

# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

# ANNUAL REPORT

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# 2021

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# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## Mission, Vision, Values



### Our Mission

To make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve by providing premier emergency services with the resources that we have been entrusted with.

### Our Vision

The members of the Illinois Valley Fire District envision that we will provide world class service to the customers of the Illinois Valley as an accredited fire district by the Center of Public Safety Excellence. Our focus will be exhibiting P.R.I.D.E.

**Professionalism** will be demonstrated through our individual actions, appearance and attitudes as we provide adaptable and sustainable fire and emergency services with proficiently trained personnel, properly equipped to respond to evolving community risks.

**Responsibility** to our greatest asset, the members who make up the Illinois Valley Fire District with a well-developed and executed training and safety program along with member development that will ensure all personnel are mentored for success throughout their tenure with the District.

**Integrity** will be evident in our expectation of each member to do that which is right, honest and just and will not tarnish the name of the individuals or the District during both on and off duty activities.

**Diversity** throughout the District will ensure we properly reflect and relate to the community we serve.

**Empathy** will be demonstrated in all interactions with the community, as we work to meet or exceed their expectations with the customer service they deserve.

Individual and department excellence will be realized as we hold one another accountable for fulfilling our mission, living our values, accomplishing our goals and ensuring this vision becomes a reality.

### Our Values

Service with:

**Pride**

**Responsibility**

**Integrity**

**Diversity**

**Empathy**



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## Message from the Fire Chief



2021 was a very active and accomplished year, despite the ongoing pandemic, a changing workforce, economic development, and increased demand for service. Our department adapted to new and upcoming challenges in numerous ways. I am proud of our member's ability to adjust daily to what appears to be constant change.

Finally, it is impossible to fully capture in an annual report the many ways our department has positively impacted others. We continually look for ways to positively impact others on a daily basis and this report is intended to capture just some of those highlights. I am grateful for the support our organization receives from the residents, Board of Directors, Mayor, City and County employees, as we all strive to provide the highest level of service. Whether by saving someone's life, treating their medical problems, or simply helping a stranded motorist, we are here to serve the citizens of the Illinois Valley Fire District and our surrounding area.

This report represents the culmination of each organization member's efforts, abilities, commitment, and dedication. The department remains committed to providing high-quality service as we work to meet the community's changing expectations and demands. It is an honor and privilege to serve as the Fire Chief.

John J. Holmes – Fire Chief  
Illinois Valley Fire District



I am pleased to present Illinois Valley Fire District's 2021 Annual Report. This report is a summary of our accomplishments and activities. The information in the report is to provide an overview of our efforts to the community, in maintaining the highest level of fire, rescue, and emergency medical services.

2021 was an unprecedented year in the history of the Illinois Valley Fire District and our members handled the challenges presented with professionalism, flexibility, and a focus on safety for our community. As Chief, I am extremely proud of the work the members of the Illinois Valley Fire District did this past year. 2021 was busy with emergency calls, requests for services, and adapting to the changing world, but our members responded to these challenges in a manner that make a community proud.

The continuing COVID19, put our department in a position where we had to evolve the way we deliver service. Unlike many other professions, we cannot work from home, nor can we close. Instead, we had to adapt, and transform how we respond to emergencies in a manner that protects those we serve, treats those who need our help, and still protect firefighters and their families from contracting the virus. The members of Illinois Valley Fire District have done an amazing job rising to this challenge and shown a level of creativity and resilience that allows us to continue to provide excellent customer service.

# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT



## Board of Directors

**I**llinois Valley Fire District is governed by a Board of Directors. There are five members on the Board of Directors who are voted in by the citizens of The Illinois Valley. The Board of Directors oversee the Fire Chief and the Fire Chief, in turn, oversees the rest of the administrative staff. All regular meetings of the IVFD Board of Directors meetings are held on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 pm. Meetings

are open to the public and offer residents an opportunity for citizen input.

Position #1	Linda Naydol	Exp 2025
Position #2	Richard Bouchard	Exp 2025
Position #3	Michelle Binker	Exp 2025
Position #4	Jerry Lamb	Exp 2023
Position #5	Cheryl Johnson	Exp 2023

## Administration Chiefs

### Fire Chief

A fire chief is a firefighter who has accumulated the education, training and experience needed to advance through the ranks. Working with other emergency response leaders, a fire chief, helps coordinate fire control, rescue, hazardous material clean-up and medical treatment efforts. A fire chief uses his or her experience in fire protection and prevention to direct the response of firefighters to limit damage, danger and loss of life.

### Deputy Chief—Operations / Fire Marshal

This job comes with significant responsibility: in addition to his/her own duties, the deputy chief of operations takes the lead in the absence of the fire chief. In alignment with the District strategic plan and Fire Prevention initiatives, the Fire Marshal is primarily responsible for developing and managing a comprehensive, effective fire prevention program. The position is responsible for overseeing such programs as construction and code enforcement inspections, plan review, fire investigations, weed abatement, public education and public relations. He/she is also responsible for issuing fire permits and enforcing these regulations. He/she performs other duties as required. The Fire Marshal reports directly to the District Fire Chief.

### Deputy Chief—Training

This position involves administrative work in the performance and direction of activities to manage the department training program. Ensure that personnel are trained and competent in order to effectively, efficiently, and safely execute all responsibilities consistent with the department's standard operating guidelines for emergency services delivery. The primary focus of this position is training, leaving the day-

to-day management of the fire department with the fire chief.

### Division Chief—Logistics

Manages the procurement and maintenance of all fire department assets including: fire department facilities, fire fighting apparatus and equipment, and department vehicles. He/she is responsible for fleet maintenance and coordinates department needs with external vendors as well as OSHA compliance. He/she reports directly to the District Fire Chief. Performs other duties as assigned.

### Division Chief—Administration

Under general direction, the Fire Department Administration manages the administration support services of the Fire District. Responsibilities include Records and Retains personnel documents. Accounts receivable and accounts payable. Payroll, PERS, Liability Accountability, End of Year items, such as Deployment paperwork, W-2's and 10-99's, and banking. Serves as the Board Clerk for the Board of Directors with associated duties along with the Fire Chief. Completion of the Budget, Audit and Resolutions for the District.

**O**ur Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs and Logistics Chief also perform duty officer tasks, firefighting tasks, and medical tasks.

# About Our District



**I**n 1954... the Illinois Valley Rural Fire Protection District was formed. It was originally formed by farmers who volunteered their time to keep their community safe. From its inception, volunteers have been the backbone of the District and continue to keep us moving forward with their hard work and dedication to the safety of our communities.

**W**e currently protect the communities of: Selma, Kerby, Cave Junction, Takilma, and O'Brien. The District is about 144 square miles covering the Redwood Highway corridor; extending from the top of Hayes Hill to the California border. The Fire District responds regularly for mutual aid assistance with Rural Metro Fire, Gasquet Fire (CA), Oregon Caves, BLM, Forest Service and unincorporated areas of Josephine County. With mutual aid, our total response area is over 200 square miles.

In recent years, the overall scope of emergency services provided by IVFD has broadened beyond fire suppression to include medical emergencies, public assists and rescues. Medical calls accounted for approximately 59% of our calls in 2021, while fires accounted for 28%.



**HAD** 1,734 calls logged through Dispatch

**IN  
2021  
WE**

**PROVIDED** support for the Double R Pub, Wards Creek, Galice Resort and Wolf Creek 76 Gas Station Fires as well as multiple residential mutual aid responses.

**WELCOMED** twelve new volunteers including nine Firefighters and three Reserve Tender Operators



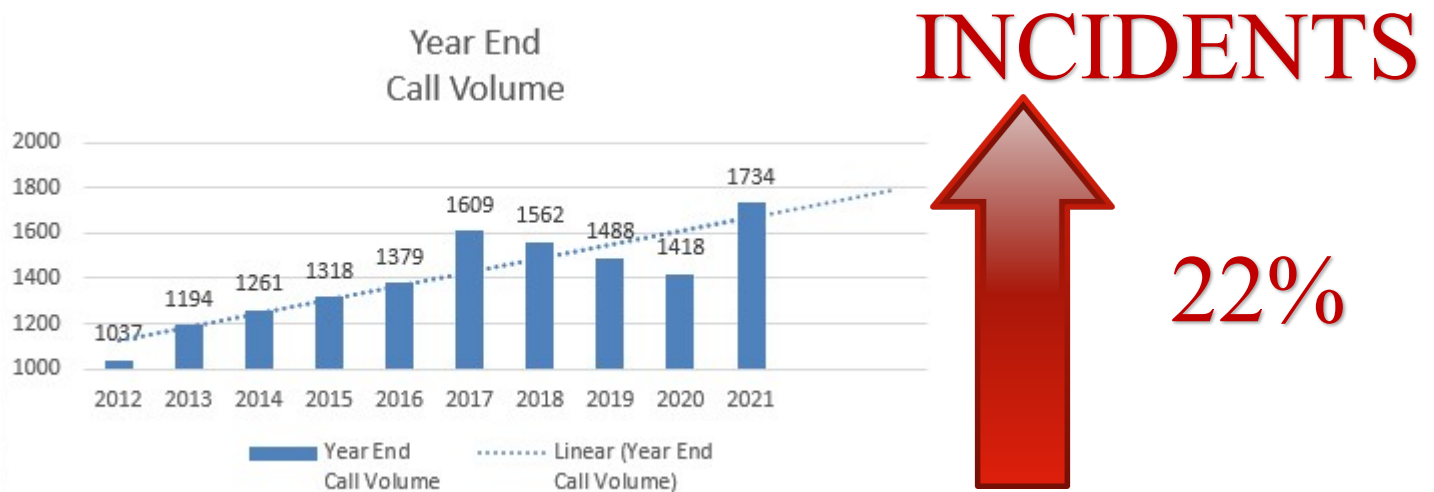
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## Statistics



The past year for the Fire District was busy to say the least. There were **1,734** logged calls which included: 1019 EMS calls, 480 Fire calls, and 235 Public Assists/Other.

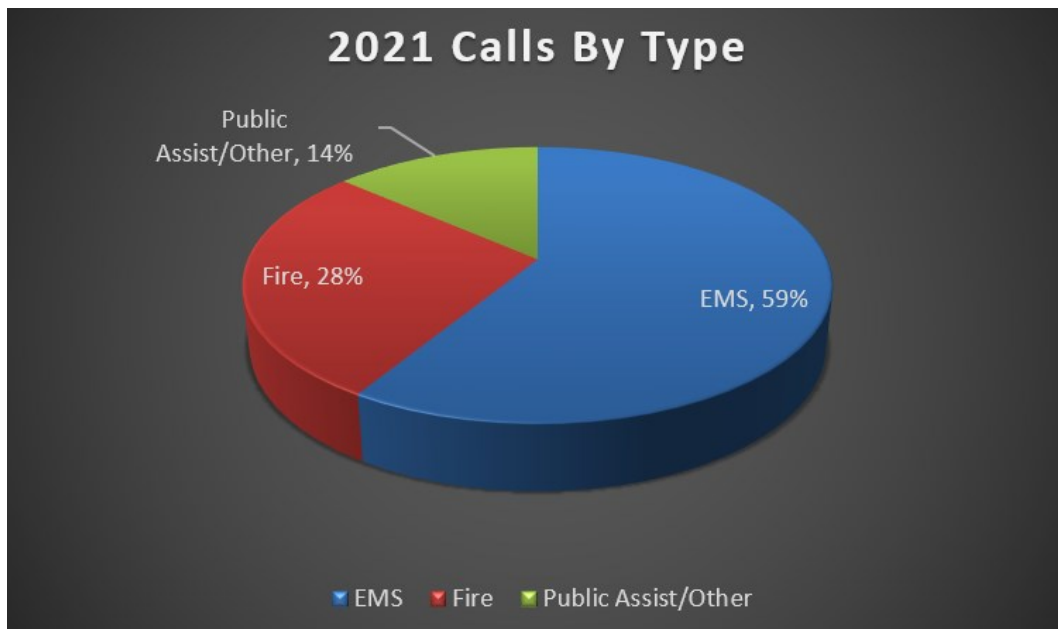
The Illinois Valley Fire District encompasses approximately 144 square miles. The Fire District responds regularly for mutual aid assistance with Rural Metro Fire, Gasquet Fire (CA), Oregon Caves, BLM, Forest Service and unincorporated areas of Josephine County. We also aid local law enforcement when requested for standby situations. With mutual aid, our total response area is over 200 square miles.

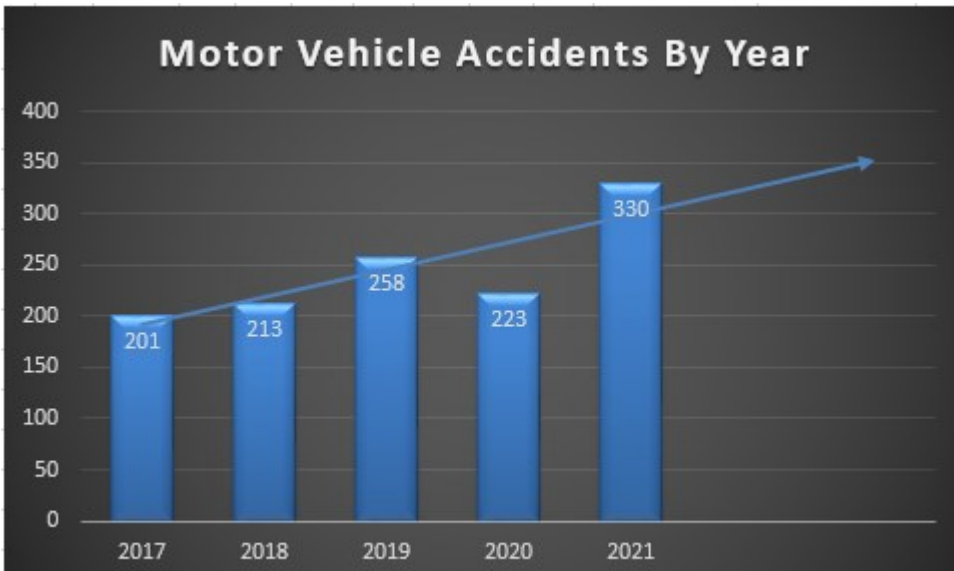


**Incident call volume increased this year by 316 calls or 22.28%.**

## Response Times:

In 2021 our average response time for the first unit on scene was **8 minutes**. This average includes delayed responses which tend to skew the average higher. For example, on some calls we must await the arrival of law enforcement before entering the scene. Another example is mutual aid calls where extended travel time to the scene can be required.





MVAs

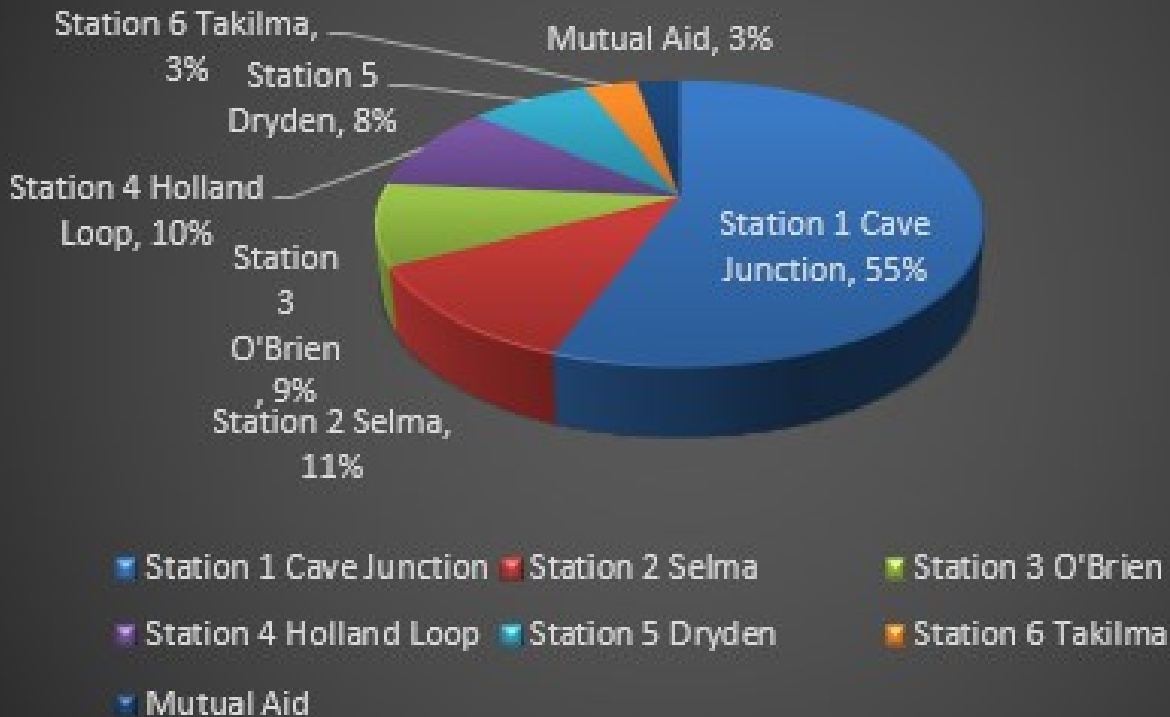


48%

**W**hile the total call volume in 2021 increased by over 22%, the largest increase was in Motor Vehicle Accidents. 2021 Motor Vehicle Accidents increased by 48% from the previous year.



### 2021 RESPONSE BY STATION AREA



# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

John Holmes  
Fire Chief

Board of Directors

Community

Information Technologies

Jamie Paul  
Executive Administrator

Paula LeMasters  
District Secretary

Public Information Officer

Jeff Gavlik  
Deputy Chief  
Training & Safety

Kris Sherman  
Division Chief  
Logistics & Maintenance

Kamron Ismaili  
Fire Marshal  
Deputy Chief  
Operations

Tom McCauley  
Mechanic

SUPPORT GROUP  
Chaplain  
Photographer  
Rehab  
Traffic Control

CERT

Brian Pfeiffer  
A Shift FF/EMT

Noah Miller  
B Shift FF/EMT

Garrett Goo  
C Shift FF/EMT

Kyle Lane  
Float/Special Projects  
FF/EMT

FF/EMS

SUPPORT GROUP  
EMS  
Reserve Tender Operators





# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## About Our Staff



**T**he District is led by Fire Chief **John Holmes**. Chief Holmes started with the District in January of 2020 with more than three decades in emergency services and has earned his Master's Degree in Emergency Services Management. During his time with the District he has passed a levy to continue supporting the firefighter/EMTs working under him, been able to deploy the Rehab Unit to other areas when needed, and successfully navigated through the Slater Fire of 2020. In addition, since coming to the District he has obtained numerous grants, to help in the success of the District.

Deputy Chief, **Kamron Ismaili**, has been involved in the District since 2003, first as a volunteer and now as Deputy Chief of Operations and Prevention as well as our Fire Marshal. Deputy Chief Ismaili is committed to the District and gives his best at all times.

Deputy Chief, **Jeff Gavlik**, has been dedicated to IVFD since 1994, first as a volunteer and now as the Training Officer. Deputy Chief Gavlik is also our grant writer and does his best to supplement our District when grant opportunities are available. Deputy Chief Gavlik has a heart-felt compassion for the Illinois Valley.

Division Chief, **Kris Sherman**, started out as a volunteer in 2003 and now is the Division Chief of Logistics. Division Chief Sherman excels at keeping the apparatus running and all equipment maintained and tested for the safety of our staff and volunteers. He also keeps all our stations in tip top shape.

**Jamie Paul** has been with the District since September of 2014. She originally came on board as a front desk/billing clerk but is now our Division Chief of Administration taking care of payroll, leave and benefit records as well as keeping all the accounts

paid and in order. She is an asset to our District with her diligence and hard work.

**Thomas McCauley**, joined the District in 2013 as our fleet mechanic. With eagerness and a willing spirit he completed the Firefighter I Academy and is actively participating as a firefighter and EMR as well as keeping our apparatus up and running efficiently.

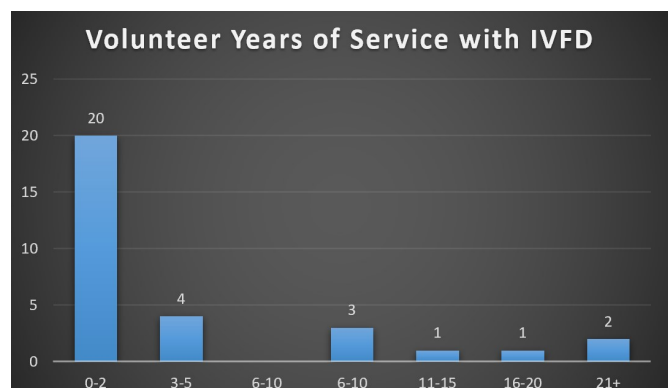
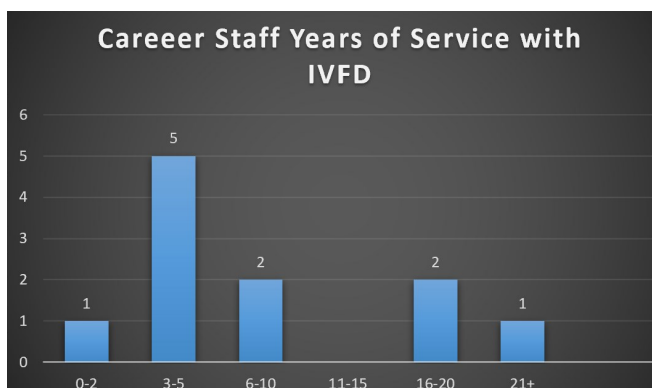
**Paula LeMasters** joined the District in February of 2017 and serves as District Secretary. Paula's hard work, dedication, and willingness to lend a hand wherever it's needed has quickly made her a crucial member of our Administrative Staff.

### FF-EMTs

In November 2021 voters renewed the five year Levy which pays the salaries for four Firefighter/EMTs. This has allowed IVFD to retain the four full time Firefighter/EMT positions for another five years. Firefighters **Noah Miller**, **Brian Pfeiffer**, **Garrett Goo**, and **Kyle Lane** continue to be valuable assets to the District.

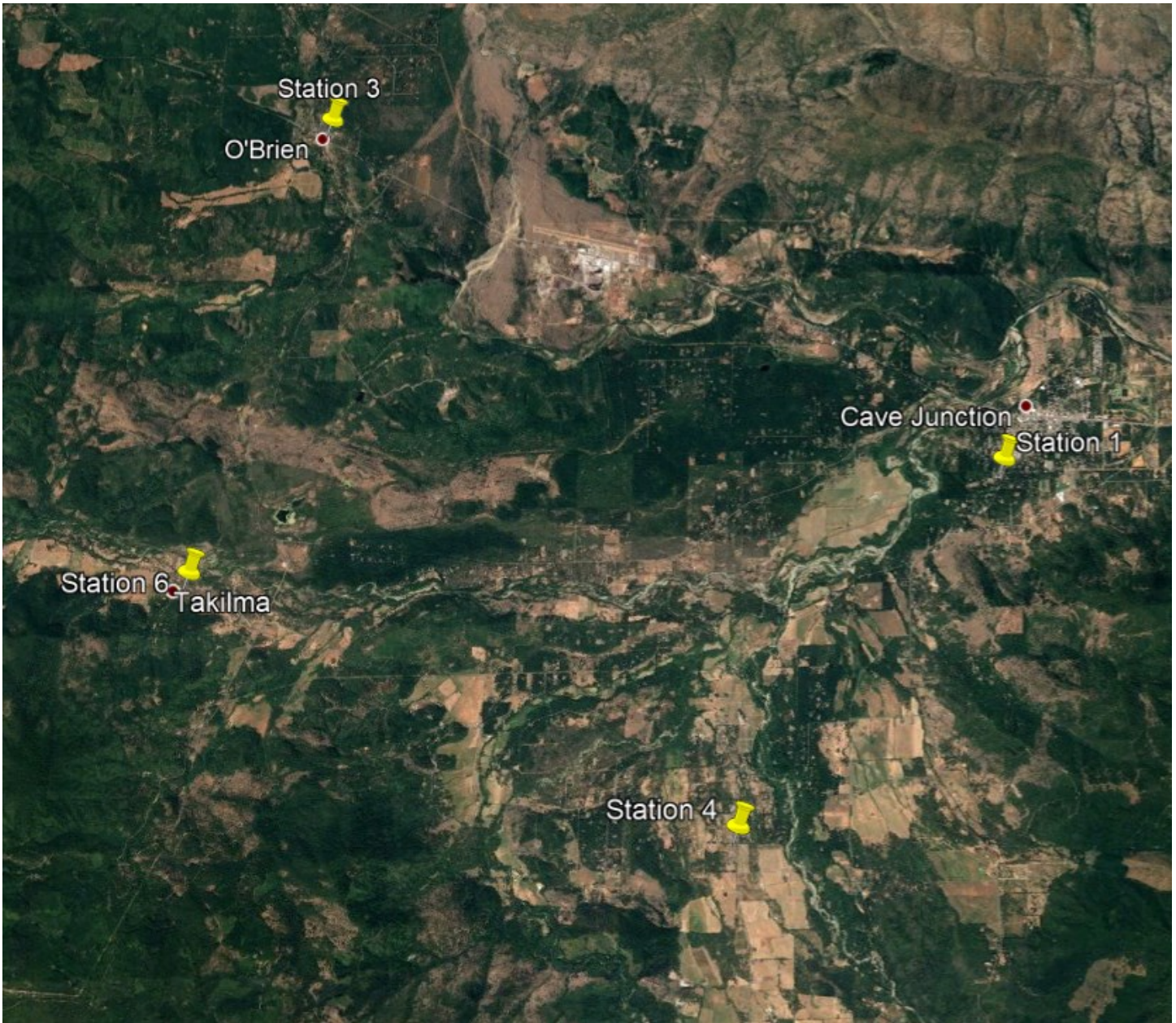
### Volunteers

In 2021 volunteers contributed thousands of hours to the Illinois Valley Fire District. Our volunteer roster includes citizens from all walks of life: truck drivers, retirees, business owners, homemakers, students, EMT's, auto mechanics, public servants, baristas, builders, radio personalities and childcare providers to name a few. Our volunteers share a commitment to public service and the citizens of the Illinois Valley. They are essential to the mission of the District. Although the number of volunteers fluctuate their dedication to the Illinois Valley never does.



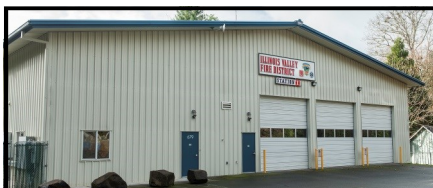
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## Service Area, Stations & Apparatus



### Station 1

681 Caves Hwy  
Apparatus Engine 1, Tender 1,  
Rescue 1



### Station 2

18455 Redwood Hwy  
Apparatus Engine 2, Tender 2,  
Rescue 2



### Station 3

10 Lone Mountain Rd  
Apparatus Engine 3, Tender 3



**Vital Statistics  
2020-2021 Fiscal Year**

Land Area  
Approximate Population  
Government  
Assessed Valuation  
Fire District Budget

144 Square Miles  
17,000  
Special District  
767,043,240  
1,955,344



**ISO  
Insurance  
Classification:**

Within 5  
road-miles of any  
of our  
Stations:

**4**

5-7 road-miles of  
any of our  
Stations:

**10 w**

**Station 4**

5465 Holland Loop Rd  
Apparatus Engine 4, Tender 4



**Station 5**

4240 Lakeshore Dr  
Apparatus Engine 5, Tender 5



**Station 6**

8399 Takilma Rd  
Apparatus Engine 6, Tender 6



# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT



## 2021 Accomplishments

- \* Training Building Footings
- \* Water Tank Project
- \* Station 1 Blacktop
- \* Station 2 Radio Project
- \* Wildland Radio Upgrade
- \* Bolan Mountain Repeater



## 2022 Goals

- \* Continue Water Project
- \* Station 1 install concrete pad and two 15,000 gallon water tanks
- \* Stations 3, 4 and 6 build pump houses and install pumps for water tanks
- \* 2022 Fire Academy
- \* Promotion Process for Lieutenant and Engineer Ranks
- \* Pressurized pumping stations at stations 3, 4, & 6
- \* Conex Box training building erected on footings for modification
- \* Power Supply run to training building site
- \* Safety Equipment Grants
- \* Staffing Grants for Firefighters
- \* Possibly employ a Volunteer PIO Recruitment & Recruitment & Retention Coordinator
- \* 5 year Strategic Planning
- \* Vehicle Replacement Plan
- \* Fiddler Mountain Repeater

## Promotions



**F**ire Chief Holmes promoted Division Chief Kamron Ismaili to the rank of Deputy Chief of Operations during the June 2021 Board Meeting. Ismaili has been with the District since 2003. He is currently a part of the Administrative Staff overseeing Operations & Prevention as well as the District's Fire Marshal and Fire Investigator.



## Special Deliveries and Animal Rescues



**I**n May 2021 firefighters were dispatched to an OB call south of Cave Junction. The patient needed to be transported and FF Diamond Pfeiffer was sent along as additional support for the AMR crew. FF Pfeiffer who had just received her EMT certification in April 2021, earned her stork pin when the baby girl was delivered in the ambulance at the top of Hayes Hill.



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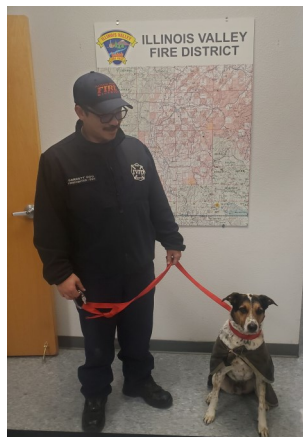
**WERE** dispatched to 10 OB calls  
**WERE** dispatched to 5 Fire Assist to Public calls involving animals

**I**n May 2021 Firefighters Goo and Lane were returning from a MVA call on Reeves Creek Rd. when they heard a strange sound coming from outside of the Rescue Rig 8931. Once they pulled over they discovered an owl had somehow fallen and wedged itself between the cab and the chassis. FF Goo shimmied under the rig and with some work was able to extricate the owl and hand him off to FF Lane. The wise owl took but a moment before he flew off into the night without so much as a sound.



**I**n June 2021 a call came into the Admin Office requesting assistance with freeing a small fawn who had fallen through a cattle guard and was unable to get out. Deputy Chief Gavlik, and Firefighters Solomon Meyer & Brian Pfeiffer responded to the call on Upper Deer Creek Rd. and at the property owners request, cut out a small portion of the cattle guard using a sawzall. Once the equipment was turned off and firefighters backed away a bit, the fawn quickly hopped out and ran off seemingly unscathed.

**I**n October 2021 a stray dog knew he had found a safe place when he hopped up in our Rescue Rig 8931 and made quick friends with FF Goo. The pooch eventually made his way back to his humans with the assistance of social media and Josephine County Animal Control.



# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## Public Education and Fire Prevention



**Illinois Valley Fire District...** participates in many events throughout the year. We supply information on fire prevention, defensible space, safety awareness, health and wellness, etc. Public education is a valuable tool in helping the residents stay informed and safe. We also maintain a District Facebook page and webpage and try to utilize these formats to their fullest potential.

**In 2021 IVFD** participated in many local activities to assist the community and to spread fire prevention and safety messages. Some of these included:

03 Apr	Traffic Control/Medical Assistance at Vaccine Clinic
24 Apr	Traffic Control/Medical Assistance at Vaccine Clinic
20 May	Early Headstart Water Play
04 Jul	IVHS Alumni Breakfast at Jubilee Park
21 Aug	Open House Station 2
04—06 Sep	Labor Day Festival at Jubilee Park
06 Sep	Labor Day Parade
11 Sep	Open House at Station 3
25 Sep	Open House at Station 6
06 Oct	KAJO Radio Interview
09 Oct	Open House at Station 1
22 Oct	Homecoming Football Game at IVHS
11 Nov	Outdoor School Presentation
13 Nov	Attended Veterans/First Responders Appreciation Lunch
19 Nov	Attended Forest Fridays
30 Nov	Christmas Tree Lighting at Chevron
Nov-Dec	Toy & Food Drive
11 Dec	Deliver Santa Claus to IV Visitors Center

**IN  
2021  
WE**

**ANNEXED** 26 properties into the Fire District

**INSTALLED** 40 smoke detectors in 11 homes

**CONDUCTED** 52 business inspections

**INVESTIGATED** 71 fires

### Annexations

Annexation is the process of joining the fire district for protection and services. As more residences are built, or facilities are expanded, we encourage these property owners to annex into the fire district. In 2021 we accepted 26 annexations of new and additional property into the District.

### Facility Inspections

Illinois Valley Fire Prevention is responsible for all the facilities located within the District. The position is currently staffed by a Deputy Chief / Fire Inspector. Fire inspections are scheduled and accomplished as needed and as time allows.

### Burn Permits

In 2021, the residents of the Illinois Valley were again able to receive information on safe burning practices, burning regulations, and burn permits from the comfort of their homes through our online burn permits. This creates a fuel savings for the public and passes on valuable fire safety information. The information and permits were also available at the administration office for those who are not connected. The 2021 burn season ran from November 6, 2020 thru May 11, 2021; there were 1,825 residential burn permits issued.

## LOSSES FROM FIRE

### CASUALTIES

<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>CIVILIAN</b>	<b>FIREFIGHTER</b>

### ACRES BURNED

**51.02**

### OUTSIDE FIRES

### EST. DOLLAR LOSS

<b>\$295,552</b>	<b>382,862</b>
<b>RESIDENTIAL</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## Training



**I**VFD members train together regularly and often in areas of firefighter, driver/operator and EMS skills. In 2021, member efforts resulted in the District gaining an additional Firefighter Academy graduate, two Pumper/Operators, two EMRs and three EMTs. Additional member efforts also resulted in certifications in the following: Firefighter Type 2 (FFT2), Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1), Engine Boss, NFPA Fire Fighter 1, NFPA Fire Fighter II, NFPA Fire & Emergency Services Instructor, NFPA Fire Investigator and a Master of Science in Emergency Services Management Degree. The District also sent two firefighters to the 2021 National Fire Academy.



**ACCRUED** 2,517 District training hours

**IN  
2021  
WE**

**ADDED** to our ranks and stations, one new firefighter, two new EMRs and three new EMTs

**SENT** two firefighters to 2021 National Fire Academy



# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT



## Apparatus

### Staff Vehicles

2008 Ford Expedition; Fire Chief  
2011 Ford Expedition Dep. Chief Training  
2008 Ford Expedition Dep. Chief Operations  
2008 Ford Expedition: Staff Vehicle  
2008 Ford Expedition: Staff Vehicle  
2008 Ford F-450 Type 6: Div. Chief Logistics

### Station 1

1994 Engine E-1 750 gallon 1250 GPM  
2008 Tender Volvo 3000 Gallon 1000 GPM  
2015 Rescue Dodge Ram 5500  
2010 Chevy 1-ton  
1995 Type 6 Ford F-350 200 Gallon  
1999 Rehab Ford E-Van.  
2000 CERT Ford E-Van  
2007 Dodge ¾ ton Truck

### Station 2

2016 Engine Navistar 1000 Gallon 1250 GPM  
2004 Tender Freightliner FL120 3000 Gal 1000 GPM  
2008 Ford Expedition  
1996 Ford F350 – Type 6 200 Gallon  
2010 Polaris 6x6  
1998 Engine BME Navistar 1000 Gallon 1250 GPM

### Station 3

1999 American Lafrance 750 gallon 1250 GPM  
2004 Tender Freightliner FL120 3000 Gal 850 GPM  
Prevention Trailer  
2003 MCT Pace tandem axle Trailer  
1995 Ford F350 Type 6 200 Gallon  
2012 Eagle Air Trailer

### Station 4

2000 Engine Pierce Navistar 1000 Gallon 1250 GPM  
2000 Tender Freightliner 2000 Gallon 175 GPM

### Station 5

1976 Engine Ford L-900 1000 Gallon 1250 GPM  
1993 Navistar 4900 1000 Gallon 1250 GPM  
1995 Tender Freightliner 3000 Gallon 600 GPM

### Station 6

1979 Tender L-900 3000 Gallon 250 GPM  
1981 Engine Ford L-900 1000 Gallon 1250 GPM

### Air Packs

32 packs  
46 masks

### Testing

Along with keeping up with regular maintenance we also perform in-house pump testing. We have our SCBA's packs and face masks, ladders, and fire extinguishers, and fire hose tested yearly by outside certified vendors.

## SUPPORT TEAMS

### The IVFD REHAB TEAM

responds as needed and is on the cutting edge of cardiovascular disease and cancer prevention for our firefighters. This team responds to all structure and wildland fires as well as any extended incident.



### RESERVE TENDER OPERATORS

respond as needed to setup and operate water supply to the fire scene.



**TRAFFIC CONTROL** responds as needed to the scene when traffic control is needed.

**PHOTOGRAPHERS** respond as needed to photograph scene activities for District and Public Information use.

**CHAPLAINS** respond as needed to the scene and are a part of the Rogue Valley Chaplain's Association.

**EMS** pull shifts along side the Duty Crew to provide additional EMS support.



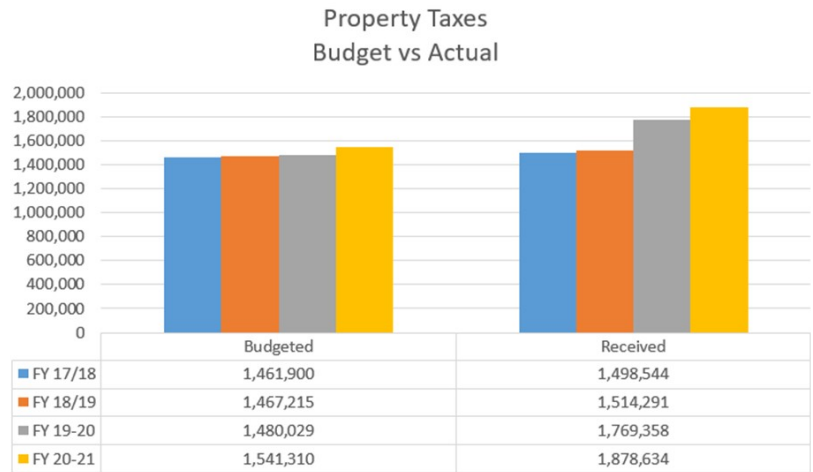
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## Finance and Budget



**I**llinois Valley Fire District has a fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 of the following year. During the fiscal year 2020-2021 our District collected revenues in the amount of \$2,544,512 for operational expenses. This money is received from Josephine County tax assessed values at the rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000. Actual amounts spent came to a total of \$2,219,025 which increased our general fund by \$336,487.

We also receive \$.50 per \$1,000 for our 2017 Levy and \$.22 per \$1,000 for our 2013 Bond.



**T**his year we were awarded six grants.

- Chaney Foundation—\$8,320 for Boots
- JoCo Foundation—\$23,920.93 for BK Radios
- JoCo Foundation—\$17,600 for Water Storage
- SDAO—\$2,500 for security fence (back lot)
- State of Oregon—\$59,000 (COVID) Electronics
- Wildfire Prevention and Preparedness Activities (WUI Grant) - \$87,780 for Radios, Fire Shelters w/accessories, and Hose

**I**t's the District's goal to earn the trust of the voters and honor their wishes, and we believe we have met that goal.



### Fire and Emergency Services Career Exploring

Fire and EMS Career Exploring is open to young men and women from our local schools with an interest in learning more about careers in the field of fire or emergency services.

Fire and EMS Exploring is a classroom and hands-on program that exposes young people to fire and emergency services. The lessons will cover items such as First Aid, Fire Safety, Emergency Medicine, Leadership, Teamwork, and so much more. It helps develop emergency management skills as well as physical fitness.

The Explorers will have opportunities to participate in local and national competitions, community events, and real fire-fighting scenarios in a training setting.

You will learn about the educational requirements for a career in Fire and EMS and will receive tangible advice on the steps you could take now to prepare and position yourself for a successful career in the field of fire and/or emergency services.

Fire and EMS Career Exploring offers the following benefits: Improved self-confidence, Leadership experience, social network development, Fun and Exciting “hands-on” career experiences, Community service opportunities, and College and Career Readiness Preparation.



# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## Emergency Medical Services



The Illinois Valley Fire District and our partners, American Medical Response (AMR) provide basic and advanced life support to the entire Fire District. AMR has the exclusive ambulance service contract for Josephine County and they station an ambulance at IVFD Station 1 for District coverage. Back up ambulances are available from their stations in Grants Pass.

We also call upon the services of Mercy Flights and Reach Air Medical Services on a regular basis to give the citizens of the Illinois Valley the quickest emergency medical care possible.

Emergency medical calls are approximately 59% of IVFD's call volume. IVFD members include licensed basic life support, Emergency Medical Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians. Some are licensed Advanced Emergency Medical Technicians and Intermediate Emergency Medical Technicians. Each medical responder receives continuing education every month and skill proficiency assessments.

### Mutual Aid:

IVFD is a signatory to the Rogue Valley Fire Chief's Association Mutual Aid Agreement. IVFD is also on the Rogue Valley Task Force providing rapid multi-department response to large-scale incidents in Josephine and Jackson Counties. Due to our close proximity to California, we also have an agreement with Gasquet Fire for mutual aid.

### Dispatch Services:

The 911 communications center is operated by the City of Grants Pass and provides 24 hour 911 call-taking services for a number of agencies in Josephine County, including The Illinois Valley Fire District.

### Experience Levels:

The bulk of our emergency service delivery is from our paid career staff with years of service ranging from two years to 31 years.



# ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

## Emergency Management



The Illinois Valley is prone to natural disasters such as flooding, earthquakes and wildfires. Preparedness is critical for saving lives. The Fire District works closely with Josephine County Emergency Management staff to insure we are prepared for a disaster.

### Available Programs:

A few of the programs that we provide information for are: Disaster Registry, Citizen Alert, and Evacuation information (Ready, Set, Go).

The Disaster Registry is a program in Jackson and Josephine Counties that gives special assistance in an emergency. If you need outside help to safely leave your home or special notification about the need for evacuation, due to an impairment, this program is available by visiting [www.rvcog.org](http://www.rvcog.org). You can also contact the Rogue Valley Council of Governments at 541-664-6674.

Citizens Alert sends information by mobile phone, work phone, email, or text messaging in case you are not at home when an emergency strikes. To sign up please visit [www.co.josephine.or.us/alert](http://www.co.josephine.or.us/alert).

Ready, Set, Go information helps residents prepare for evacuation. It informs citizens what “green, yellow, and red” warnings mean as well as how to prepare for each. [www.jacksoncounty.org/alert](http://www.jacksoncounty.org/alert) or [www.co.josephine.or.us/alert](http://www.co.josephine.or.us/alert).

### EOC:

IVFD houses a Josephine County alternate Emergency Operation Center (EOC). The alternate EOC would be activated if the Illinois Valley became cut off from the rest of the county, or in the case of a large scale event in the Illinois Valley.

### ARES:

The Josephine County Emergency Communications (JCEC) is part of the state wide ARES which provides amateur radio emergency communications for the alternate EOC and on scene of a disaster. Their equipment is housed at IVFD Station #1. They provide a critical link to the outside world if telephone communications were to be interrupted.

## BE READY

### Evacuation Plan

- ◆ Make a plan, and be sure everyone in your family understands it.
- ◆ Assign tasks to each family member for what to do during Level 1 (Ready), Level 2 (Set) and Level 3 (GO!) evacuations.
- ◆ Have an evacuation plan for your pets and livestock. **If it isn't safe for you, its not safe for them.**
- ◆ Designate a meeting place – this could be a friend or family member's house, or an evacuation shelter.
- ◆ Choose an out-of-the-area contact person to relay information about your welfare to family and friends and to keep your phone lines open.

### House Preparation

- ◆ Make sure house numbers are visible from the street.
- ◆ Make sure driveways are wide enough for emergency vehicles to enter (10-12 feet wide).
- ◆ Prepare your defensible space.

### Emergency Kits - Keep them ready at all times in your home and vehicle.

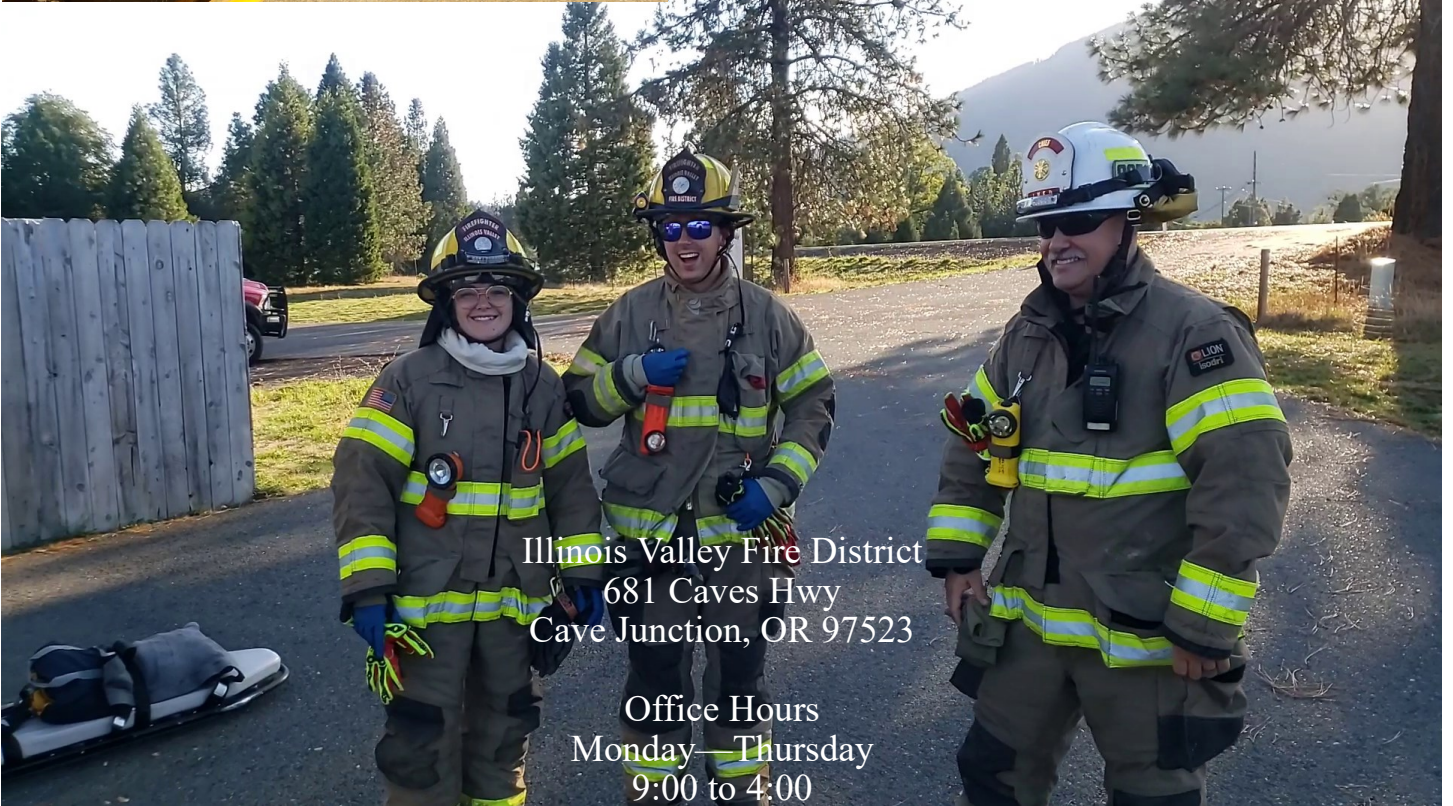
- ◆ Include supplies for you and everyone who lives in your home or visits regularly.
- ◆ Include supplies for your pets .
- ◆ Include copies of important documents, phone contact lists, family photos, household inventory lists , and any portable valuables .
- ◆ Keep your vehicles filled with gas.

## BE SET

- ◆ Keep pets and livestock ready to go in case you need to evacuate in a hurry.
- ◆ Be sure to have your photo ID or something showing your current address in case you need to access an evacuated area.
- ◆ Monitor local television and radio stations for updates.
- ◆ Move propane BBQ appliances away from structures (during wildfires).

## GO!

- ◆ Leave house lights on and windows closed.
- ◆ Let your emergency contact and/or family members know where you are going.



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