

Indian Valley Fire Department

Fire Chiefs Report, September 2023

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Meetings/trainings continue to be held every Tuesday evening alternating between Taylorsville and Greenville Stations. The one exception was when we met during the day doing a Firewise Community inspection for the Williams Valley and Pecks Valley Road areas. We met with USFS staff, Fire Safe Council and local residents. Canceled the evening meeting as we met during the day.

Meetings are well attended with fifteen at the last session.

For the last three meetings Crescent Mills Fire Department personnel have been attending our trainings. Basically they have all but joined us except for administrative paperwork & finances. They have at least five new prospective volunteer applicants.

Engine #7672 has been placed back into Genesee Station after maintenance and updating the Engine complement. The conex trailer has been emptied in anticipation of it being removed by the OES contractor. As a result one Engine had to be removed from out of the inside of the Greenville Station in order to accommodate the equipment from the Conex trailer.

The "I Am Responding" app is being implemented and we are in the process of installing it. Fire calls going through the pager will be monitored by a dedicated computer in the office. It will be translated and put into a text app to be sent to our personal cell phones. In other words, our cell phones can act as our pager with us receiving written information. The app can also store our responses and Engine availability. Will be a great asset!

CalFire approved our latest paperwork submitted (IVCSD Board Resolution) regarding the Rural Assistance Grant. We are able to purchase equipment supplies now and submit for reimbursement. Three Husqvarna chainsaw have already been purchased from Sierra Cycle in Quincy and put on Engines. In addition to wildland fire they are used for venting and cutting into houses.

Hand tools and highway accident safety equipment have been ordered through the grant and should arrive soon. I am collecting everyone's clothing sizes to order another set of wildland PPE so the volunteers will have two sets of shirts & pants.

Our trainings have consisted of Engine inspections and running of pumps at the hydrant at Greenville High School. Additional wildland boots were ordered and received. All IVFD personnel are completely equipped with structural and wildland gear; including proper fitting boots.

We are signing up personnel to attend the Engine Pump Operations Class 1B to be held at Lassen Community College Oct. 9-13. This class runs from 0800-1700 for five consecutive week days. A college credit of 1.5 units will be awarded at the end of the course. Some Crescent Mills FD volunteers will be joining us in this class.

A list of calls received was sent out after our last Board meeting. It is projected that IVFD will have received 260 calls for this year.