

Indian Valley Fire Department

Fire Chiefs Report March 2024

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Fire training meetings continued on every Tuesday evening alternating between Taylorsville and the IVCSD Office.

Three notable vehicle accidents were responded to this report period. One was a head on collision on H89 North of Greenville above the passing lanes on a curve. Remarkably there were only minor injuries although both vehicles sustained major damage and were totaled. Air bags deploying certainly saved lives. Vehicles impacted on both passenger's side rather than the driver indicating at least one vehicle was completely on the other oncoming lane.

Upon arrival a pickup was completely engulfed in flames at the end of Ann Street in Taylorsville at 0200 in the morning. Was unable to completely put it out with water due to magnesium & other metal components in intense combustion. Fire extinguisher had to be used to safely extinguish. Vehicle fires are becoming more hazardous to extinguish due to new components in construction and electrified. Bolt cutters were used to access the engine compartment. Fire origin is very suspicious as the vehicle had not been running for several weeks.

Another vehicle went through a power pole at the intersection of Diamond Mt Rd and North Valley Road. Power pole was completely sheared off and was hanging down over the road still connected to the lines. The vehicle that hit it continued on but obviously sustained major damage due to vehicle debris left behind at the scene and a trail of oil left on the road. This was at approx. 0215 in the morning.

Above incidents are being jointly handled by CHP and PCSO both of which arrived at scene.

IVFD graphics were applied to Hummer #7662. A backup camera was purchased for #7622. If this particular model works well and serves our purpose more will be purchased as safety equipment for the apparatuses. A cheaper model GPS driver unit was also purchased for evaluation. If it helps in responding to addresses accurately more will be installed in Engines also for quicker response.

Surveillance security cameras were installed in Genesee, North Arm and Taylorsville Stations. In the past North Arm Station has had its door kicked in and a portable generator was stolen out of the rescue squad in Taylorsville Station.

With the advent of daylight savings time outdoor training with Engine pumping & drafting is being accomplished.

Chief Orange will meet with Plumas County Fire Chiefs Association representative Joe Waterman 03/21 in inspecting the IVFD Fire Stations. Will be going over training standards and OES paperwork requirements to be in compliance with the CSFAA contract regulations.

Quincy Fire Academy and Lassen College Fire Science classes are being held in April. Volunteers wanting to take those classes who have the time available are encouraged to do so with our help.