

Indian Valley Fire Department

Fire Chiefs Report, January 2024

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Training continued to be held every Tuesday evening except for the week between Christmas and New Years. Participation in our meetings by Crescent Mills FD personnel has dropped since the CMFD Board has appointed a new Chief. Cleaning of Taylorsville station has continued in preparation for painting.

Since the IVCSO Board approved purchase of the Hummer fire vehicle the purchase was completed and the vehicle obtained from Dark Horse Equipment. It is now based in Taylorsville Station. The Greenville/Taylorsville Volunteer Firefighters Association reimbursed the IVCSO \$19,500 which was 25% of the purchase cost as agreed.

The Hummer was taken to Wild Hare Graphics in Quincy and they are creating the design scheme for it including IVFD emblems. The owner underwent back surgery so there will be a delay in installing. Radio will be installed in next couple weeks.

Sam Brown did a complete service and maintenance on the Humvee. Differentials, oil, filters and electrical work was performed. It was needed. The only oil leak on the vehicle-transmission-had its gasket replaced. Future trainings will focus on this vehicle operations and adding equipment to it. Two sets of extrication gear (jaws of life) will be on the vehicle which both are being serviced right now. After discussion we decided to have a backup unit in case of failure or if responding to a multiple vehicle collision.

At the last meeting held at the IVCSO office we had a strategic planning session focusing on needs, training and operations for the next six months. Much discussion focused on the possible merger of IVFD and Crescent Mills. Upcoming trainings being offered will be formal classes on advanced wildland fire and Engine Operations. Hand tools received as a result of the CalFire grant are being painted in IVFD markings.

Santa Claus appeared courtesy of IVFD and rode on Engine 7624 to the Greenville Elementary School. This was well received on the last school day prior to the Christmas school break.