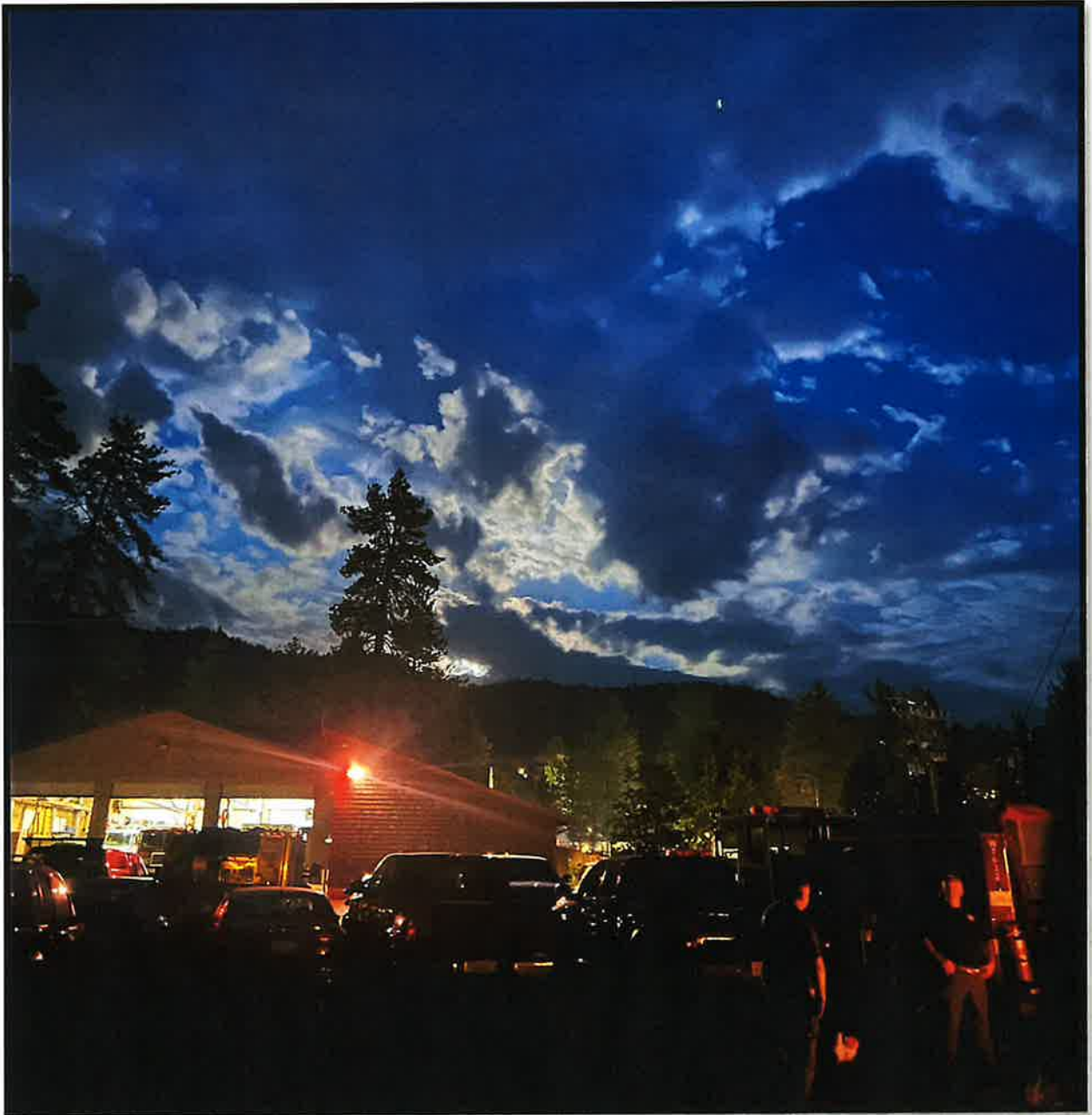




*Chiefs Report*



*M. LaMont*

*November 14<sup>th</sup> 2023*

The IFPD continues to hold quarterly shift meetings, and biannual staff meetings to ensure that communications are always taking place, and that your emergency service team is working together effectively, efficiently, and professionally to provide you with timely, effective, and compassionate service. *(Latest full staff meeting was on 11/07/2023)*

	Position/Rank –	Special Assignment(s)
Mark LaMont:	Fire Chief	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 is currently being filled by Adam Rodriguez. The IFPD is offering a detailed work assignment in the Battalion Chief Position to each of our Fire Captains in an effort to assist in hands on training for the position before filling the position through a testing process (TBD).

Some of the BC workload in service assignments include:

- 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.
- Medical Director/Contractor. (Dr. David Romness)
- 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)
- Public Relations PIO / Amanda Munsey
- Grants
- Inspections / LE 100
- Annual Evaluations Which are due no later than December 15th each year.

### 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.



### Property Abatement 2023:

The Idyllwild Fire Protection District inspects 3751 properties each year.



- As Per IFPD Ord. 19-01 we began 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 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.

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.



**Community CPR Classes:**

IFPD delivers several CPR classes each year. This year we have 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 1 additional citizen CPR class before the year's end in Nov./Dec. of 2023.



**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.

**Mutual Aid Fires:**

*IFPD is a proud contributor to the greater Mutual Aid efforts serving on numerous fires to date 2023 including but not limited to:*

**2023 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)



**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.

Just What is: **"MUTUAL AID"** - *It is 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 78-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:

- **Awarded: AFG Grant 2023 – 25,000.00 PPE Gear.**
- **Awarded: VFA Grant 2023 – 15,000.00 Radio and Communications Equip.**



- **AWARDED !!!**  
FEMA: \$ 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)
- **Previously Awarded items: Firehouse Subs SCBA Grant(s)**
- **Previously Awarded items: Striker Life Pac Cardiac Monitors and Gurneys.**



- **Pending AFG: \$ 360,000.00** Water tender, fire suppression equipment for implementation. (Has been submitted)
- **Pending Firehouse Subs: \$ 25,000.00** Rope rescue gear, misc. rescue equipment. (Has been submitted)

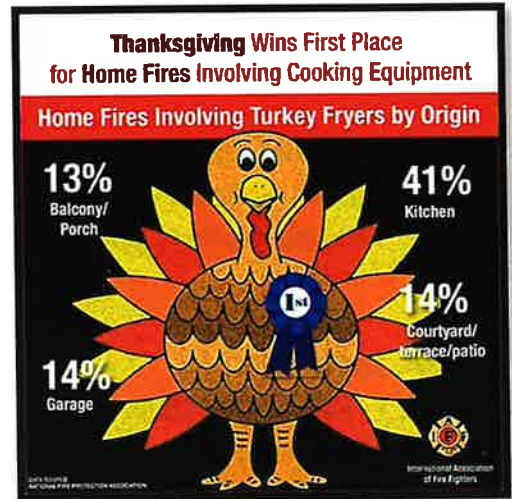
**New Grant submitted for Community Wildfire Preparedness: We anticipate the awards for this grant process to be made in May/June 2024.**

**Statistics:**

<i>Incident Volume:</i>	<i>Sep. 23</i>	<i>Oct. 23</i>
Total number of Incidents:	117	81
Medical:	71	48
Fires:	13	7
Hazardous Cond:	5	6
Public Service:	18	11
False Alarm:	4	4
Other:	6	5

**2023/24 FY (YTD)**

Medical:	205
Fires:	40
Hazardous Cond:	19
Public Service:	57
False Alarm:	18
Other:	19
Running total: FY23/24	358



<https://www.nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Seasonal-fire-causes/Thanksgiving>

**Ambulance Transactions:**

	<b>Sept. 23</b>	<b>Oct. 23</b>
<b>Transports:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>
Charges:	\$ 118,812.00	\$ 127,620.00
Payments:	\$ 17,956.16	\$ 21,35.02
Current A/R:	\$ 456,412.72	\$ 407,168.54



**Equipment:**

**Suppression Equipment:**

Unit	Mileage	Condition	Notes
T-621	29560	Good	2023 Ladder test scheduled.
E-621	36189	Good	Repairs completed
RE-622	61855	Good	Front line
BR-621	58925	Fair	PM Completed
BR-622	131782	Good	PM Complete
BR-625	29218	Excellent	New
OES-6608	22460	Excellent	NA
WT-621	30042	Fair	Winterized.

**Ambulances:**

Medic Unit One 1	54402	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit Two 2	35015	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit 625	177115	Fair	NA
Medic Unit 626	60965	Good	NA

**Administrative/Other Units**

		Condition	Notes
C-6200	64308	Excellent	NA
B-6201	20759	Excellent	NA
B-6202	6018	Excellent	NA
S-621	46,485	Good	NA
U-621	108886	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 September and October. In addition to our regular call volume and automatic - mutual aid services provided 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, we had a Great visit with Senator Kelly Seyarto to discuss fire safe communities. We Participated in the annual Idyllwild Halloween Parade and Carnival.

Please remind your family, friends, and neighbors that Fire Prevention and Abatement efforts are a year-round commitment.

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

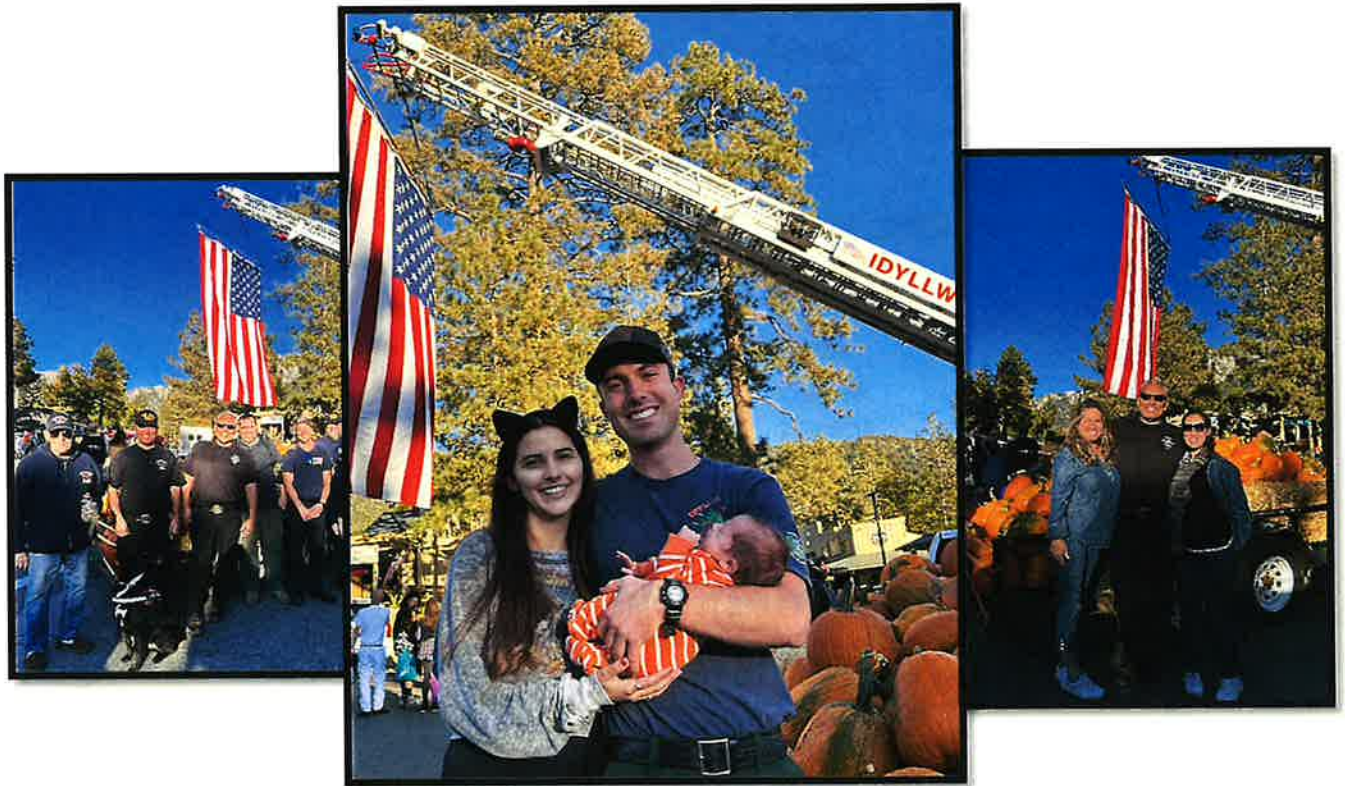
Thank you for your efforts in helping to keep Idyllwild Fire Safe!

**IFPD Response Time Averages:** *(time of dispatch to time of arrival)*

*Medical Aid Incidents. 3.15 minutes*

*Fire Related Incidents. 4.08 Minutes*

*Overlapping Incidents 26.63%*



*From our Family to Yours,*

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

*“You are our Mission.”*