

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT

2025



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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



Neighbors and partners,

2025 was a year of significant progress for the Illinois Valley Fire District. Our firefighters and support staff responded to 1286 calls for service, providing fire suppression, emergency medical care, rescue operations, and community support with professionalism and compassion. Every response reflects our commitment to protecting lives and property across the Valley.

This year we secured more than half a million dollars in grant funding, strengthening nearly every facet of district operations. This included \$97,000 from FEMA's Assistance to Firefighters Grant to replace outdated turnout gear; \$35,000 through the OSFM Wildland Upstaffing Grant for enhanced summer staffing; and a \$370,000 Resilience Connex Grant to stage critical community supply containers that will bolster our preparedness for large-scale emergencies. We were also

awarded the OSFM Capacity for Personnel Grant, supporting staffing stability and long-term service reliability.

Additionally, we improved district capability with a new-to-us vehicle for the Assistant Chief, received a donated ambulance from Mercy Flights now dedicated for Rehab Support, and expanded our Chipper Program to help residents improve defensible space and reduce wildfire risk.

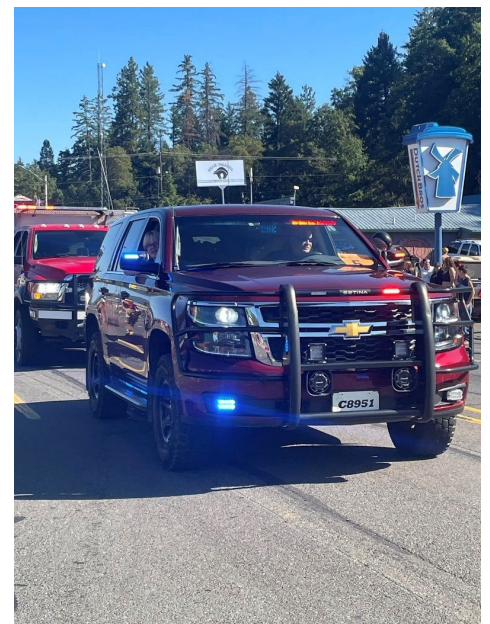
IVFD proudly supported state and national response efforts. In January, we deployed a Type 1 Engine to the California Palisades Fire, and throughout the year sent a Water Tender, Type 6 Brush Truck, and Chief Officer to multiple Oregon State Conflagrations. These deployments demonstrate our district's readiness and professionalism, while also bringing valuable experience back to our local responders.

Training and leadership development remained a core priority, with members completing over 4,510 hours of training across all disciplines. In June, I began coursework in the National Fire Academy's Executive Fire Officer (EFO) Program, a multi-year leadership commitment that will continue through 2026, with graduation planned for early 2027. This education strengthens our long-term strategic direction and leadership capacity.

Through strong partnerships, responsible financial management, and the dedication of our staff and volunteers, 2025 was a year of meaningful advancement for the Illinois Valley Fire District. We remain focused on building a safer, more resilient community—one prepared to meet today's needs and tomorrow's challenges.

Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Respectfully,
John Holmes
Fire Chief



ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Accomplishments and Goals



2025 Accomplishments

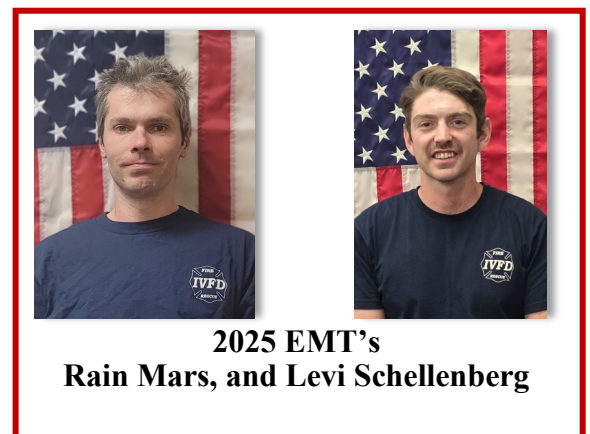
- * Chief Holmes accepted to Executive Fire Officer training. Ongoing through 2027
- * Four FFI Academy Graduates
- * Two FF2 Academy Graduates
- * Two FF Type 1 (Wildland) Completions
- * One Engine Boss Graduate
- * Two Rope Rescue Completions
- * Seven Skid Avoidance Training Completions
- * Three Active Shooter Emergency Response Completions
- * Two Cave Rescue Completions
- * Four OHA EMT Graduates
- * Five OHA EMR Graduates
- * Provided CERT training to IV citizens
- * 3 Deployments
- * Completed pressurized pumping stations
- * Continued upgrades on repeater and radio communications.
- * Continued construction on Training Center
- * Utilized our chipper for fire prevention for 30 IV residents.
- * Received OSFM Wildland upstaffing grant
- * Received Resilience Hubs & Networks grant
- * Awarded AFG Grant to purchase turnouts
- * Update Employee Handbook

2025 Goals

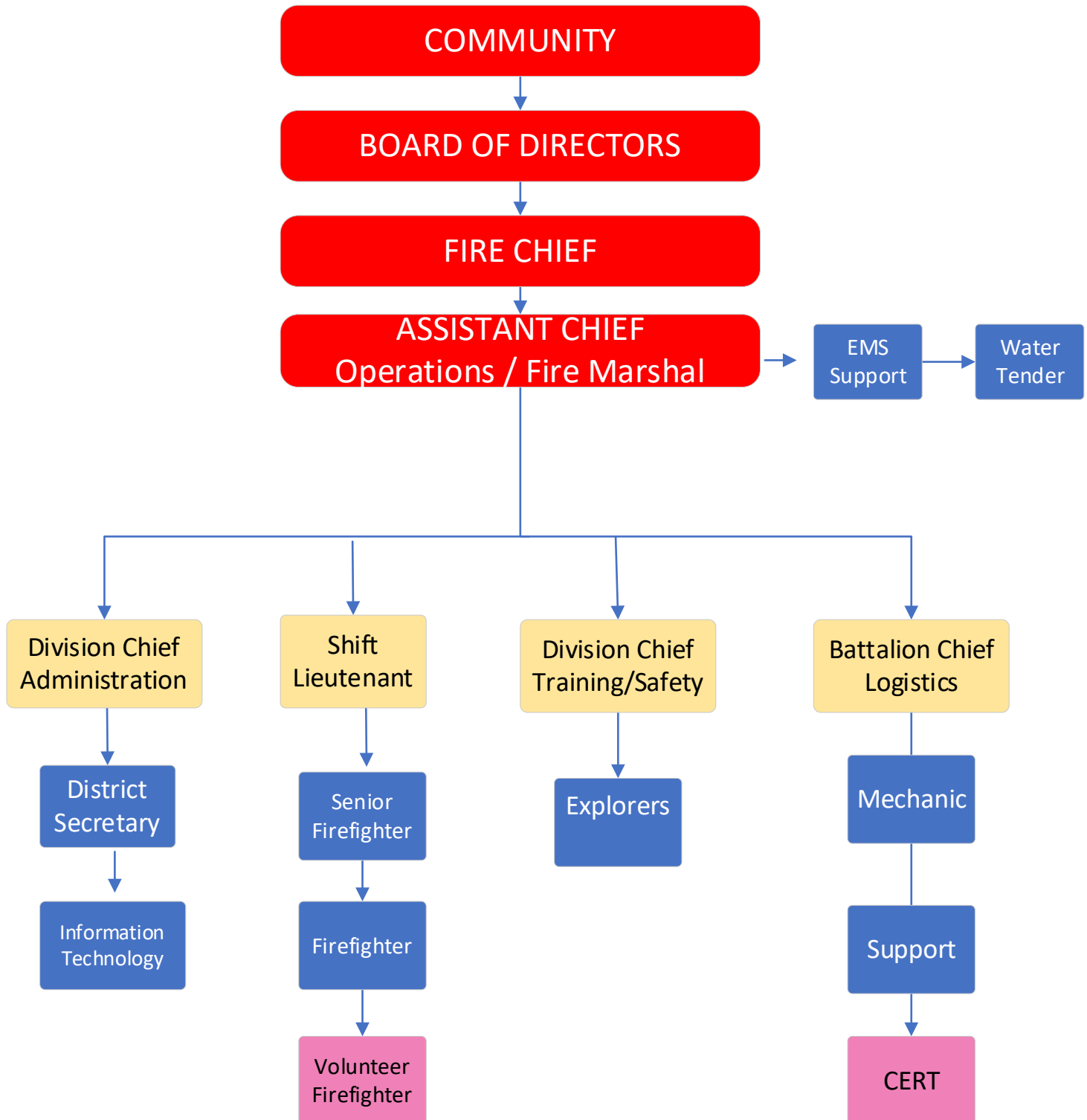
- * Complete repeaters and radio communications
- * Complete Station 5 rebuild
- * Complete Hydrant Project construction
- * Complete Training Center
- * Continue community outreach with defensible space assessments and chipper program
- * Obtain updated turn-out's (coats, jackets and helmets)
- * Fire Chief being more involved with the legislative process with Oregon State Fire Marshals Office (OSFM), Oregon Fire District Directors Association (OFDDA) and Oregon Fire Chief's Association (OFCA)
- * Working on the next levy request to maintain our current 6 FF/EMT's; which two are currently being paid through a Capacity Grant and four through our current Levy
- * Recruit volunteers for 2026 Fire Academy
- * Update apparatus and maintain stations in good working order



**2025's New firefighters receiving their yellow helmets and badges.
FF's Gavlik, Harrison, Schellenberg and Tuuri**



IVFD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



Effective 07/22/2025

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Board of Directors



Illinois Valley Fire District is governed by a Board of Directors. There are five members on the Board of Directors who are elected by the citizens of 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 take place at the Admin Building located at 681 Caves Hwy in Cave Junction and are open to the public.



Herbert "Skip" Tyler
Position #1



Richard Bouchard
Position #2



Sean Hendrix
Position #3



Jerry Lamb
Position #4



Cheryl Johnson
Position #5

Meet Our Board of Directors

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

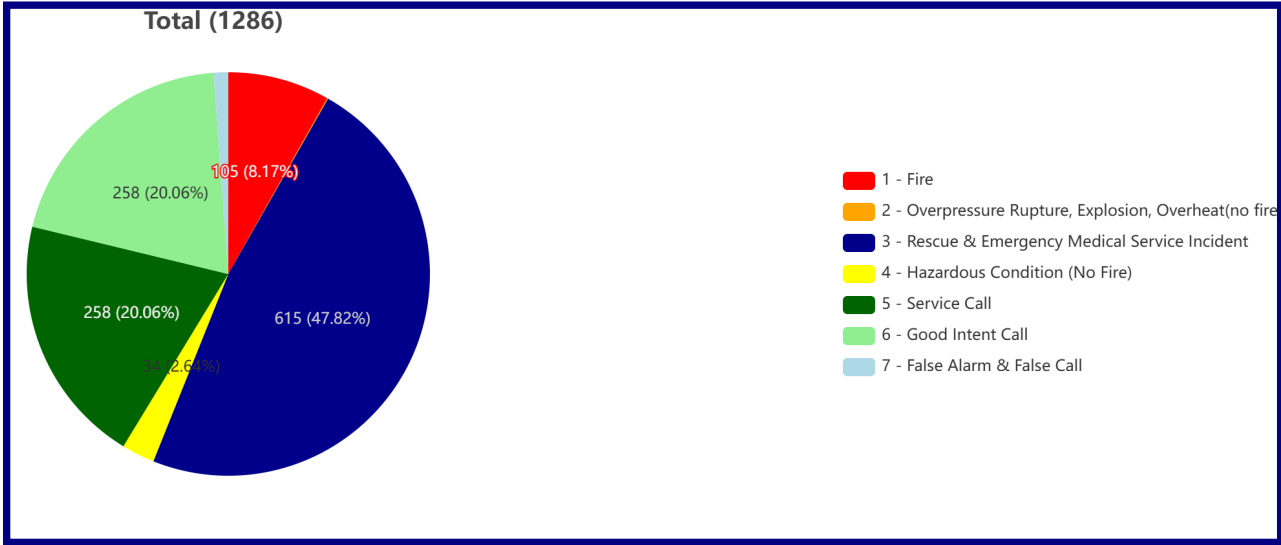


About Our District

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 48% of our calls in 2025, while fires accounted for 8% .



Vital Statistics 2024-2025 Fiscal Year

Land Area	144 Square Miles
Approximate Population	17,220
Government	Special District
Assessed Valuation	848,631,300
Fire District Budget	4,942,175

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Fire Chief



Fire Chief

Fire Chief John Holmes has led the district since 2020, bringing with him over three decades of experience in fire service and emergency management. He holds a Master's Degree in Emergency Services Management and has been instrumental in advancing the district's operational capabilities, community engagement, and financial sustainability.

Under Chief Holmes' leadership the district has secured numerous grants to enhance resources, apparatus, and personnel.

In 2017 the district successfully passed a Local Option Tax Levy to hire and maintain 4 FF/EMT's. This Local Option Tax Levy was renewed in 2022 for five more years and we hope to be able to maintain this funding source. He was also awarded a Fire Service Capacity grant which allowed the district to add 2 FF/EMT's to our staffing. Between the levy and

the grant we have been able to sustain 6 full time FF/EMT's for the Illinois Valley giving us 24/7 staffing.

Chief Holmes has also spent multiple hours collaborating with Oregon State Fire Marshall, neighboring Fire Chiefs, and State representatives to share information to help not only our community but others in Fire Prevention, grant administration, emergency management, strategic management and resource management. His dedication in crisis leadership and emergency response will continue to strengthen the District's ability to serve and protect.

Regularly Attended Meetings

Fire Defense Board
OSFM Incident Management Team
Oregon Fire Chief's Association
Rogue Valley Fire Chief's Training
IVFD Weekly Training Drills
IVFD Citizens Emergency Response (CERT)
AMR continued education
Quarterly Pre-Hospital Care Committee
Josephine County Commissioners Meeting
Cave Junction City Council
Cave Junction Chamber of Commerce
Monthly Board Meetings for local Fire Districts
IV Fire Resilience Oversight Group (IVFROG)
Rogue Valley Fire Prevention Co-Op
Rogue Valley Int. Assoc. Arson Investigation
Hydrant Grant Coordination Meetings
Safe House Alliance

Trainings Attended

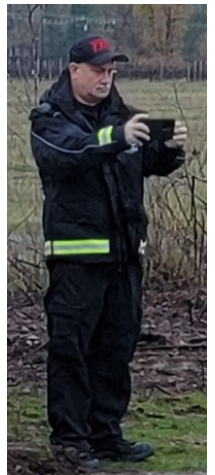
OFCA Round Table Conference
Incident Management Training
Oregon Fire Chief's Assoc. Spring Conference
Legislative Night—follow up with Senator Robinson
OSFM 2025 SERC/LEPC Conference
OSFM 2025 Wildfire After Action Review
ISO—Apparatus in the ISO Fire Suppression Rating
Evaluator for OSFM Wildfire & Response Grant Program
Completed Phase I of NFA Fire Officer (EFO) Program
2025 Outlook for Local Gov. Budgeting & Planning
Ridgetop to Rooftop—Wildfire Resilient Oregon Conference
Oregon Fire District Director Association Annual Conference

2024-2025 Awarded Grants

\$35,000—OSFM Upstaffing Grant
\$ 97,148—AFG Turnout Grant

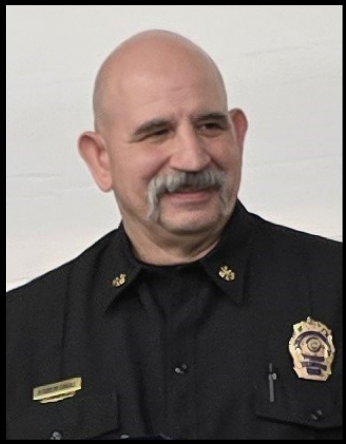
Deployments

Alder Springs Fire
Flat Fire
Moon Complex
Palisades Fire



ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Assistant Fire Chief



Assistant Chief—Operations & Prevention / Fire Marshal

Assistant Chief Kamron Ismaili has been a dedicated member of the district since 2003, starting as a volunteer and rising through the ranks to his current role as Assistant Chief of Operations and Prevention and Fire Marshal. With over two decades of service, he has played a vital role in enhancing the district’s operational efficiency, fire prevention efforts, and overall safety initiatives.

Assistant Chief Ismaili’s unwavering commitment to the district is evident in his leadership, work ethic, and dedication to both emergency response and community risk reduction. His expertise in fire prevention and operational strategy continues to strengthen the district’s mission of protecting lives and property.

Facility Inspections

Illinois Valley Fire Prevention is responsible for all the facilities within the District. The position is currently staffed by our Assistant Fire Chief / Fire Marshal and three Shift Lieutenants.. Fire inspections are scheduled and accomplished as needed and as time allows.

Burn Permits

In 2025 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 2024-2025 Burn Season ran from October 2024 thru May 31, 2025; there were 1,863 residential burn permits issued.

Smoke Alarms

In 2025 the residents of the Illinois Valley were again able to receive information and request smoke alarm installations through our “Community Connect” software. Once registered you can get your burn permit, order inspections or smoke alarm installations. You can also fill out information you fill the fire District might need if they have to respond to your address.



Valuable information includes items like:

- How many residents in the household and if any are disabled.
- Are there any buildings unattached that contain people.
- How many pets and if any are likely to attack one of the responders.
- Are there any bridges or roads that our vehicle are unable to cross
- Any information you feel is pertinent to our emergency responders. This information is available to the responders before they arrive, which could be life saving.

**IN
2025
WE**

- INSTALLED** 105 smoke detectors
- CONDUCTED** 70 business inspections
- INVESTIGATED** 100 fires
- DISTRIBUTED** more than 433 fire prevention bags to our local schools

2025 IVFD FIRE STATISTICS			
Fire Incidents	Civilian Casualties	FF Casualties	Fire Loss
222	2	0	\$1,224,025

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Division Chief Training



Division Chief Training / Explorer Leader

Division Chief Jeff Gavlik has been a dedicated member of the Illinois Valley Fire District since 1994. He began service as a volunteer and has wore many hats since then. With decades of experience, he has been instrumental in shaping the professional development of the district's personnel, ensuring they are well-trained and prepared for the challenges of emergency response. In recent years he has been diligent about getting our training center built and usable for future generations of fire personnel.

Division Chief Gavlik also over-sees our Explorer program. This group of young people are training hard so they can be future Fire Fighters / EMS personnel.

His unwavering dedication and deep-rooted commitment to the Illinois Valley reflect his passion for serving both the District and the community.

IVFD and its members are constantly training to improve their knowledge, skills, and ability to provide emergency services to the communities we serve. In 2025 the IV Fire District members attended **4,510** man-hours of training. Some of the training is listed below:

Training Courses Attended in 2025

- **Firefighter I**—(Olivia Tuuri, William Harrison, & Josiah Gavlik)
- **Emergency Medical Responder**—(Josiah, Clara and Emily Gavlik, William Harrison, & Olivia Tuuri)
- **Emergency Vehicle Technician**—(Tom McCauley)
- **Firefighter II**—(Harlan Browman, Daniel Marler)
- **Wildland S-130/190**—(William Harrison, Josiah Gavlik, Olivia Tuuri, Levi Schellenberg, & Ryan Christy)
- **Wildland S-131**—(Levi Schellenberg, & Daniel Demuth)
- **Wildland S-231**—(Collin LeMasters & Solomon Roncalio-Meyer)
- **DPSST Skid Avoidance**—(Garrett Goo, Paul Norton, Jennifer Minglana, Raymond Mars, Steve Corwin, Levi Schellenberg, & Brian Mavity)
- **Active Shooter Hazard Emergency Response**—(Battalion Chief Brian Pfeiffer, Division Chief Jeff Gavlik, & Levi Schellenberg)
- **Incident Safety Officer**—(Battalion Chief Brian Pfeiffer)
- **Rescue 3 Rope Rescue Operations**—(Collin LeMasters, & Battalion Chief Brian Pfeiffer)
- **Cave Rescue**—(Battalion Chief Brian Pfeiffer, & Collin LeMasters)

Department of Public Safety and Training Certifications (DPSST)

- **NFPA Firefighter I**—(William Harrison, Raymond Mars, Levi Schellenberg, & Olivia Tuuri)
- **NFPA Fire Officer I**—(Daniel Marler, & Jennifer Minglana)
- **NFPA Firefighter II**—(Harlan Browman, Collin LeMasters, & Daniel Marler)
- **NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver/Operator**—(Harlan Browman, & Elizabeth Dunlap)
- **NFPA Apparatus Equipped W/ Fire Pump**—(Harlan Browman)
- **Engine Boss-Single Resource**—(Daniel Marler)

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Explorers



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.

Our goal is to provide an opportunity to increase a desire to provide emergency service to our community and keep the interest in serving and protecting others alive for future generations to come.

During the 2025 Labor Day Festival the Explorers ran our smoke house booth with 135 students going through it and learning about fire prevention . We give a huge appreciation to all that participated.



Explorers Community Service Participation

- IVCANDO Cans for Kids
- CPR Training
- Soup for the Souls
- Pet Parade & Children's Fair
- Healing Hearts and Hooves
- PHTLS Mock Patients
- Labor Day Festival
- IVFD Open House
- Pancake Breakfast
- Emergency Medical Responder Training
- Community Trunk or Treat Event

2025

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2025 Explorers

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Budget & Finance



Division Chief Administration

Division Chief Jamie Paul has been a vital part of the Illinois Valley Fire District since September 2014. She originally joined as a front desk and billing clerk and through dedication and hard work, she advanced to her current role as Division Chief of Administration in March of 2017.

As the Division Chief of Administration Division Chief Paul oversees creating and maintaining the Districts' annual budget and audit. She takes care of accounts receivable & payable, grant expenditures, payroll, paid time off accruals & benefit records ensuring the smooth management of employee administration. Her diligence, attention to detail, and commitment to the district's success make her an invaluable asset to both the department and the community.

Illinois Valley Fire District has a fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 of the following year. Our main source of funding is received from Josephine County tax assessed values at the rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000 of assessed value. We were also awarded a 5-year local option levy for the fiscal years 7-1-2022 thru 6-30-2027 for the hiring/maintenance of 4 full time FF/EMT's at the rate of \$.50 per \$1,000 of assessed value. We do receive minimal funding from reimbursement invoicing, donations, and interest income.

Deployment Income

Illinois Valley Fire District may receive deployment income when we are providing aide to fires outside our district. The District only receives the funds for the apparatus that is sent. Any money received for Fire-Fighters wages is 100% paid to the Fire-Fighters that were deployed.

Grant Revenue

Illinois Valley Fire District applies for grants throughout the year. The possible grant funds are added into our budget usually for the next Fiscal Year. If we get the grant then we are cleared to spend those funds. Often times we do not receive the grant and this can make a large impact on our budgeted expected income. Grant items are, of course, not purchased unless the funds are awarded and received.

Awarded Grants 2024-2025

In 2024-2025 IVFD was awarded an Oregon State Fire Marshall upstaffing grant of \$35,000 to help with seasonal staffing during high fire season. This grant has been invaluable in getting the extra help that we need.

We were also granted a Resilience Hubs and Networks

grant which was not monetary but supplied the Illinois Valley with disaster preparedness equipment. This equipment has been strategically placed at opposite ends of the Illinois Valley.

Previous FY Grants

In previous Fiscal Years we were awarded multi-year grants that are still in play. We are currently still working on: The hydrant water and sewer infrastructure grant which helps build infrastructure along Caves Highway (House Bill 2588) and will get a new water hydrant near IVFD Station 1. This hydrant will be utilized for fire protection in the Illinois Valley as well as giving our Fire-Fighters the ability to do live training. We are diligently working to complete this grant by the end of Fiscal Year 25-26.

- We still have some funds from the OSFM wildfire risk reduction grant (chipper grant) which has supplied at least 70 individual residences with hundreds of hours of fire prevention services by chipping of wood debris piles. We are hoping to do some community events this year and are working on staffing to get the chipper out to individual residences as well.
- Our OSFM Fire Service Capacity Grant, which is supplying the Illinois Valley with 2-full time FF/EMT's until 6-30-2026, still has some funding left and we will keep our FF/EMT's until we spend all of the grant money. This grant with our Levy funds has given us the ability to keep two (2) FF/EMT's on 24/7.

2025

Fund Receipts: \$2,510,462

Net position at beginning of the year was \$2,462,990

Net position at end of the year was \$2,458,238

Assessed Valuation: \$848,631,300

Expenditures: \$2,515,214

Budget: \$4,942,175

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Battalion Chief Logistics



Battalion Chief Logistics

Chief Brian Pfeiffer has been a dedicated member of the Illinois Valley Fire District since 2016. Beginning as a volunteer support member and advanced to Firefighter in that same year.

In 2019 Brian became one of our paid firefighters and moved into an engineer position in 2022. Brian was promoted to Lieutenant in June of 2023 and by April 2025 he was promoted to Battalion Chief / Logistics officer.

Brian's willingness to learn and give a helping hand whenever needed has had a huge impact on our volunteers as well as our paid staff. Whenever possible Brian will also jump in and teach one of our Tuesday night trainings which not only keeps his skills in tip top shape it passes on those skills to our newer Fire Fighters.

His expertise in logistics, equipment maintenance, and station management has played a crucial role in the district's efficiency and operational success. Brian has shown his reliability and readiness of the district's apparatus, equipment, and facilities, prioritizing the safety of both staff and volunteers. He has worked diligently to complete needed infrastructure for the Connex's that were part of the Resilience Hubs & Networks Grant award, worked with the crew to move the new station 5 on Lakeshore Drive forward and is working diligently to keep our apparatus up to date and on the front line.



ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Fleet Mechanic



Fleet Mechanic

Thomas McCauley has been a dedicated member of the Illinois Valley Fire District since 2013. Serving as the Fleet Mechanic, his expertise in apparatus maintenance ensures that the district's fleet remains in peak operating condition. His commitment makes him an invaluable asset to both the department and the community.

In addition to his role as a mechanic, McCauley also serves as a Reserve Tender Operator, EMR, and all around maintenance person. Whenever something is needed Tom is always there to give a helping hand, rather it's fueling apparatus, painting a hood, or doing a major overhaul you can always count on him to get the job done.



Emergency Vehicle Technician

Certification Commission, Inc.

Thomas McCauley

is certified in the areas listed below:



ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

District Secretary



District Secretary

Christina Buttram is the current District Secretary for Illinois Valley fire District., having been hired in September of 2025. Although Christina hasn't been with the district long we are sure she will prove to be a valuable asset and we are happy to welcome her aboard.

Christina has been a member of the Illinois Valley since 1989, along side her family Mike and Rhonda Jobe her parents and brother Michael Jobe. She has worked in and with the community and enjoys being able to serve it. Christina looks forward to the new journey life has brought her in supporting the community and emergency personal.

Although Christina has not been in Emergency Services in the past she is quickly learning her new fast paced position with the 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 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.

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT



The following individuals share a deep commitment to public service and the citizens of the Illinois Valley, and their selfless contributions are essential to the success of the district's mission. While the number of volunteers may fluctuate, their dedication to the Illinois Valley remains constant, and their hard work continues to strengthen the district's ability to respond to emergencies and serve the community effectively.

Firefighter/EMTs

The Illinois Valley Fire District is covered by three shifts (A, B, C), manning Station 1 twenty-four hours a day, 365 days a year. Each shift works forty-eight hours on duty and ninety-six hours off duty.

Station 1 (Caves Hwy) is the Primary Response for all of Illinois Valley.

These FF/EMT's are paid by the November 2021 Local Option Tax and Capacity Grant funds.

The five-year levy (7/1/2022—6/30/2027), ensures funding for the salaries of four full-time Firefighter/EMTs while the Capacity Grant monies fund the salaries of the other two. The Capacity Grant runs 7/1/2023—6/30/2026.

This critical support has allowed Illinois Valley Fire District to retain these essential positions, strengthening the district's ability to respond effectively to emergencies and serve the community.

The district is also lucky enough to have some wonderful volunteer fire fighters. These men and women spend hundreds of hours each year responding to incidents as well as weekly and annual training. Volunteer fire fighters are one of the district's most valuable asset and IVFD would like to thank them for all they do!

Volunteers

In 2025, volunteers contributed thousands of hours to the Illinois Valley Fire District, demonstrating their unwavering dedication to the community. Our volunteer roster is made up of citizens from all walks of life, including retirees, business owners, homemakers, students, auto mechanics, public servants, baristas, contractors, restaurant and retail workers, to name just a few.

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.

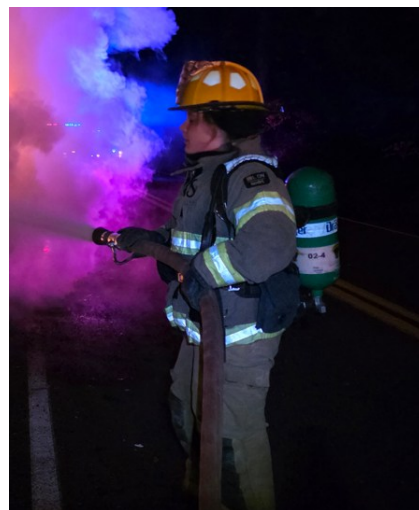
TRAFFIC CONTROL responds as needed to the scene when traffic control is needed.

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.

AIR TRAILER responds as needed to any fire where the Fire Fighter air tanks may need to be refilled. Without this critical team our firefighters would be limited on the amount of time they could fight a fire.

Sometimes our firefighters assist AMR with transporting patients to the hospital; Our **SUPPORT** is also utilized for picking up the firefighter and bringing them back to the station.



ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT



Apparatus

Staff Vehicles

8951 2018 Chevy Tahoe
8952 2008 Ford Expedition
8954 2013 Chevy Tahoe
8974 1994 Ford F350
8975 2008 Ford Expedition
8977 2008 Ford Expedition
8978 2011 Ford Expedition

Station 1

8901 Engine 2003 Pierce Tilt Cab 1000 Gal 1250 GPM
8931 Rescue 2014 Dodge Ram 5500
8911 Brush Truck 2004 International 7400 500 Gal 500 GPM
8941 Tender 2008 Volvo VHD 3000 Gal 1000 GPM
8971 Air Truck/Trailer 2007 Dodge Ram 2500 / 2012 Air quest
8976 Rehab 2009 Ford E-Van
8979 CERT 2006 Ford E-Van

Station 2

8902 Engine 1999 American LaFrance Eagle 750 Gal 1250 GPM
8907 Engine 2016 International Navistar 7500 1000 Gal 1500 GPM
8932 Rescue 2008 Ford Expedition
8942 Tender 2009 Freightliner FLD120 3000 Gal 860 GPM
8962 Brush Truck 2010 Chevy 3500 20 Gal 200 GPM
2010 Utility Polaris Ranger 6x6

Station 3

8903 Engine 1994 E-One BME 750 Gal 1500 GPM
8943 Tender 2005 Freightliner FLD120 3000 Gal 1000 GPM
8963 Brush Truck 1996 Ford F350 200 Gal 180 GPM

Station 4

8904 Engine 1991 Pierce Navistar 4900 1000 Gal 1250 GPM
8944 Tender 1979 Ford L 900 3000 Gal 375 GPM

Station 5

8905 Engine 2001 Pierce Navistar 4900 1000 Gal 1000 GPM
8945 Tender 1995 Freightliner USF-1E 3000 Gal 1000 GPM

Station 6

8906 Engine 1993 International
8946 Tender 2000 Freightliner FL70 2000 Gal 1000 GPM

Air Packs

31 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.



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Stations



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

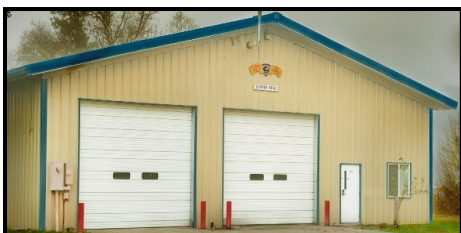


Coming Soon
Station # 5
Lakeshore Dr. Selma,
OR



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



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Statistics

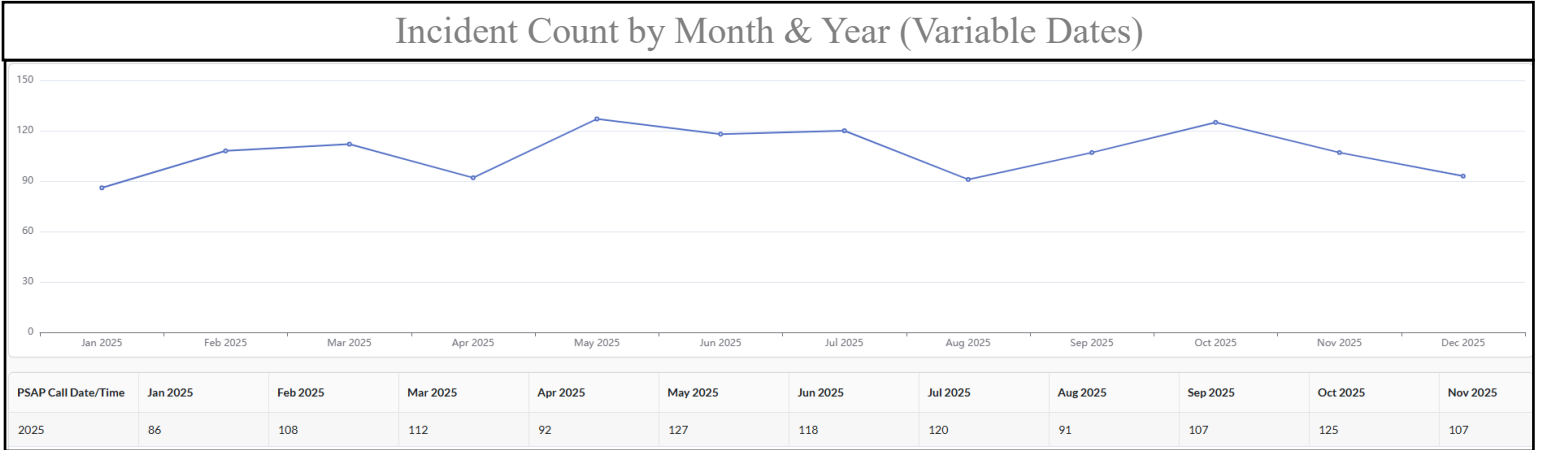
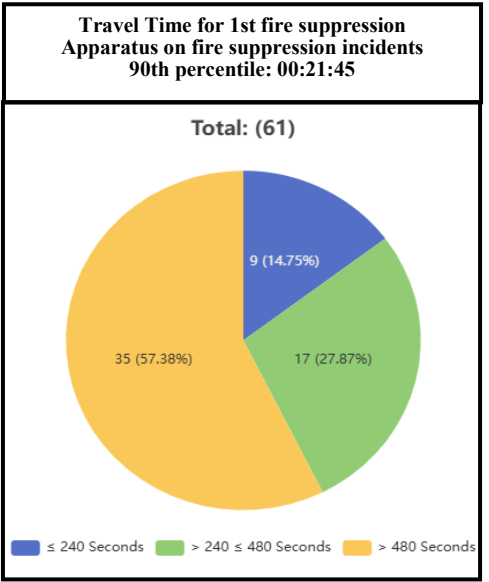
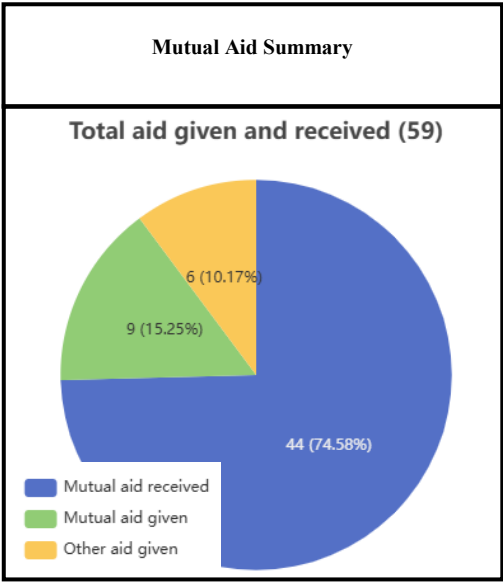
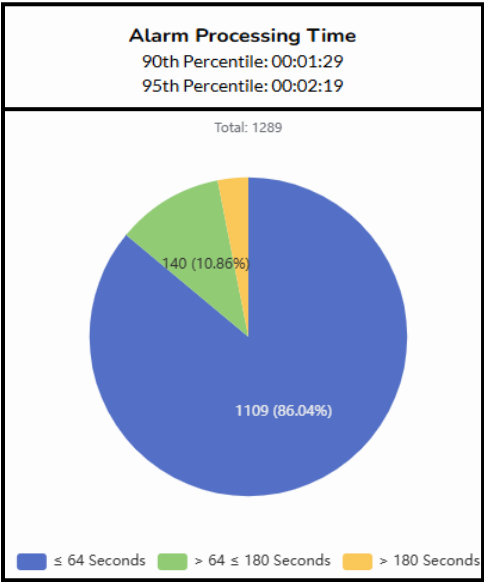


Statistics

In 2025 we averaged 86.5% of calls processed in under 64 seconds, followed by 10.86% processed between 64-180 seconds and 2.64% over 180 seconds. We had 59 mutual aid responses with 74.58% being mutual aid received, 15.25% mutual aid given and 10.17% other aid given. Travel time for responses varied due to the size of our District with only 14.75% under 240 seconds.

User Name	Personnel ID	Personnel Total Number of Incidents	Total Department Incidents	Percent of Total Calls	Count of Incident for Person's Assigned Station	Count of Responses by Personnel within their Assigned Station	Assigned Station Percent	Revised Call Percentage Total
Gavlik, Jeff	70480	288	1286	22%	56	23	41%	90%
Holmes, John	67310	136	1286	11%	56	10	18%	75%
Ismail, Kamron	06200	304	1286	24%	56	22	39%	90%
Pfeiffer, Brian	02930	279	1286	22%	56	16	29%	87%

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Goo, Garrett	53170	250	1286	19%	1099	237	22%	22%
LeMasters, Collin	51430	299	1286	23%	1099	266	24%	26%
Marler, Daniel	85160	370	1286	29%	1099	318	29%	32%
Minglana, Jennifer	45680	334	1286	26%	1099	280	25%	29%
Roncalio-Meyer, Solomon	11630	310	1286	24%	1099	276	25%	27%
Schellenberg, Levi	16190	285	1286	22%	1099	233	21%	25%



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Statistics



The past year for the Fire District was once again a busy year. There were 1286 calls, which is a 5.99% decrease from the previous year. There were 1,368 logged last year and 1,286 calls this year which included: 105 Fire calls, 615 EMS calls, and 258 Public Assists/Other calls. These numbers include cancelled enroute and mutual aid responses.

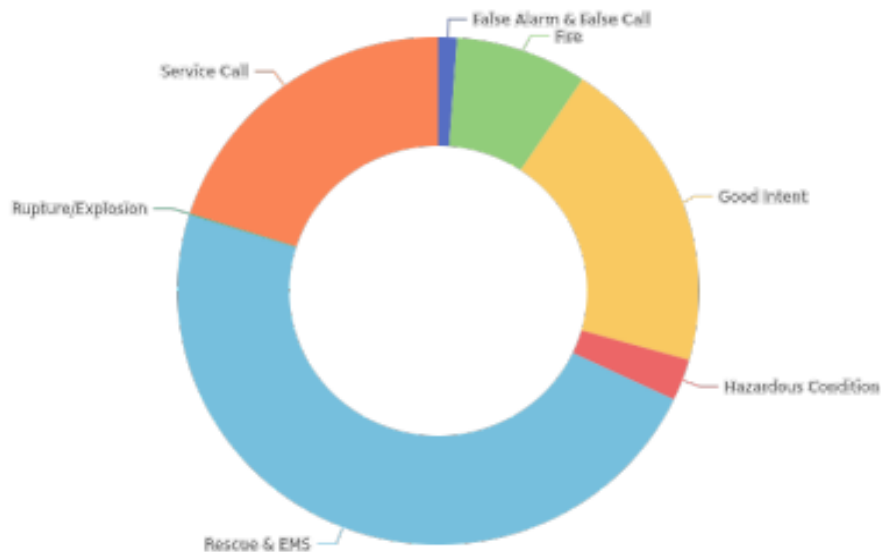
The Illinois Valley Fire District encompasses approximately 144 square miles. The Fire District responds regularly for mutual aid assistance with Rural Metro Fire, Gasquet Fire (CA), Oregon Caves, BLM, Forest Service and unincorporated areas of Josephine County. We also aid local law enforcement when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



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FDR-NFIRS: Incident Type Summary



INCIDENT TYPE SERIES NAME (NFIRS)	COUNT	PERCENT
False Alarm & False Call	15	1.17%
Fire	105	8.16%
Good Intent	258	20.06%
Hazardous Condition	34	2.64%
Rescue & EMS	615	47.82%
Rupture/Explosion	1	0.08%
Service Call	258	20.06%
Total	1286	100.00%

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

2025 Achievements and Acknowledgments Awards



Congratulations to:

- Jeff Gavlik for 30 years with IVFD!
- Brian Pfeiffer for his promotion to Battalion Chief / Logistics Officer
- Jennifer Minglana and Dan Marler for their promotions to Lieutenant.
- Jamie Paul for her dedication in keeping our finances in order



Our New LT's



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 website and try to utilize these formats to their fullest potential.

In 2025 IVFD participated in many local activities to assist the community and to spread fire prevention and safety messages. Some of these included:

03 Apr	Pet Parade & Children's Fair
20 Apr	Easter Egg Hunt at Jubilee Park
05 Jun	Water Fun Day at School
29 Aug—01 Sep	Labor Day Festival,
01 Sep	Labor Day Parade
Oct-Nov	IVHS Varsity Football Home Games
28 Oct	Public Relations with IVFROG @ station 3—Resilience Grant acquisition (below)
30 Oct	Trunk or Treat at WA Fed Bank & IV Fire Station 1
01 Nov	Toy collection for local children
07 Nov	Citizens Emergency Response Training
29 Nov	Deliver Santa and Mrs. Claus to the Tree Lighting
05 Dec	Deliver Santa to and Mrs. Claus to Lorna Byrne School

Fire Prevention Week: Deliver information packets to our local schools



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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 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 48% 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:

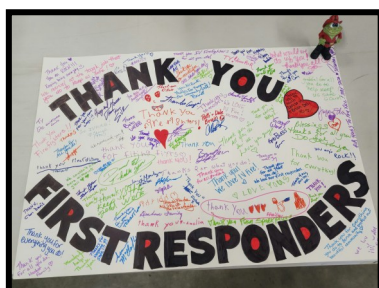
The 911 communications center is operated by the City of Grants Pass and provides 24 hour 911 call-taking services for a number of agencies in Josephine County, including The Illinois Valley Fire District.

Experience Levels:

The bulk of our emergency service delivery is from our paid career staff with years of service ranging from three years to over 30 years.



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Misc





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Office Hours
Monday—Thursday
9:00 to 4:00