

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT

2018



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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



On behalf of the members of the Illinois Valley Fire District, It is my privilege to present the 2018 IVFD Annual Report. The Illinois Valley Fire District management team and the members strive to produce a fire district that serves our community at its highest potential; one that performs with the best interest of the community at the forefront and exudes professionalism at all times. My responsibility as Fire Chief is to support the members of IVFD as they serve our community's needs at the highest degree, doing so in a fiscally responsible manner.

As you will read in the following pages, we have been very busy. We responded to 1562 calls for service. This was a slight reduction in call volume (2.8%) however we did not have the 2017 snow event that generated 85 calls in one week. This is a 13% increase over 2016. Emergency medical services and vehicle account for 69% of our call volume.

This past year we have enhanced focus on community preparedness. One significant accomplishment was placing "Stop The Bleed" kits in every public and private class room in the Illinois Valley. We also provided in service training to the teachers at each location. Our Civilian Emergency Response Team (CERT) continues to be a valuable asset to the community by ensuring the community is ready for a natural disaster. The CERT team has been successful at obtaining grants and funding for much needed disaster relief equipment. CERT has proven to be a benefit to the Fire District by performing non firefighting roles at emergency scenes.

The Fire District has experienced a full year with one paid 24/7 firefighter on duty at the Cave Junction Station. This has proven successful by decreasing response time throughout the District. We are still plagued with an extreme lack of volunteer firefighters. We have 7 fully qualified volunteer firefighters and average 2-3 volunteer firefighters responding to a structure fire. We are not alone in this dilemma as it is a nationwide problem. The IVFD management team has taken significant efforts to increase volunteer recruitment but has seen little success. The Fire District will have to make some difficult decisions to bolster on scene staffing in order to meet NFPA requirements.

In 2018 we were able to acquire two used Type 1 engines to replace much older apparatus. We also re-

placed a Type 6 brush truck with a used utility box truck and converted it into a Type 6. As a result, we were able to sell much older apparatus offsetting the cost of the newer rigs and reducing maintenance costs.

The Illinois Valley has experienced wildfires in the past. The 2018 fire season was unprecedented. IVFD along with our mutual aid partners responded to major fire events in the Illinois Valley, Oregon and California. We continue to work with local and Federal agencies to mitigate the wildfire risk to the Illinois Valley. We cannot afford another wildfire season like 2018.

I want to share the pride I feel as I recognize the efforts of the members of this Fire District. Their dedication to our community's well-being is unwavering and I personally applaud their efforts. I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to the IVFD Board of Fire Commissioners, who have supported our efforts to achieve a level of preparedness that we currently have and the honor to serve the citizens of the Illinois Valley.

Dennis Hoke
Fire Chief
Illinois Valley Fire District



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Board of Fire Commissioners

Illinois Valley Fire District is governed by a Board of Commissioners. There are five members on the Board of Commissioners who are voted in by the citizens of The Illinois Valley. The Board of Commissioners oversee the Fire Chief and the Fire Chief, in turn, oversees the rest of the administration staff.



Richard Bouchard Jerry Lamb Carol Dickson Bob Butler Gary Price

Administration

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

A deputy fire chief is the second in command of a fire department. The job comes with significant responsibility; in addition to his/her own duties, the deputy chief takes the lead in the absence of the fire chief. The position includes a combination of administrative duties such as training officer, safety officer, and grant writer. He/she also spends time in the field to keep operations running efficiently in the fire department.

Administration Division Chief

Under general direction, the Fire Department Administrator manages the administration support services of the Fire District. Responsibilities include providing general and confidential administrative support to the Fire Chief, managing the department's records and communications functions, coordinates various administrative and staff functions/work loads, is responsible for the department's budgeting and purchasing activities, and serves as clerk for the Board of Directors. As a member of the department's management team she/he coordinates activities with other City, County, Regional, and State departments and the general public. Performs other duties as assigned.

Operations and Prevention Division Chief /Fire Marshal

In alignment with the District/s 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.

Logistics Division Chief

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.

Our Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Operation and Preventions Chief and Logistics Chief also perform duty officer tasks, firefighting tasks, and medical tasks.

About Our District



In 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.

We 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 69% of our calls in 2018, while fires accounted for 24%.



Awards

- ◇ **THE LIFE SAVING MEDAL - Division Chief Kamron Ismaili** was recognized at the Annual Oregon EMS Conference. The Life Saving Medal recognizes an EMS provider who, while in an off-duty or volunteer capacity, makes an extremely noteworthy contribution to efforts which result in the saving of a life.



Had **1,562** logged calls through Dispatch.

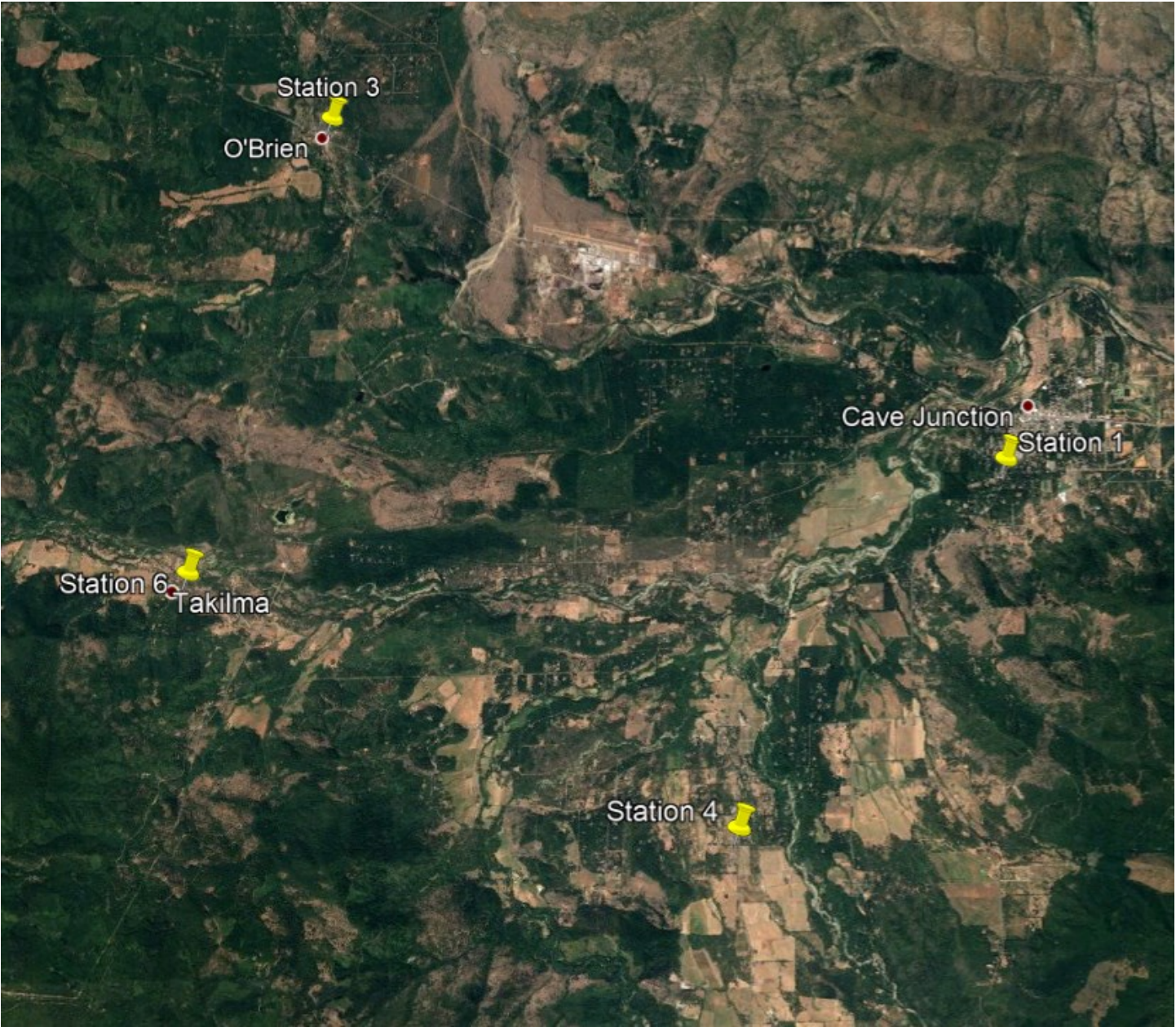
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PROVIDED support for the Camp, Garner Complex, Holland Mainline, Hugo, Natchez and Ramsey Canyon Fires.

WELCOMED 6 new volunteers including three CERT, two Support and one Fire-fighter.

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Service Area, Stations & Apparatus



Station 1

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



Station 2

18505 Redwood Hwy
Apparatus Engine 2, Tender 2,
Rescue 2



Station 3

10 Lone Mountain Rd
Apparatus Engine 3, Tender 3



Vital Statistics 2018-2019 Fiscal Year

Land Area
Approximate Population
Government
Assessed Valuation
Fire District Budget

144 Square Miles
17,000
Special District
657,697,622
1,883,783



ISO Insurance Classification:

Within 5
road-miles of any
of our
Stations:

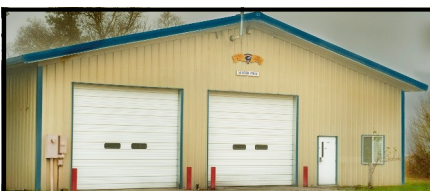
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5-7 road-miles of
any of our
Stations:

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Station 4

5465 Holland Loop Rd
Apparatus Engine 4, Tender 4



Station 5

4240 Lakeshore Dr
Apparatus Engine 5, Tender 5



Station 6

8450 Takilma Rd
Apparatus Engine 6, Tender 6



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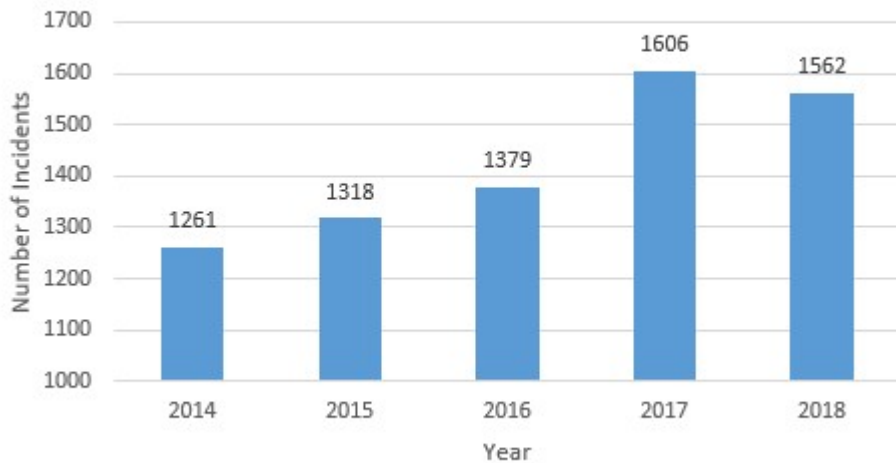
Statistics



The past year for the Fire District was busy to say the least. There were **1,562** logged calls which included: 1,075 EMS calls, 374 Fire calls, and 113 Misc.

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.

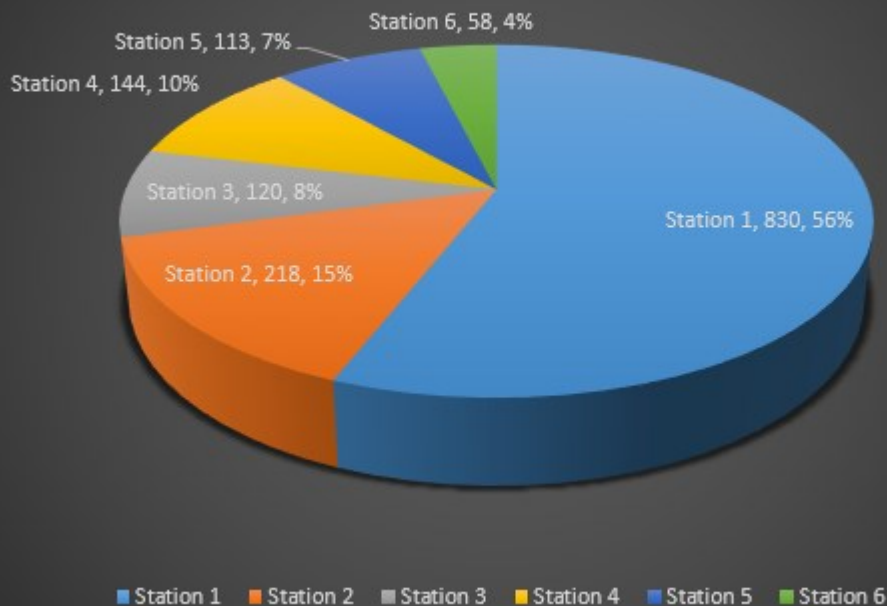
Annual Calls For Service

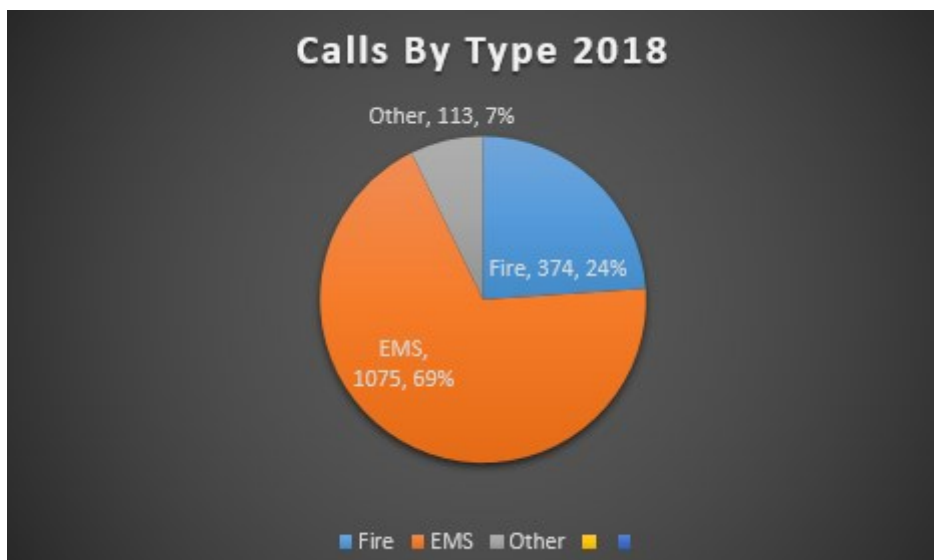
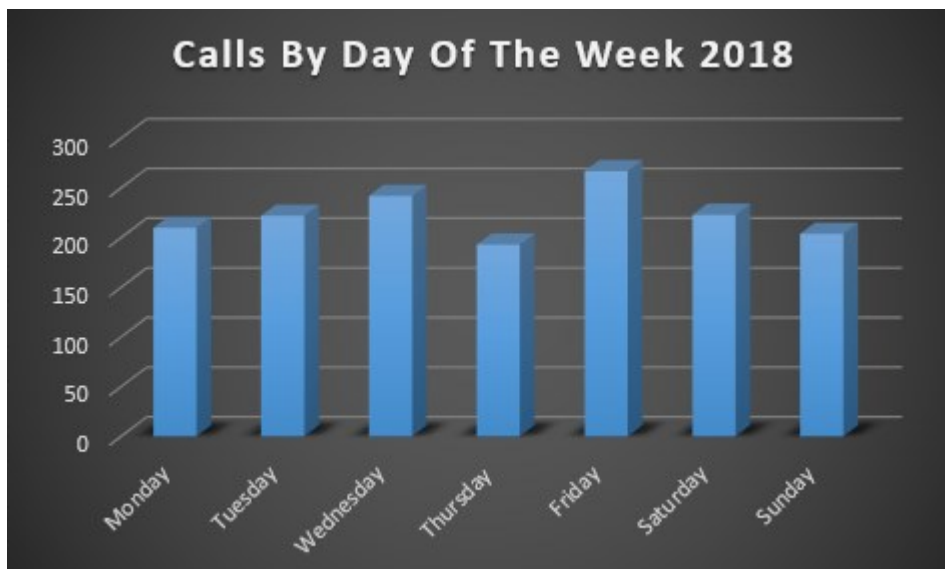
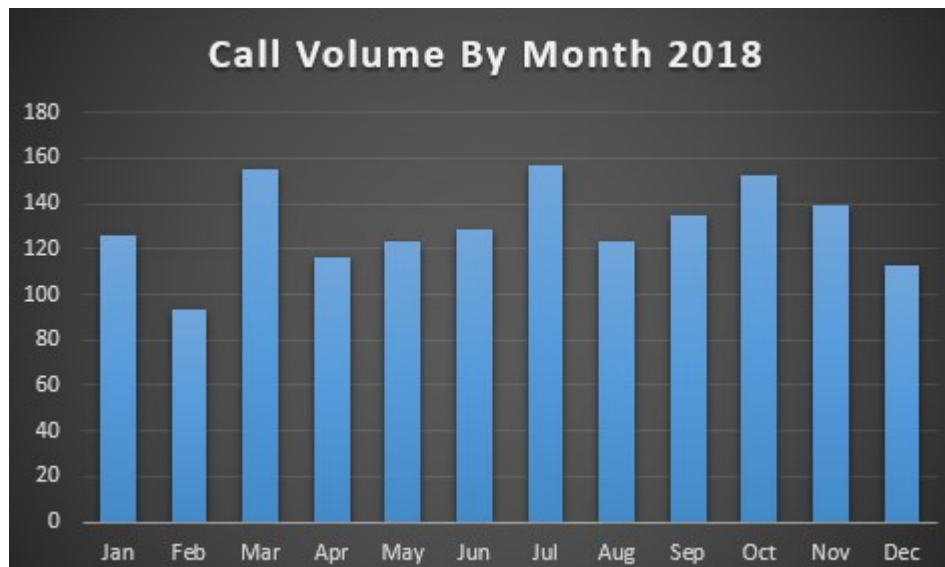


23.9%

Between 2014 and 2018, incident call volume has increased by 301 calls or 23.9%.

Incidents By Station Area 2018





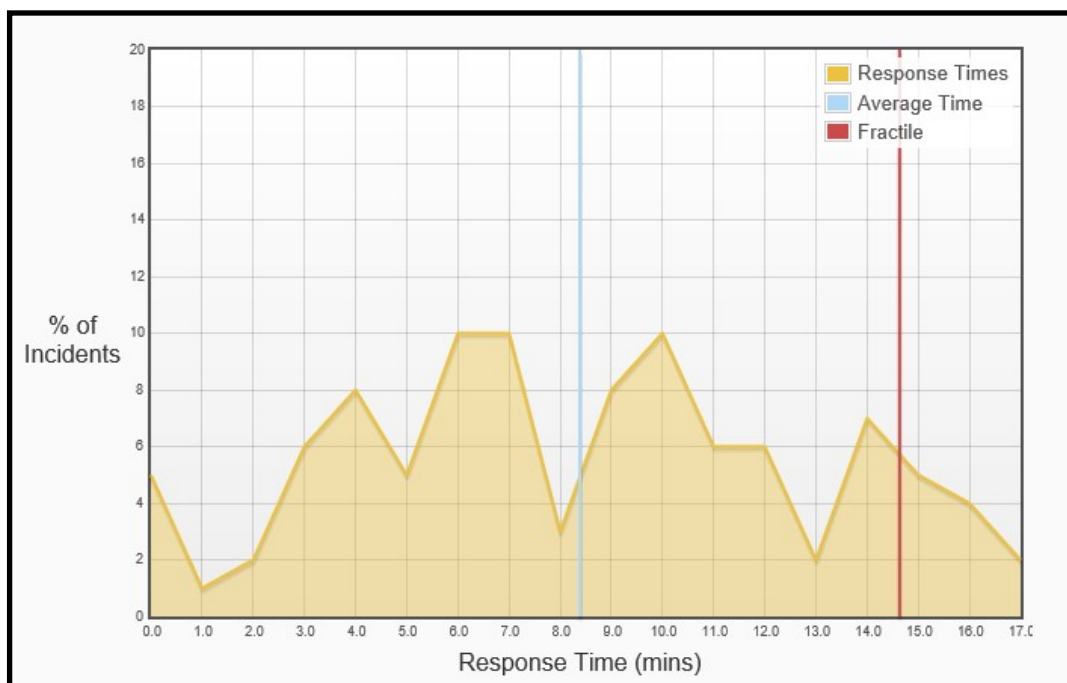
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Response Times:

In 2018 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.

Fractile Response Times:



Reported Fire Loss By year

	Fire Deaths	Fire Injuries	Fire Incidents	Fire Loss
2014	0	2	57	\$ 300,170.00
2015	0	1	64	\$ 623,240.00
2016	0	0	69	\$ 1,189,320.00
2017	0	0	84	\$ 1,211,760.00
2018	2	1	87	\$ 1,154,390.00

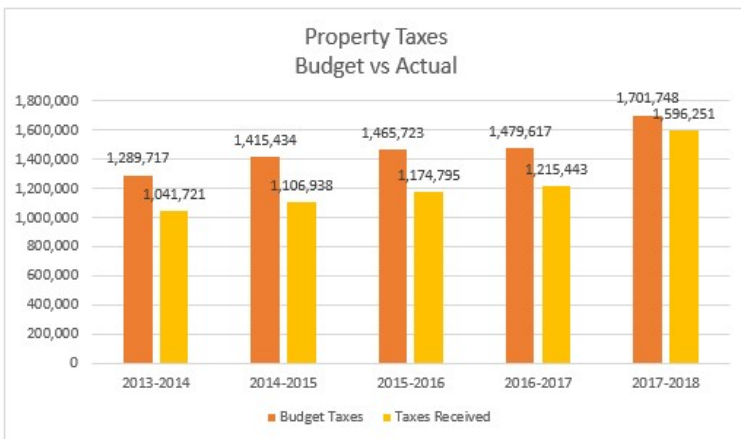
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Finance and Budget



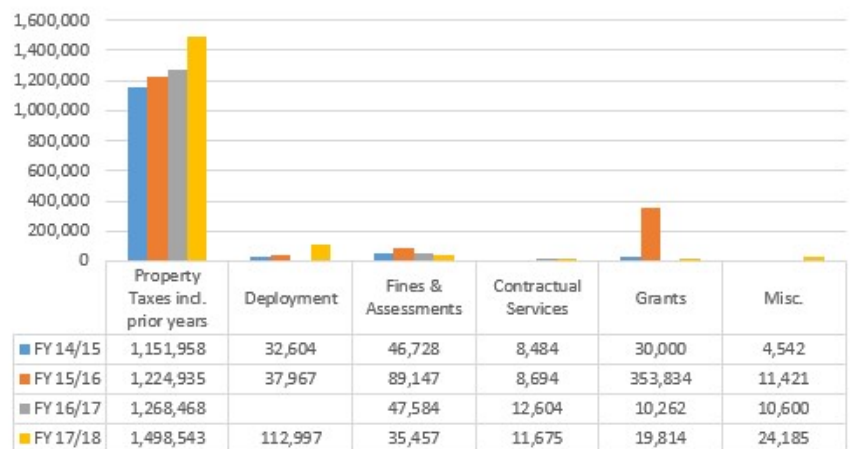
Illinois Valley Fire District has a fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 of the following year. During the fiscal year 2017-2018 our District collected revenues in the amount of \$1,702,671 for operational expenses. This money is received from Josephine County tax assessed values at the rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000. Actual amounts spent came to the total of \$1,530,440 which increased our general fund by \$172,231.

We also receive \$.50 per \$1,000 for our 2017-2021 Levy and \$.22 per \$1,000 for our 2013 Bond.



This year we were awarded two grants. One will help our members keep healthy by purchasing workout equipment and one that will help keep them safe on scene. Specifically, we were able to obtain a grant in the amount of \$2,000 towards the purchase of workout equipment from the Chaney Foundation and Homeland Security awarded \$13,236 for safety equipment through IVFD CERT.

Revenue



It's the District's goal to earn the trust of the voters and honor their wishes, and we believe we have met that goal.

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About Our Staff



The District is lead by Fire Chief **Dennis Hoke**. Chief Hoke started with the District in February of 2013 and brings with him many years in the fire service industry, both as a volunteer and as a career firefighter. Additionally, Chief Hoke is a Nationally Certified Paramedic. His style is to lead by example, and in doing so, has raised the bar for the entire District. Chief Hoke strives to improve our Fire District by finding ways to upgrade our apparatus and equipment as well as training our volunteers in the newest techniques.

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

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

Division Chief, **Kris Sherman**, started out as a volunteer in 2003 and now is the Division Chief of Logistics. 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 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 December of 2017 we received a five year Levy from our voters. This has allowed IVFD to hire four full time Firefighter/EMTs. Firefighters **Noah Miller**, **Tim Norman**, **Christopher Peterson**, and **Christopher Petetit** are valuable assets to the District.

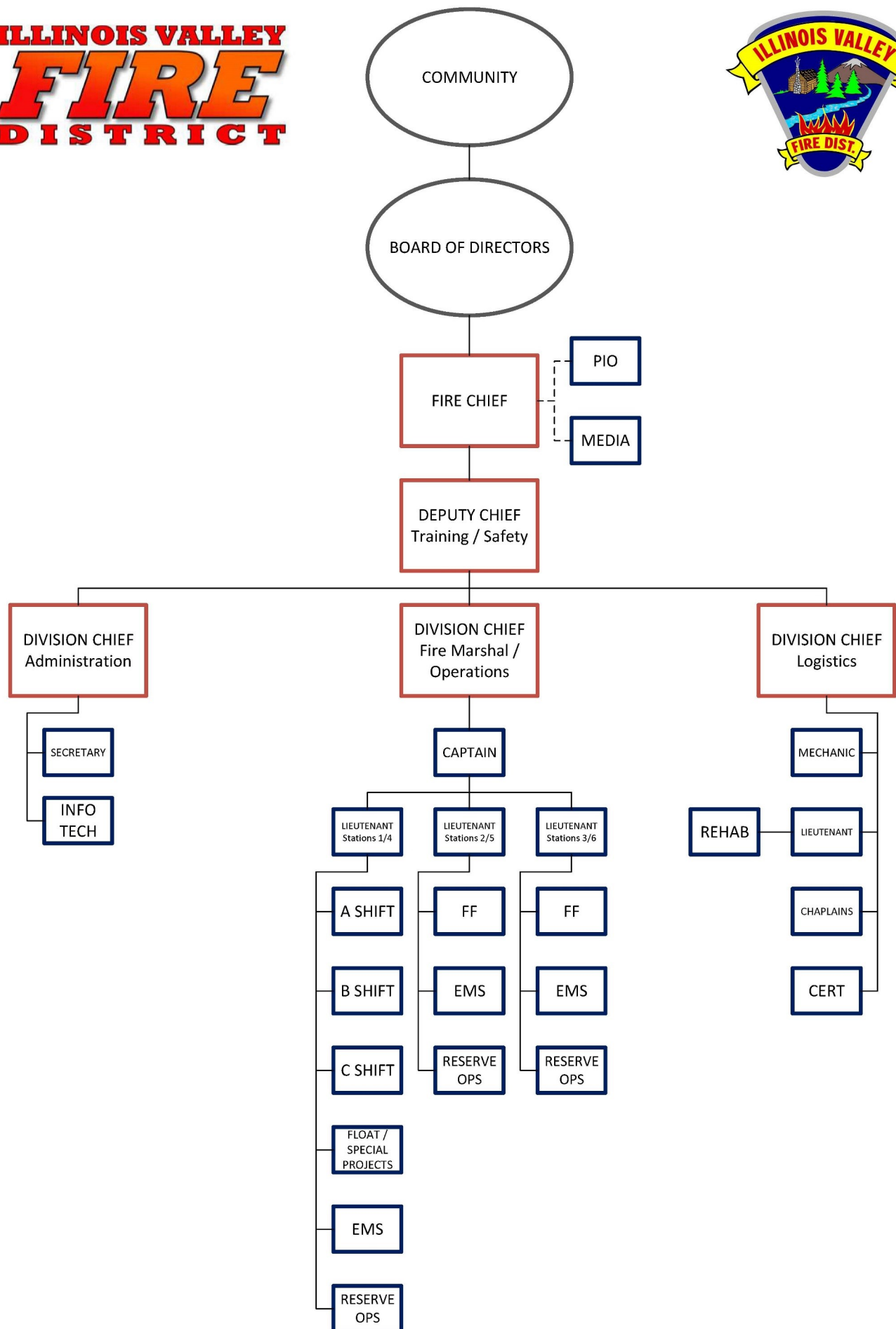
Volunteers

In 2018 volunteers contributed thousands of hours to the Illinois Valley Fire District. Our volunteer roster includes citizens from all walks of life: farmers, EMTs, retirees, students, grocery store workers and food service workers 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.

REHAB

The **IVFD REHAB TEAM** is on the cutting edge of cardiovascular disease and cancer prevention for our firefighters. Their role is making sure our firefighters comply with NFPA 1584—after two SCBA bottles or 1 hour in fire attack, all members must report to Rehab for vitals check, caloric intake and rehydration. They also make sure any exposed skin is cleaned. Once the firefighter vitals return to normal limits, they receive a clean NOMAX hood to reduce carcinogen exposure and are allowed to return to firefighting activities. Our Rehab team also provides equipment to decontaminate gear and bags to hold contaminated personal protective equipment until a through cleaning is completed. This team responds to all structure and wildland fires as well as any extended incident.





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Apparatus



We have met our two-year contract with ODF FEPS program for the B.A.T. a military truck that we acquired and built into a 3000-gallon water tender.

It is now owned by IVFD. We were able to build the water tender for around \$40,000. Saving the fire district over \$100,000 had we purchased a new truck. We also finished building a type 6 (wildland Brush Truck) again saving the fire district over \$60,000.

We also purchased two type 1 engines, two Command SUV's, and two Pickup trucks with monies from deployments and an airport contract, again not using any monies from our budget.

Staff Vehicles

2008 Ford Expedition; Fire Chief
2011 Ford Expedition Dep. Chief
2008 Ford Expedition Div. 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
2012 Eagle Air Trailer

Station 2

2016 Engine Navistar 1000 Gallon 1250 GPM
2004 Tender Freightliner FL120 3000 Gal 1000 Gpm
1996 Rescue Ford F-350
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

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
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.

**IN
2018
WE**

SAVED the District over \$160,000 by converting two used apparatus.

PURCHASED six apparatus using monies received from deployments and an airport contract.

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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, drunk driving, 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 2018 IVFD participated in many local activities to spread fire prevention and safety messages. Some of these included:

03 Mar	IV Senior Expo at the Senior Center
01 Apr	Easter Egg Hunt at Jubilee Park
06 Apr	School Presentation with 8901 at Evergreen
17 Apr	Team Teaching at Evergreen and Dome Schools
05 May	Pet Parade at Jubilee Park
01 Jun	Jog-a-thon at Evergreen
13 Jun	Field Day at LBMS
01 Jul	IVHS Alumni Breakfast at Jubilee Park
16 Aug	Superhero Week at Jubilee Park
01-03 Sep	Labor Day Festival at Jubilee Park
29 Sep	IVFD Association Spaghetti Feed
13 Oct	2018 GP Safety Fair at Home Depot
25 Oct	Homecoming Bonfire at IVHS
31 Oct	Trick or Treat at Station 1
06 Nov	Stop The Bleed Training at Madrone
07 Nov	Science Fair at Evergreen
09 Nov	Fire Safety Education at Evergreen
10 Nov	Red Cross Smoke Alarm Installation Event
12 Nov	Stop The Bleed Training at Dome School
16 Nov	Stop The Bleed Training at Evergreen
19 Nov	Stop The Bleed Training at IVHS
24 Nov	Transport Santa to Tree Lighting
04 Dec	Stop The Bleed Training at Community Christian Academy
06 Dec	Grocery Outlet Grand Opening

Station Tours

Children are given the opportunity to tour the fire station and see the apparatus and equipment that we use. In addition, we take this opportunity to discuss important information about fire safety. These discussions are outlined by age groups. In 2018 the Fire Dis-

trict gave 1 station tour to school classes.

We also had many walk in families who toured the facility and learned about the District.

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 2018 we accepted 12 annexations 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 Division Chief / Fire Inspector. Fire inspections are scheduled and accomplished as needed and as time allows.

Burn Permits

In 2018, 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 2018 burn season ran from October 20, 2017 thru May 31, 2018; there were 1,937 residential burn permits issued.

**IN
2018
WE**

ANNEXED 12 properties into the Fire District.

INSTALLED 28 smoke detectors in 11 homes.

CONDUCTED 58 business inspections.

ISSUED 1,937 burn permits.

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Accomplishments and Goals



2018 Accomplishments

- * Placed Stop the Bleed kits in every public and private class room using donated funding
- * Trained teachers and staff at each school on bleeding control
- * Replaced two Type One engines
- * Replaced the tow vehicle for the air trailer
- * Replaced mechanics vehicle
- * New Type Six engine
- * Procured ballistic vests for duty crews
- * Full year with full time staffing at Station 1, reduced response time
- * Developed the Illinois Valley Disaster Medical Response Plan
- * Upgraded the equipment on the Mass Casualty Trailer to meet the needs of an active shooter event
- * Expanded the Fire Explorer program to include a younger Explorer club
- * IVFD crews were credited with saving 6 homes in the Paradise CA (Camp) Fire
- * Deployed to numerous fires in Oregon as part of the State Fire Marshal Mobilization Plan
- * Received funding for two extracting washing machine for protective clothing reducing cancer risk for firefighters.
- * CERT received additional equipment for disaster response
- * Completed and signed the mutual aid agreement with Gasquet (CA)



2019 Goals

- * Add an additional radio repeater to improve coverage to outlying areas
- * Update the Strategic Plan and Standard of Cover
- * Staff Fire Station 2, second busiest station in the District
- * Develop a funding stream for a deployable fire-fighting force
- * Rebuild and upgrade Stations 5 & 6
- * Develop a staffing model to increase the number of firefighters
- * Seek funding for the training center
- * Place a fixed pump for the water tanks at station 2 and 3
- * Establish long term food bank for disaster feeding
- * Functional active shooter exercise with the school district and Sheriff's office

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IVFD is sponsoring a **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**.

This group of 19 dedicated volunteers is an integral part of Josephine County's response to community-wide emergencies and disasters. In the case of a large scale disaster, CERT volunteers are trained to help their neighbors until the arrival of first responders.

In preparations for an emergency, CERT members help their families, neighborhoods and communities prepare for disaster. Several neighborhood door-to-door exercises were conducted by our CERT members to help educate citizens on how to educate and train for possible evacuations in case of wildfire or other emergencies. For example: handing out information on evacuation routes, preparing a "go bag" for each family member, or how much food and water to keep on hand for an emergency.

During an emergency, CERT members assist others in their neighborhoods or workplaces, when professional responders are not immediately available. Areas of training include: CPR, use of AEDs, simple fire suppression, basic first aid, as well as search and rescue techniques. CERT members may also assist first responders as needed. The addition of the CERT vehicle will allow the team to arrive at an event, with needed support equipment and supplies, to relieve first responders from their less critical activities.

The IVFD CERT is part of a regional CERT group which includes four Jackson County CERT entities. This regional CERT organization shares information and training opportunities; giving them the ability to respond as needed in the Southern Oregon region.

In 2018 CERT supported the Fire District with just over 1,628 direct support hours, assisting with traffic control, assisting with Rehab, air trailer ops, attending events, home triage and evacuation notices.



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 firefighting 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



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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 on a regular basis to give the citizens of the Illinois Valley the quickest emergency medical care possible.

Emergency medical calls are approximately 65% of IVFD's call volume. IVFD members include licensed basic life support Emergency Medical Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians. Some are licensed advanced life support Emergency Medical Technicians-Intermediate and Paramedics. 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 Department 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 volunteer members. Their experience ranges from 32-year veterans to new recruits. Our paid career personnel average is 15 years of emergency service delivery.



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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. 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.

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 or 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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