

Indian Valley Fire Department, August 2024

Fire Chiefs Report, Bob Orange

As is standard practice, report period consisted of weekly training/meetings on Tuesday evenings alternating between Greenville and Taylorsville.

Drafting and pump evolutions were done with North Arm, Genesee and Tville Engines using the Taylorsville Ditch. Engine and pump operation training was done with the new volunteers. Drafting was tried again with the Genesee Engine but still need new suction hose which was ordered through Cascade Fire Supply in Oregon and has been on backorder.

Wildland fire training was a focus during this period with major concerns of fires in the district considering the heat and wind. Held a training where we went through our fire packs and met with local USFS Engine. Copied the USFS standard pack complement. Ordered personal first aid kits to be attached to the packs and a major medical kit to be part of the complement on the Hummer (7662).

Videos and training was held in the IVCSO office where we watched handling electrical car fires, wildland fire vehicle escapes, Hummer operations and deployment of emergency fire shelters.

Information report was written for LAFCO and Chief Orange attended the Aug. 12 LAFCO Board meeting at the Quincy Courthouse. Public comment will be accepted until Sept. 11 and decision will be made at the Oct. 21 LAFCO meeting for consolidation.

Two more prospective volunteers are joining the IVFD. In the process of ordering gear to outfit them and they will go through the LiveScan process of fingerprinting although zero issues are expected. The applicants are Wade Neer and Adrian Hugo. In the past four months have added five new volunteers.

Participated in the Gold Diggers parade.

Expect to hear from CalFire of approval for requested equipment for the 50/50 grant any day.

New 25' sections of mobile attack fire hose was received and installed on the front bumper valves on wildland engines in Gville, Genesee and North Arm Engines.

Kitchen counter, faucet and sink was installed in Taylorsville Station. We now have water there.

Cleaning was performed at Tville Station and water/Gatorade was rotated out of Engines to keep supplies fresh.

On a medical call on North Valley Road in IVFD jurisdiction there was an incident with Crescent Mills FD. CMFD Chief Hawkins went to the wrong residence and drove through the children's slip & slide swimming pool which had water in it. Essentially destroyed it. Homeowner requested reparations from the IVFD. I met with the homeowner, took photographs and explained that IVFD was not involved. It was CMFD and requested she make a report with Plumas County Sheriff on the incident which she stated she would.

On the same incident a lady fell who had a amputated leg. CMFD arrived first and lifted her up by the shoulders and put into bed without performing a basic medical examination. This was done as the ambulance was pulling into the residence and four (4) IVFD volunteers were arriving. The CMFD volunteer canceled the ambulance and our volunteers. This violates our standard practice of having the patient examined and evaluated by accredited medical personnel. Our practice would be to place into a megamover and carried into bed. The husband contacted Chief Orange the next day to complain about how his wife was treated & handled. She was very sore and hurting from the night before. Also at issue was CMFD dismissed our personnel on a call in our assigned jurisdiction.

Spoke with PDH ambulance supervisor Blesse and they are no longer going to follow CMFD's direction and continue to the call to evaluate using their policy.