

Indian Valley Fire Department

Fire Chiefs Report, September 2023

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Continued to hold training meetings every Tuesday alternating between Greenville and Taylorsville Stations.

Exception being Oct. 17 as we had all day training at Lassen College. Six people attend Fire Engine Driver/Operator 1B Class at Lassen College for the week. Each participant accrued 1.5 college units from the accredited formal training. Was a great commitment for the volunteers to attend.

The new dispatching phone application "I Am Responding" is being slowly implemented for use by all volunteers. The application shows location of Engines, Engine status, volunteer location & status, and information about the emergency calls being received. If within cell coverage the cell phone can be used to receive info on calls instead of the pager. A hard drive listens to a radio scanner in the office and voice recognition is utilized to send a text via the application.

IVFD responded to a wildland fire at Indian Falls at 11pm at night. Upon arrival we found a pickup fully involved at the Indian Falls parking lot. The RP to the call also heard gunshots prior to spotting the fire.

We extinguished the blaze using a combination of water and fire extinguishers. The extinguishers had to be used due to magnesium components of the vehicle continuing to burn. The vehicle had its license plates and VIN number removed. USFS, CHP and PCSO also responded. Is unknown who the owner of the vehicle is. We utilized our infrared heat detector to search the mountainside and cliff below along the creek for any possible human victims due to hearing the gunshots.

All of our fire extinguishers were inspected and serviced by Alpine Fire Services. Three extinguishers were taken permanently out of service and replaced with new ones. One extinguisher had not been inspected since 1981. Two Engines had no extinguishers at all- this has been rectified. They need to be inspected yearly. Most had not been inspected for 5-7 years and many never.

Crescent Mills FD personnel continue to regularly attend our meetings and train with us. Several attended the training at Lassen College.

Upcoming plans are to have a dumpster delivered to Taylorsville Station within the next couple of weeks and perform a major cleaning of the station in preparation of painting & repairs this winter. One medical call we responded to resulted in an elderly abuse investigation by the Sheriff's Office. The patient was flown out in severely debilitated condition.