

Indian Valley Fire Department, September 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.

Ran a drill of a simulated structure fire at the old Taylorsville School. This consisted of hose lays around the building, supplying Engines with water from a tender and drafting out of Taylorsville ditch.

All of the Jaws Of Life and hydraulic extrication gear were trained with and run at our weekly meetings.

Fought and contained a 8 acre wildland fire with USFS personnel. USFS only had one Engine available from Mt Hough Ranger District and they came from Gansner Bar Station off Caribou Road. Twelve IVFD Volunteers responded and fought the fire.

Electrical has gone bad at Greenville temporary fire station with no power. Met with A1C Electric from Chico for an estimate to installing a permanent power supply with conduit instead of using extension cords. Is essential for heating the building this winter so as to not freeze the water in the Engines.

Obtained estimate from Pave Rite for paving the interior of Greenville Engine Bays.

Another volunteer has joined the FD, Charles Schrammel of Taylorsville. Currently IVFD is at 23 personnel. Individual personal wildland gear is being ordered for the new volunteers.

Finished the calls and training list totals for points for the past budget year on the volunteers and submitted for payment.

Dan Weaver, the Fire Science Coordinator/Instructor at Lassen College offered an Engine Pump Operations class for us in Indian Valley for the two weekends preceding Thanksgiving. We discussed and decided to pass on this class as we would be too limited on daylight, temperatures will be dropping and too close to the holiday. Mr. Weaver stated he will offer the class to us in Indian Valley next spring. Lassen College is offering a Driver Operator 1A class at the Susanville campus the first two weekends of November of which several of the new volunteers may attend.

Greenville Elementary school requested that we provide a show & tell for several classes and we cooperated.

The Greenville/Taylorsville Volunteer Firefighters Association purchased and delivered a new kids pool to replace the one run over & destroyed by the Crescent Mills Fire Chief on the call previously discussed last month.

Preparations are underway for retired Chief Jim Hamblin's Memorial Service on Sept. 28. Memorial Service will be at Greenville Cemetery at 1pm followed by food at Taylorsville Town Hall afterwards. Various county fire departments will be present as well as representatives from the California legislature.

Personal first aid kits were distributed to all personnel.

NorCal EMS sent a letter to Plumas County SO telling them to no longer dispatch Crescent Mills Fire to any medical calls as they have no agreement on file. Fire Dispatch no longer dispatches CM to medical aids.

Checked with Plumas County Elections Department and Crescent Mills Fire still does not have a single legal Board member or a Board. LAFCO meeting regarding consolidation is November 30 at 1pm at the Plumas County BOS chambers. This was moved up from the Oct. 21 date.

IFVD has had an Engine present at the Greenville HS football games along with the PDH ambulance.

For the Alumni football game at GHS, it was requested for the IVFD to fill the dunk tank which was being used as a fund raiser. Kevin Goss was the dunkee. We happily complied with their request. Did Goss a favor though by using ambient water in the Engine which was on a warm day instead of new cold 55-degree water from a hydrant.

CalFire only approved half of what we requested under the Volunteer Rural Fire Grant. What was approved was the purchase of two complete sets of structural turnouts and fire shelters. Also approved were structural and wildland fire gloves.