



# IDYLLWILD FIRE

## Chiefs Report

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### 1. Community Alert/Siren System.

- I received confirmation of award from Supervisor Washington's Office of CBDG (Community Block Development Grant) funding of \$ 10,000.00 toward this project. A resolution accepting this funding (IFPD RES. 519) was approved at the IFPD Board of Commissioners October meeting and was sent to Riv. Co. for processing and payment. **(Awaiting Payment of CBDG funds)**
- *We anticipate delivery of the siren in the next 7-10 days and installation of the same to follow shortly thereafter. We have also worked to put in the necessary electrical run which will bring power to the siren. (Siren has been delivered to IFPD and is ready for installation)*
- **We anticipate the installation of the 50' pole in the next 2-3 weeks.**

### 2. Mutual Aid Fire(s)

- We have assisted (California Fire Assistance Agreement) with several mutual aid fires so far in the 20/21 FY:



- a. ONC1 Staging (Team 11 Redding CA) Overhead
- b. Mile Post Fire Hoopa CA (Team 11) Overhead
- c. ONC2 Staging (Team 11 Redding CA) Overhead
- d. Indian Fire (Anza CA) BR621 / WT622
- e. Apple Fire (Beaumont CA) BR621
- f. Whitewater Fire (Cabazon CA) WT622
- g. Red Salmon Fire (Willow Creek CA) Overhead
- h. Ranch Fire (Azusa CA) Overhead.
- i. Hobo Fire (Willites CA)
- j. Elk Horn Fire
- k. Eldorado Fire (Yucaipa CA)**
- l. August Complex (Mendocino Co. CA)**
- m. Castle Fire (Sonoma CA)**
- n. North Complex (Butte CA)**
- o. Glass Fire (Sonoma CA)**
- p. Bobcat Fire (Sierra Madre' CA )**
- q. North Complex (Overhead) (Plumas NF)**
- r. Silverado Fire (Orange County CA)**
- s. Mountain View Fire (Sierra Front)**
- t. Airport Fire (Corona)**



**(Current MA Billing is at \$ 1,203,112.00)**

### 3. Abatement Inspections/Citations:

- We have completed the abatement inspection and citation process for 2020/21. The final result of this process ended with a total of **157** failed properties which have been sent out citations.
- IFPD Ord. 19-01 details the process for property owners to appeal their citation to the IFPD Board. Due to the large amount of phone calls regarding these citations.
- We have been working with over 115 property owners to help them come into compliance, a remaining 42 parcels have not contacted us for assistance and remain out of compliance. IFPD Staff recommends moving ahead with second citations, forced abatement, and lien process as per IFPD ORD 19-01.

**We are continuing the forced abatement work on several properties and anticipate having 6-10 of these completed prior to year end 2020. You will note that the IFPD has the resources to force abate**



Property Abatement 2020

**roughly 10-15 parcels per year. It would then be anticipated that we could mitigate the 157 failed properties with over a decades commitment to this endeavor to ensure prevention efforts are effective and hazard fuels are abated.**

**Abatement regulations, and enforcement measures are critical to our overall success. Thank you to those property owners that completed their 2020 abatement!**

### 4. Equipment:

- We have placed new IFPD BR622 into service. The Paint has been fully completed and we have complimented this piece of equipment with the minimum compliment to place BR622 into service. **New Brush 622 and Brush 621 both participated on several Mutual Aid Fires this fire season.**



Lake Fire IFPD BR 621 and 622



**NEW Ambulance.** We have received our new Ambulance. This Dodge Ram 4500 (4wd) will assure seamless, rapid and reliable EMS ALS/BLS response to those we serve for years to come. Lights and Siren came with the vehicle and decal work is expected to be completed by Feb. 1, 2021. REMSA Permit process is complete and the ambulance is permitted.

*The picture above is courtesy of FF Russ Bray as he and FF Nelson Escovar drove the new ambulance home from the arrow ambulance manufacturing plant in Rapid City Iowa. (Thank you FF's Bray and Escovar!)*

- **C6200 Was sent in for Radios, Lights and Siren.** This process was interrupted by the North Complex Fire. **The installation is now completed.**
- All IFPD vehicles have been put through our annual maintenance and service process.

#### **5. Grants:**

- We have filed our FEMA CARES act grant and are awaiting the result of our request for federal funding of additional costs due top the COVID 19 pandemic. The 1<sup>st</sup> phase of this grant submittal is for **\$ 150,536.86**. The entire grant submittal is estimated to be approximately **\$ 368,000.00**.
- We were awarded the AFG (Assistance to Firefighters Grant) which we filed for back in February for the 20/21 FY. This award has allowed for the purchase of four (4) new cardiac monitors, new ambulance gurneys and much needed additional EMS/Medical Gear. The total of this grant is approved at **\$ 156,000.00** with five percent (5%) required agency contribution which is **\$ 7,428.57** leaving **\$ 148,571.43** in AFG dollars for the purchase. **(This has greatly reduced our overall 5 year CIP \$ required).**



***We have purchased the New monitors from LifePac. These lifepac 15 monitors are an incredible new addition to our medical equipment resources and will provide us with years of trustworthy service.***

## 6. 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.
- All EMS training requirements have also been completed and filed.
- We are currently putting on Joint Training with the USFS here at the IFPD training room. These critical course will help to ensure our personnel have the training they need to be successful in the field. Courses are: S-339 Division Supervisor S-330 Strike Team Leader S-390 Advanced Wildfire calculations S-290 Intermediate Wildfire, S-212 Wildland Fire Chainsaws S-234 Firing operations.

## 7. Personnel:

- We had one (1) probationary Firefighter which did not complete his probationary period. Therefore, we will be putting together a test process to hire a new probationary Firefighter.
- 1<sup>st</sup> round of COVID Vaccinations for our personnel took place on January 5<sup>th</sup>, the second administration is scheduled for the 26<sup>th</sup>.

## 8. November/December Statistics:



<i>Incident Volume:</i>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>
Total number of Incidents:	<b>82</b>	<b>93</b>
Medical:	46	51
Fires:	11	14
Hazardous Cond:	3	10
Public Service:	13	9
False Alarm:	7	3
Other:	2	6

*(see spreadsheets for additional detail)*

## 9. November / December Ambulance Transactions:

	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>
Transports:	24	34
Charges:	\$ 99,680.00	121,465.00
Payments:	\$ 32,439.57	39,801.67
Current A/R :	\$ 398,240.12	392,136.90

*(see spreadsheets for additional detail)*

**10. Committees:**

Sustainability Committee. (will reconvene at a later date)  
Ad Hoc Committee for Labor neg. presented in this month's agenda. ( **IFPD Ad Hoc Labor committee did meet with the ICFA on January 4<sup>th</sup> and January 19<sup>th</sup>**)

**11. Other/ Misc:** I continue to participate on the Riverside County Economic Recovery Committee (when available).



- a. We have received and put into service the new credit card payment device. We have processed several payments using this device and have deposited \$ **8,750.00 to date.**
- b. VFA Grant award was made. We were awarded nearly \$10,000 for wildland gear and radios.
- c. **Please see the new 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)**
- d. **Please see the 2021 draft Fire Code Ordinance with updates.**

*Commitment to Public Service continues to be at the forefront of all that we do.*

*IFPD Response Time Averages:  
Medical Aid Incidents. 3.21 minutes  
Fire Related Incidents. 3.44 Minutes  
Overlapping Incident % 28.86*

*“You are our Mission”*

