition	Notes
C-6200	64578	Excellent	(New front bumper)
B-6201	20759	Excellent	NA
B-6202	8714	Excellent	NA
S-621	48,489	Good	NA
U-621	114032	Good	NA





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. 3.02 minutes

Fire Related Incidents. 3.51 Minutes

Overlapping Incidents 32.14%



From our Family to Yours,

“You are our Mission”