



Chiefs Report

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(Mtg date, September 27th 2022)

Mutual Aid Fires:

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

2022 Mutual Aid Fire assignments:

1. North OPS Pre Position (Redding CA)
2. Sheep Fire (Angeles NF)
3. Oak Fire (MMU / Mariposa)
4. Six Rivers Lightning Complex (SRF / Willow Creek)
5. South OPS Pre Position (Arcadia CA)
6. Radford Fire (BDF / Big Bear CA)
7. Border Fire MMU / San Diego CA)
8. Mill Fire (SNF/ Weed CA)
9. Mosquito Fire (TNF / Tahoe CA)
10. Fairview Fire (RRU / Hemet CA)



2022 Fires Invoiced to Date: \$ 1,200,000.00



Past FY Fire Invoices:

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.



What is: **"MUTUAL AID"** Its NOT "the good ole boys club" Its thousands of dedicated men and women working together for the greater good.

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District responds to a wide range of emergency incidents including Structure Fires, Wildland Fires, Medical Aid Incidents and much more. Whatever the emergency incident is, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District is responsible for sending an appropriate level of response to the type of incident that is reported. In the case of a reported structure fire, a standard response consists of a minimum of 2 engine companies, an ambulance, and a chief officer. This response level requires personnel who are fully trained, experienced and capable of managing incidents ranging from a small residential structure fire to a fire that is much larger and more complex. On occasion additional resources may be requested from other fire agencies—this is referred to as **"mutual aid."**

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District participates with numerous other fire agencies in the California Master Mutual Aid System. These types of agreements are very common throughout the United States. Every fire service provider understands that no Fire Agency, no matter its size can manage its largest incident or incidents on its busiest day. For this reason, fire agencies cooperate and provide **"mutual aid"** to help each other when situations dictate the need.



Your Idyllwild Fire Protection District personnel and equipment are proud providers of "mutual aid" and honorably serve throughout the State of California as part of the "Master Mutual Aid System". The California Master Mutual Aid agreement provides for complete cost reimbursement for agencies which cooperate in the system. Likewise, a fire department needing **"mutual aid"** assistance can ask for assistance without jeopardizing the safety of the community they serve.

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District also participates in "Automatic Aid" response agreements with our neighboring fire departments, all of which are ready to reciprocate by sending a fire engine and other emergency response equipment and personnel to an incident within Idyllwild without regard to jurisdictional boundaries. This type of "Automatic Aid" policy is not unique to Idyllwild, in fact it is found in nearly all fire agency response procedures, providing an incredible and lifesaving asset to all those utilizing such an assistance program. The overall cost savings to Annual Budgets and funds available for additional personnel and equipment, benefit all cooperating agencies as they each gain the benefit of personnel depth and additional coverage around the clock.

As our beautiful community continues to grow, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District remains committed to ensuring that your emergency response needs are met. Over our 75-year history, the Idyllwild Fire Protection District has grown from an all-volunteer based department to a fully professional and full-time staffed organization with 365/24/7 fire and EMS service coverage including ALS Ambulance service and transportation. The Idyllwild Fire Protection District is a proud provider in the mutual aid system and has relied on this system several times throughout our history (1996 "B" Canyon Fire / 2013 Mountain Fire / 2018 Cranston Fire). In addition to providing mutual aid, the IFPD responds to an average of 1200 calls annually.



Grants outlook 2022:

- **AWARDED !!! (Sept. 2022)**
AFG: \$ 50,000.00 Medical Equipment, gurneys, stair-chairs, laryngoscopes, and more.
- **AWARDED !!! (Sept. 2022)**
AFG: \$ 20,000.00 Submittal / \$ 10,000.00
Award PPE : Turnout Gear, Small tools (50% match requirement)
- **AWARDED !!! (Sept. 2022)**
- VFA: \$ 20,000.00 Submittal / 20,000.00 award. Radio and Communications Equipment (50% match requirement)
- 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. (Has been submitted)



**Total Grant funding requests submitted for 2022 :
\$ 475,000.00**

Grant Awards in 2020 and 2021:

- FEMA
- Firehouse Subs
- AFG
- VFA

IFPD CIP Highlights: 2022-2025

- **One (1) Type 3 Brush Engine: \$ 475,000.00 –\$ 525,000.00**
June 15th Special Meeting: Purchase of new type III Brush Engine reduced the IFPD 2021-2025 CIP by \$ 475,000.00 Purchase price was approved at \$ 349,500.00 which we believe is an overall savings of at least \$ 130,000.00 had we been required to purchase new in 24/25.
- One (1) Water Tender: \$ 215,000.00 - \$ 250,000.00 (Grant request pending: \$ 360,000.00 which includes additional equipment/tools)
- 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 future CIP expenditures 2022 – 2025 \$ 1,060,000.00 (\$ 265,000.00 annually)
Please refer to the Idyllwild Fire Protection District Capital Improvement Plan for details.
- (*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)



Property Abatement 2022:



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

➤ At the completion of our first round of inspections for 2022 there were just under 10% of all properties inspected - **307** properties which were found to be out of compliance. Notices were issued for each of those 307 properties.

➤ The second inspections were completed and **138** of the initial 307 properties remained out of compliance.

➤ Final (3rd round) inspections were completed on June 30th 2022 , a total of **116** properties received final fail notices

➤ *Overall 2022 abatement results: **96% compliance** and **4% noncompliance**. We continue to work with those who have not come into compliance to ensure all have met / will meet the minimum abatement requirements.*

Thank you to ALL who have completed their annual property abatement, we so appreciate your efforts in helping to keep Idyllwild Fire Safe!

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.

Please also visit our website (idyllwildfire.com) for important information regarding:

Hardening your Home.

Fireplace Safety.

Seasonal Fire Safety Information.

Property Abatement.



Statistics:



<i>Incident Volume:</i>	JULY 22	Aug. 22
Total number of Incidents:	95	82
Medical:	64	42
Fires:	5	9
Hazardous Cond:	4	7
Public Service:	12	15
False Alarm:	4	6
Other:	6	3

2022/23 FY #'s

Medical:	106
Fires:	14
Hazardous Cond:	11
Public Service:	27
False Alarm:	10
Other:	9
	177

Ambulance Transactions:



	July 22	Aug. 22
Transports:	32	16
Charges:	\$ 189,261.00	\$ 62,500.00
Payments:	\$ 15,720.84	\$ 38,712.44
Current A/R:	\$ 485,422.54	\$ 501,022.54

2022/23 FY #'s

Charges:	\$ 251,761.00
Payments:	\$ 54,433.28



Equipment:

Suppression Equipment:

Unit	Miles	Condition	Notes
T-621	29027	Good	2022 Ladder test Scheduled
E-621	35720	Good	Repairs complete .3/22
RE-622	59853	Good	Rebuild complete .3/22
BR-621	59027	Fair	PM Completed 4/25
BR-622	131009	Good	PM Complete 12/21
OES-6608	14578	Excellent	NA
WT-621	29988	Fair	NA

Ambulances:

Unit	Miles	Condition	Notes
Medic Unit One 1	38667	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit Two 2	19163	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit 625	176180	Fair	NA
Medic Unit 626	59282	Good	NA

Administrative/Other Units

		Condition	Notes
C-6200	41350	Excellent	NA
B-6201	3025	Excellent	In Service
S-621	42,497	Good	NA
U-621	104132	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)

New training qualifications/certifications recently achieved:

- A. Rodriguez: STEN (Strike Team Leader Engine)
- J. LaMont: SUPL/ORDM/RCDM (Supply Unit Leader/Ordering Manager/Receiving Distribution)
- M. LaMont OSC1/CIMOSC (Operations Section Chief Type 1 / Complex Incident Management OSC)

Personnel: We had three (3) open Firefighter Positions and have completed the testing process. The written Firefighters Exam was held on February 5th, 2022. We then conducted the IFPD PAT and Oral interview process which was completed on Feb. 25th 2022.

3 New Hires have received their conditional letters of employment.

- Josh Leih; Start Date March 1, 2022 (Probationary final anticipated for Feb / Mar 2023)
- Jackson Steward; Start Date May 1, 2022 (Probationary final anticipated for Apr / May 2023)
- Eric Soles; Start Date July 1, 2022 (Probationary final anticipated for Jun / July 2023)



2022 Audit:

IFPD Staff, along with IFPD CPA RT Dennis Accountancy and Fedak Brown are engaged and working on the 2022 FY Audit.



Community CPR Classes:

IFPD delivers several CPR classes each year. This year we have provided 4 CPR classes for the USFS, 2 local tree companies and 2 local camp employees courses. We are currently planning a CPR class for the local water districts and are planning to deliver 1 citizen CPR class before the years end and 2 citizen CPR courses for 2023.



CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

IFPD has held 1 full CERT Course and 1 refresher course in 2022. We anticipate partnering with MDP (Mountain Disaster Preparedness) for a refresher training and a full course during 2023.



Fairview Fire

As you are all aware, the Fairview fire which started on September 05, 2022 grew to a total of 28,307 acres. For several days the fire was pushed around by hot temperatures and high winds. Fire personnel worked diligently to contain the blaze and with help from Hurricane Kay (which brought some much-welcomed rain) the fire jumped in containment on September 14th. The Fairview fire destroyed 36 structures, damaged 8 structures and caused 2 fatalities. The fire was contained to the South of Highway 74, and to the West of Rouse Ridge. Thank you to all that participated in the suppression and full containment of this fire. Along with posting sandwich boards throughout town, the IFPD updated WNKI 1610am emergency radio with incident information daily throughout the event.

Bear Trap Fuel Reductions:

IFPD is currently working through a fuel reduction project with the private property owners to reduce fuels on a ridgeling west of Idyllwild and east of Bear Trap Canyon. These fuels reductions would greatly strengthen our fire prevention efforts along with the other ongoing fuel reductions of west ridge, south ridge, and strawberry fuel reductions.

Communications Site:

Through the generous donation from the Bill Baker Family Trust, we are currently moving ahead with improvements to our communications site. Once completed this site will increase the reach of WNKI to the Idyllwild Community and enhance our emergency communications network. We anticipate site completion and operation in early 2023.

Additional Equipment Storage:

We have been developing plans and working through cost analysis to build additional equipment storage.

Other Misc:

- ✓ Please continue to review the [2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan \(CIP\)](#)
- ✓ We have entered an MOU with the ICFA [2021-2026 \(Five-year agreement\)](#)
- ✓ 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 [3rd Saturday Monthly at 1:00pm.](#)
- ✓ [Met with the Idyllwild Elders on September 21st to discuss Abatement and the Emergency Siren.](#)
- ✓ We are working on quotes for additional sirens to complement the existing Siren.
- ✓ LAFCo review completed: (see map for IFPD Sphere of Influence)

I had the opportunity to meet with Congressman Raul Ruiz while at the Fairview Fire ICP. Congressman Ruiz arrived at the ICP (Incident Command Post) to show his support for the effort and to also ask what he could do to help. I was able to speak with him one on one for a while after our group meeting and discussed our needs, and my concerns regarding the need for larger scale Fire Prevention efforts and projects and the current pay disparity for the USFS and retention of our critically needed USFS employees.

Emergency Siren Testing

**3rd 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!

*Come join us on October 22nd from 12:00 – 4:00 for an
“Autumn Hoedown”.*

Live Music.

Pumpkin Carving.

Ride on a Fire Engine

Food and Fun!



IFPD Response Time Averages:

Medical Aid Incidents. 3.09 minutes

Fire Related Incidents. 4.15 Minutes

Overlapping Incidents 28.35%



From our Family to Yours,

“You are our Mission”