



## Chiefs Report

*M. LaMont*

(Mtg date, September 26<sup>th</sup> 2023)

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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.

	Position/Rank – Special Assignment(s)	
Mark LaMont:	Fire Chief	
Executive Assistant:	Rachel Teegarden	(Admin/EMT/Medical Billing)
Public Information Officer:	Amanda Munsey	
William Sandborg:	Battalion Chief	Wildland Training
Daniel Felix:	Battalion Chief	Fire Behavior
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.

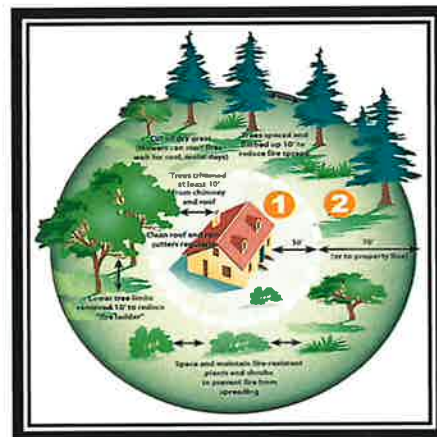


IFPD Has proudly presented the US Flag at each of the “concepts in the park” throughout the summer of 2023. We appreciate the opportunity to serve this beautiful community.

**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 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.

**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](http://idyllwildfire.com)) for important information regarding: Hardening your Home / Fireplace Safety/Seasonal Fire Safety Information. Property Abatement.

**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. 2023.

### **CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)**

IFPD has not held a full CERT Course in 2023 but has scheduled 1 for the fall. We did conduct 1 refresher course in 2023 to date. We anticipate partnering with MDP (Mountain Disaster Preparedness) for one (1) additional refresher training and one (1) full course in the fall of 2023. (Stay Tuned)



### **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.

Available Resources:

### **Accomplishments: 2019-2023 (Five Years)**

#### **Agreements:**

- USDA/USFS Automatic and mutual Aid Agreement. (Exp. 2026)
- IFPD / Riv. Co. Fire Dispatch Agreement. (Savings of \$ 8,000.00 annually)
- Legal Representation, Cole Huber. (Savings of \$ 250.00 hourly) (Exp. 2024)
- Audit services, Fedak Brown. (Exp. 2024)
- New copier lease.
- Automatic/Mutual Aid Calimesa Fire Department.
- Automatic/Mutual Aid Canyon Lake Fire Department.
- Automatic/Mutual Aid Hemet Fire Department.
- FEMA Renewal. (FMAG/AFG/VFA/Other Government awards FEMA.Go)
- SAMS (Systems award management system)

#### **Grants:**

- FMAG (Fire Management Agreement Grant) Cranston Fire \$ 128,000.00
  - AFG: (Assistance to Firefighters grant) \$ 142,000.00 (Lifepac Cardiac Monitors)
  - VFA: (Volunteer Fire Assistance Grant) \$ 10,000.00 (PPE)
  - Firehouse Subs (MSA) Breathing Apparatus \$ 45,000.00
  - Idyllwild Community Church: \$ 2,000.00 (EMS Training Grant)
  - Idyllwild Bible Church : \$ 6,500.00
  - Firehouse Subs (MSA) Breathing Apparatus \$ 40,000.00
  - AFG (Wildland/Radios) \$ 20,000.00
  - VFA (Tools/Equipment) \$ 10,000.00
  - FEMA EMS Grant \$ 50,000.00 Gurneys/Laryngoscope/Misc EMS)
  - AFG (Radios Communications) \$ 10,000.00
  - VFA (PPE, Tools, Gear) \$ 20,000.00
- Total grants benefit 2019-2022: \$ 483,500.00

**IFPD Policies – Ordinances and Fee Schedules:**

- Review and update 100% of all IFPD Board policies.
- New abatement ordinance 19-01 (100% inspections on 3571 parcels / 81 Final Citations FY24)
- New Fee schedule (plan check/ special use/ public gathering/ other)
- New Fire Code Ordinance Completed ORD 513
- Updated Ambulance Fee schedule 2019,20,21,22,23,24

**IFPD Other Misc. Items:**

- Budget development (5years), presentation, and timely board approval: (2) (2019/20, 2020/21 2021/22 and 2022/23). (Have consistently brought each FY expenses under revenues)
- Audits Completed four (4) financial audits with RT Dennis and Fedak Brown (2019 – 2020 -2021- 2922 w/o material defect.) Currently working on the 23FY Audit.
- Consistent written Chiefs reports.
- Hire of three (3) new Firefighter positions. (Currently all positions are 100% Filled)
- Promotion of one (1) engineer position.
- Conversion of Part time administrative assistant to Full time (40hr. workweek)
- Managed through the COVID Pandemic. (Instituted policy/guidance and sanitation regulations)
- Purchased COVID Testing machine – offered to USFS on Fire Incidents.
- Completed a five (5) year MOU between IFPD and ICFA. (2021-2026)

**Purchases Vehicles/Equipment: CIP Buydown:**

- New (used) Type one Fire Engine (purchased from Beverly Hills Fire Department, \$ 6,000.00) E622 (IFPD CIP SAVINGS of \$ 750,000.00)
  - New (used) Type three Fire Engine (USFS/USDA FEED program) BR622 (\$0.00) (\$ 7,400.00 paint) (IFPD CIP SAVINGS of \$ 350,000.00)
  - New Type one Ambulance. (Arrow ambulance Co. \$ 143,000.00 Dodge 4wd 4500)
  - New Admin Vehicle. C6200 (Suburban Diamond hills Chevrolet \$ 51,000.00)
  - New Type 6 engine/patrol. (OES Type six patrol) (Awarded, and delivered \$ 260,000.00)
  - New MSA/SCBA Breathing apparatus (12) new SCBA's (Firehouse subs) (IFPD CIP SAVINGS of \$ 85,000.00)
  - New Cardiac Monitors (4) (four new life pac 15 monitors / AFG grant) (IFPD cost: \$ 7,000.00) (IFPD CIP SAVINGS of \$ 142,000.00)
  - New FEED 4WD Chevrolet Utility vehicle. 50k savings to IFPD CIP
  - New Type one (Additional) Arrow Ambulance recently approved and purchased: \$ 179,000.00)
  - New Type 3 Brush Engine from Marion Fire Apparatus \$ 350,000.00 (100k down payment, 250k loan with KSB)
- TOTAL CIP SAVINGS THROUGH GRANT FUNDING and ENGINE REPLACEMENTS: \$ 1,650,000.00**  
**Total (Non Grant) Ambulance Purchases: \$ 315,000.00.**

Total (Non Grant) Engine and Admin. Vehicle Replacements: **\$ 485,000.00**

Total IFPD Loans Outstanding as of 1/2023: Kansas State Bank: **\$ 360,000.00**

(Loans were secured for 1- 2020 Admin Vehicle, 1- 2020 Ambulance and 1 – 2020 Type 3 Engine)

Purchase of new Dodge Ram 3500 Battalion Vehicle (Cash) \$ 62,500.00

Purchase of new Dodge Ram Crew Vehicle 3500 (Cash) \$ 61,500.00



**Misc. Items:**

- Siren / Alerting system: Negotiated an MOU with Fern Valley Water District to share in the cost of the Community alerting siren. Negotiated with Supervisor Washington's office for CDBG (Community development block grant) Total cost of system: \$ 35,000.00 (share of costs: IFPD \$ 12,500.00 / FVWD \$ 12,500.00 / CDBG \$ 10,000.00) (MDP 2,500.00)
- In 2019 Invoiced \$ 500,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursements.
- In 2020 Invoiced \$ 1,205,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursements.
- In 2021 Invoiced \$ 2,010,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursements.
- In 2022 Invoiced \$ 1,353,000.00 in mutual aid reimbursements.
- Ensured full compliance with training requirements for all IFPD Personnel.

## Misc. Items (con't)

- Ensured average response times. (EMS call to arrival of 3.15 minutes)  
(Fire response avrg. call to arrival 4.22 minutes)
- Opened new bank accounts at Bank of Hemet. (Now HCN)
- Initiated new credit card payment processing internally to provide for better customer service.
- Provided 18 community CPR Classes/12 USFS CPR classes. (Over 5 years)
- Conducted several Joint fire training exercises with the USFS and Cal Fire.
- Office improvements including, Flooring/File Cabinets/Training room upgrades/Chairs/Shutters /Blinds, Front parking apron reseal.
- Represented IFPD at several community meetings (flood/fire/fire in paradise/STR discussions)
- Met with several community groups including Idy. Board of Realtors/MAST/Mountain Fire Safe Council/Rotary/BOS/Supervisors Perez and Washington).
- Brought on an IFPD PIO to assist with public information and notifications.

## Additional Accomplishments:

- Worked to improve agency moral, capability, and certification of our personnel.
- Have held quarterly shift meetings and biannual staff meetings.
- Have consistently recertified my State and National registry Paramedic Certification.
- Exceeded fire training requirements and certifications.
- Completed my NWCG Type 1 Operations Section Chief certification and Task Book.
- Completed my Complex Incident Management Certification.
- Maintained position of OSC on Interagency Incident Management Team 11.
- Ensured timely and full completion of all employee evaluations at the end of each calendar year.

I am extremely honored and proud to be a part of the team here at the IFPD. None of the accomplishments listed herein above would be possible without the incredible and selfless efforts each of our dedicated and capable personnel who provide these critical services on a daily basis. Our success in this 365 day a year 24/7 service-based shop requires every one of our members to be at their very best every day. Thanks to each of you for your outstanding commitment to serve.

*I would like to Thank each of our hard-working Personnel for their Service and Continued Dedication.*

**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)



**2023 Fires Invoiced to Date: \$ 1,800,000.00**



**Past FY Fire Invoices:**

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 NOT "the good ole boys club" 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)



**Statistics:**



<i>Incident Volume:</i>	<i>Jul. 23</i>	<i>Aug. 23</i>
<b>Total number of Incidents:</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>77</b>
Medical:	43	43
Fires:	11	9
Hazardous Cond:	4	4
Public Service:	16	12
False Alarm:	7	3
Other:	2	6

**2023/24 FY #'s**

Medical:	83
Fires:	20
Hazardous Cond:	8
Public Service:	28
False Alarm:	10
Other:	8
<b>Running total: (2months/July-August 2023)</b>	<b>160</b>

**Ambulance Transactions:**



	<i>July. 23</i>	<i>Aug. 23</i>
<b>Transports:</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>23</b>
Charges:	\$ 181,008.00	\$ 91,620.00
Payments:	\$ 25,509.16	\$ 23,735.02
Current A/R:	\$ 456,412.72	\$ 407,168.54

**2023/24 FY #'s**

Charges:	\$ 272,620.00
Payments:	\$ 49,244.18

**Equipment:**

**Suppression Equipment:**

Unit	Mileage	Condition	Notes
T-621	29531	Good	2023 Ladder test scheduled.
E-621	36018	Good	Repairs completed
RE-622	61729	Good	Front line
BR-621	58916	Fair	PM Completed
BR-622	131770	Good	PM Complete 12/21
BR-625	28421	Excellent	New
OES-6608	21116	Excellent	NA
WT-621	30040	Fair	Winterized.

**Ambulances:**

Medic Unit One 1	51334	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit Two 2	33938	Excellent	NA
Medic Unit 625	176215	Fair	NA
Medic Unit 626	60735	Good	NA

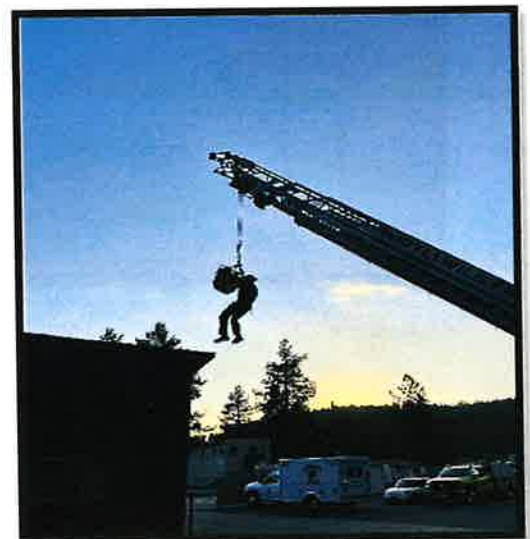
**Administrative/Other Units**

		Condition	Notes
C-6200	62030	Excellent	NA
B-6201	13450	Excellent	NA
B-6202	1615	Excellent	NA
S-621	41,885	Good	NA
U-621	106760	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)

**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)
- R. Clark: Completed his TFLD Taskbook and STEN Taskbook at CICCIS for final signatures.
- M. LaMont OSC1/CIMOSC (Operations Section Chief Type 1 / Complex Incident Management OSC)



**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 **3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday Monthly at 1:00pm.**
- ✓ We are working on quotes for additional sirens to complement the existing Siren.

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. 3.25 minutes**

**Fire Related Incidents. 4.10 Minutes**

**Overlapping Incidents 28.61%**

*From our Family to Yours,*

***“You are our Mission”***

