

Indian Valley Fire Department, October 2024

Fire Chiefs Report, Bob Orange

As is standard practice, report period consisted of weekly training/meetings on Tuesdays. Most of the trainings this month were held in Greenville due to the types of training and work to be done at the Greenville Station.

Greenville Station bays were completely cleaned out and all the gear stored inside the Conex trailer. Pave Rite of Sacramento completely sealed the interior with asphalt and extended the asphalt apron out 30' from the door. This is helping the station immensely in keeping water out, station clean and warmer in the winter sealing the bottom out. No more dirt floor!

New buried electrical conduit has been installed also to Greenville Engine bays. Outlets placed throughout the station and new wiring to the electric heat transfer system. Outlets placed where small extension cords can reach the onboard battery charger connections. The station heaters will be inspected on Oct. 29 by Heat Transfer Systems from Quincy.

PG&E emergency response specialists traveled up from Chico and held training for us at the IVCSO Office. Went over emergency response to power pole fires, vehicles into power poles, propane and natural gas fires.

Was contacted by the ISO. We will be undergoing a major inspection of our fire department. This is the biggest inspection any FD can undergo and determines insurance ratings though this has been minimized by wildland fire map zones. Will take place the week of Nov. 11-22nd. Last time the IVFD was inspected was in 2015. The rating system runs from Class 1 to a Class 9 with Class 1 being the highest rating. Currently we are a Class 4 with Crescent Mills having a rating of Class 9, the lowest possible.

Overhead lighting has been installed in Taylorsville Station Bay #1. All the garage door openers now have direct electrical lighting eliminating the extension cords.

Attended LAFCO meeting. Public comment period is taking place.

Received four new portable radios from Sierra Electronics in Reno. They have already been issued to the four newest volunteers in the FD.

Ray Martinez has joined the FD bringing the membership up to 24 with another possible volunteer being the owner of Howard Storage.

New gallon capacity decals installed on Engines.

New draft hose received for 7872. 7672 had exhaust system rewelded and water cannon welded. Backup camera installed.

Three newest volunteers will be attending a Driver 1A class at Lassen College the 2nd & 3rd weekends of November.

We will be participating in the Halloween “Trunk Or Treat” in Taylorsville on Halloween. Will be handing out high visibility reflective trick or treat bags with fire safety tips imprinted on them along with candy.

At the Oct. 29th training we will be doing a CPR and First Aid refresher class at the IVCSO office. PDH ambulance staff will be teaching the class.

The auto aid agreement between CMFPD and IVFD has been terminated. CMFPD is no longer automatically dispatched to calls within our district unless requested by IVFD personnel. At the same time CMFPD is prohibited to responding to any medical or vehicle accident calls. Fires with the CMFPD is the only thing they can respond to. If CMFPD is toned out several times for a fire within their boundaries and no response- dispatch will tone out IVFD to respond. This has already happened. IVFD is automatically dispatched to vehicle accidents and medical aids within the CMFPD. Because vehicle accidents incorporate a medical component, they are not dispatched to them.