

ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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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



As we close out the year and as I begin my 4th year as your fire chief, I once again wish to thank all our personnel for their dedication and service to our community. Their commitment to safety and high performance is evident each and every day. I am proud of what our department accomplished in 2023, but even more excited about what the future holds for the people we serve and protect. As we near the end of 2023, I want to congratulate the entire department on a job well done as we reflect on the accomplishments, progress, and challenges we have witnessed throughout the year.

The working relationships we have with the community, mutual and automatic aid partners, and other outlying fire agencies, are at their best they have been since I took the position here, and I am extremely proud of what we have all accomplished.

The professional staff continue to deliver exceptional services to both external and internal customers. Supporting all operations is a demanding task. This team thrives in a dynamic environment and continues at a high level.

We have been fortunate with financial grants from various applications, which has been fortunate to have the additional staffing for the District. Unfortunately, these options will not always be in place, and we are continuing to find other options. More than ever, our focus on a consistent and stable full-time staffing is paying off to handle this ever-expanding demand for our services. We will continue to meet the need in our community, which is my promise to you.

Respectfully,

John Holmes –
Fire Chief



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 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	Dave Darnell	Exp 2027
Position #2	Richard Bouchard	Exp 2025
Position #3	Michelle Binker	Exp 2025
Position #4	Jerry Lamb	Exp 2027
Position #5	Cheryl Johnson	Exp 2027

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.

Our Fire Chief, Deputy Chiefs 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 50% of our calls in 2023, while fires accounted for 5%.



**IN
2023
WE**

HAD 1,478 calls logged through Dispatch

PROVIDED standby airport duty during the Smith River Complex Fire and support for multiple mutual aid responses

WELCOMED five new volunteer firefighters



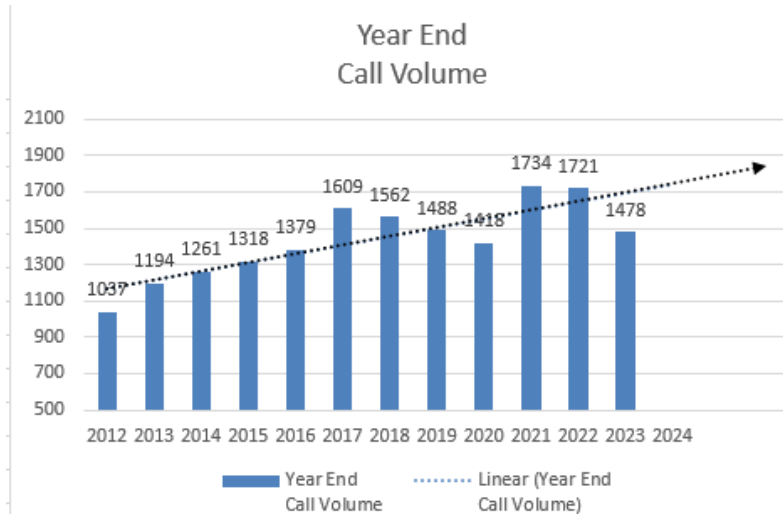
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Statistics



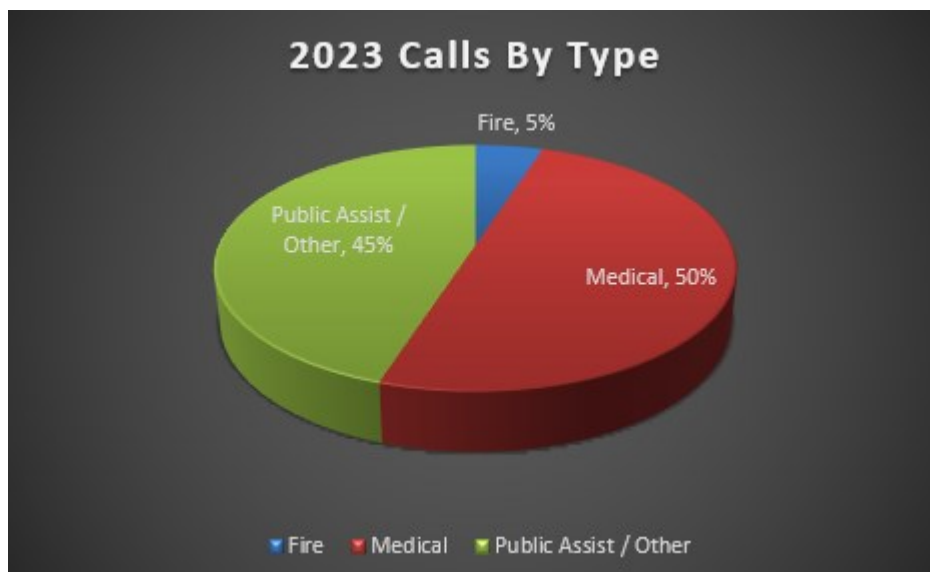
The past year for the Fire District was less busy for a change; the call volume was down 14% from the previous year. There were **1,478** logged calls which included: 78 Fire calls, 738 EMS calls, and 662 Public Assists/Other calls.

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.

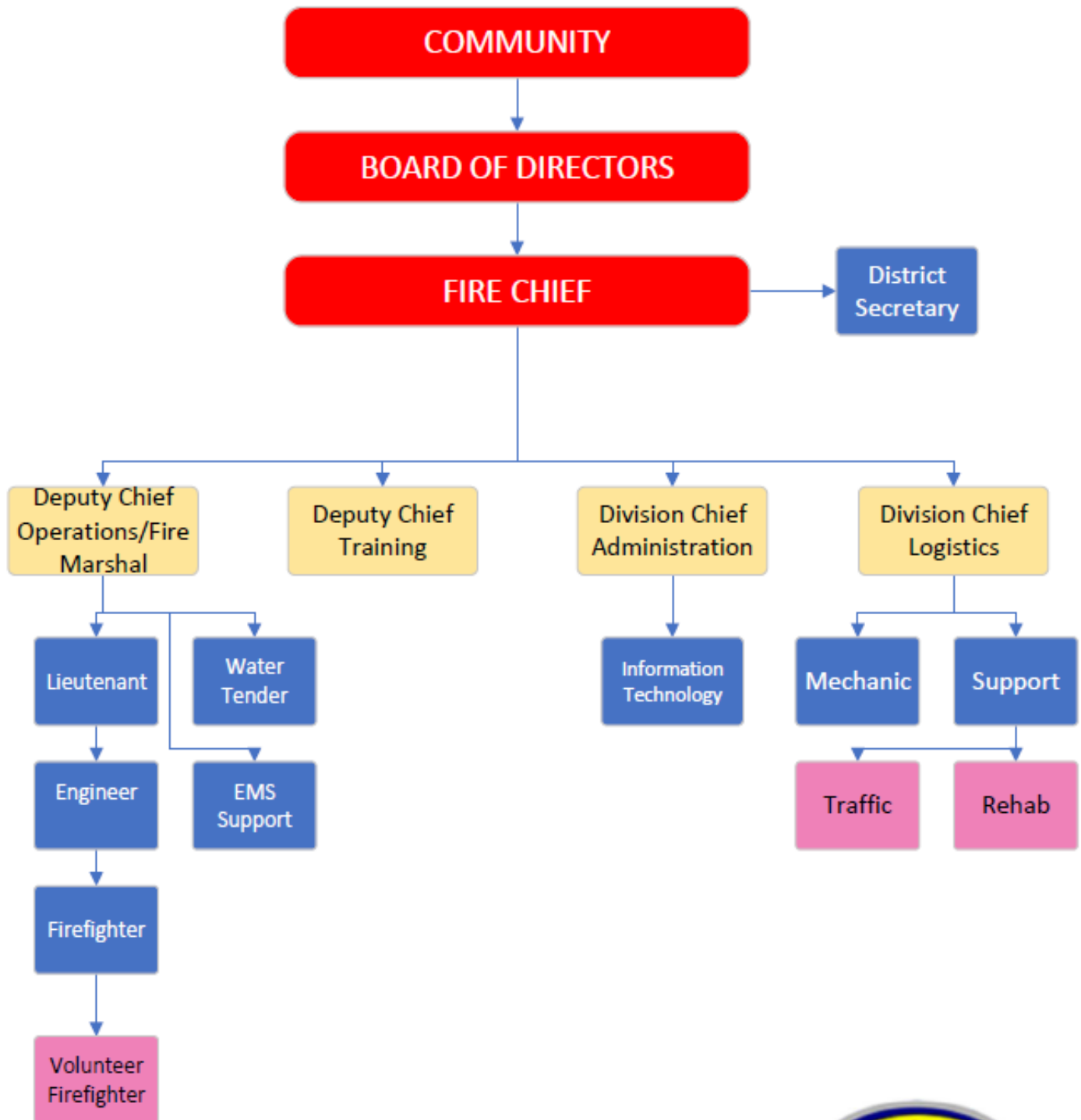


2023 incident call volume decreased by 243 calls or 14% from the previous year

R**esponse Times:** In 2023 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.



IVFD ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



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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, 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 2023 IVFD participated in many local activities to assist the community and to spread fire prevention and safety messages. Some of these included:

05 Jan	TRSD Stop the Bleed
08 Apr	IVHS Volunteer Fair
08 Apr	IV Little League Opening Ceremony
09 Apr	Easter Egg Drop at Jubilee Park
06 May	Children's Fair & Pet Parade
20 May	IVFD Chili Cook-Off
10 Jun—08 Jul	CERT Academy
01 Jul	Soap Box Derby
24 Aug	Smith River Complex North Community Meeting
01 Sep—04 Sep	Labor Day Festival
04 Sep	Labor Day Parade
21 Sep	Joe's Place Demonstration
20 Oct	Law Enforcement Service District Meeting
28 Oct	Trunk or Treat at Jubilee Park
07 Dec	IVHS Bonfire
16 Dec	Deliver Santa Clause to CJ Visitors Center

**IN
2023
WE**

ANNEXED 290+ acres into the Fire District

INSTALLED 100 smoke detectors

CONDUCTED 221 business inspections

INVESTIGATED 31 fires

ISSUED 1,825 burn permits

DISTRIBUTED more than 400 goodie bags to our local schools

Annexations

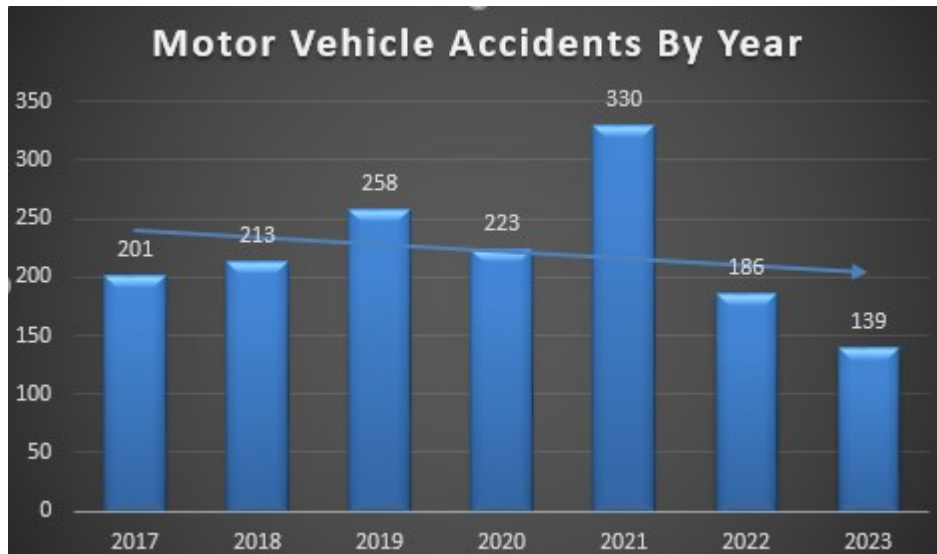
Annexation is the process of joining the fire district for protection and services. As more residences are built, or facilities are expanded, we encourage these property owners to annex into the fire district. In 2023 we accepted 20 annexations of new or additional property adding an additional 290+ acres to 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 as well as three Shift Lieutenants. Fire inspections are scheduled and accomplished as needed and as time allows.

Burn Permits

In 2023, 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 2023 burn season ran from October 26, 2022 thru May 31, 2023; there were 1,885 residential burn permits issued.



We saw a decrease in motor vehicle accidents over the last two years. 2023 saw a decrease of 25% from the previous year.

LOSSES FROM FIRE

CASUALTIES

1
CIVILIAN

0
FIREFIGHTER

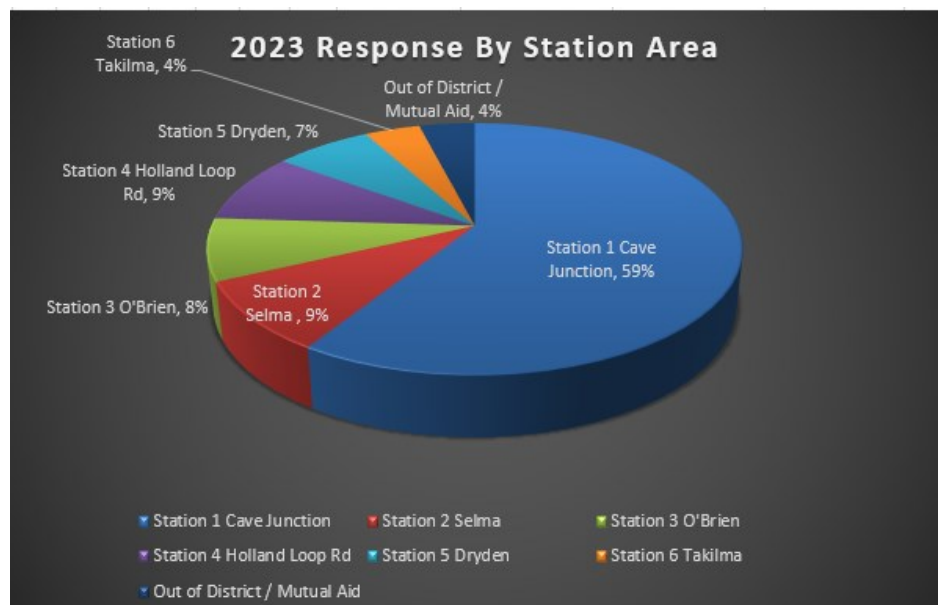
ACRES BURNED

23
OUTSIDE FIRES

EST. DOLLAR LOSS

715,650
RESIDENTIAL

1,569,070
TOTAL



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2022—2023 Accomplishments

- * Training Building—to include power supply and ladders
- * Board Room Floor Re-Finish
- * Div Chief Kris Sherman represents IVFD at Chili Cook-Off
- * Admin Office Security Re-Model
- * Christmas Tree Recycling Event
- * Station 1—install concrete pad and two 15,000 gallon water tanks
- * 2023 5 Year Strategic Plan
- * Explorers Competition—Gatlinburg, TN
- * NFPA Firefighter II Academy
- * ISO Review
- * Fire Officer I
- * Promotion Process for Lieutenant and Engineer Ranks

2024 Goals

- * Continue Water Project
- * Stations 3, 4 and 6 build pump houses and install pumps for water tanks
- * Pressurized pumping stations at stations 3, 4, & 6
- * Staffing Grants for Firefighters
- * Possibly employ a Volunteer PIO Recruitment & Recruitment & Retention Coordinator
- * Vehicle Replacement Plan
- * Fiddler Mountain Repeater

2023 District Recognitions

- * IV-FROG Certificate of Appreciation
- * OFDDA District Of The Year Award



Promotions



In 2022 Kyle Lane and Brian Pfeiffer were promoted from Firefighter to Engineer and Garret Goo and Noah Miller were both promoted to Lieutenant. In 2023 Kyle Lane and Brian Pfeiffer were both promoted to Lieutenant. Our current Lieutenants Goo, Pfeiffer and Lane have a combined 18 years of fire-fighting experience.



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About Our Staff



The District is led by Fire Chief **John Holmes**. Chief Holmes started with the District in 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 and the Smith River Complex Fire of 2023. 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 bene-

fit 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. He keeps our apparatus up and running efficiently and responds as a Reserve Tender Operator when needed.

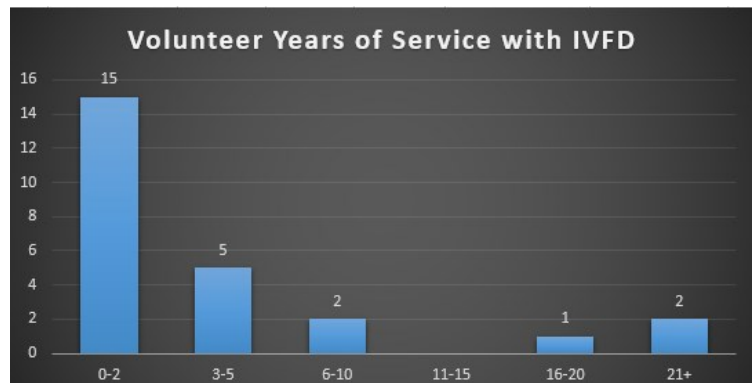
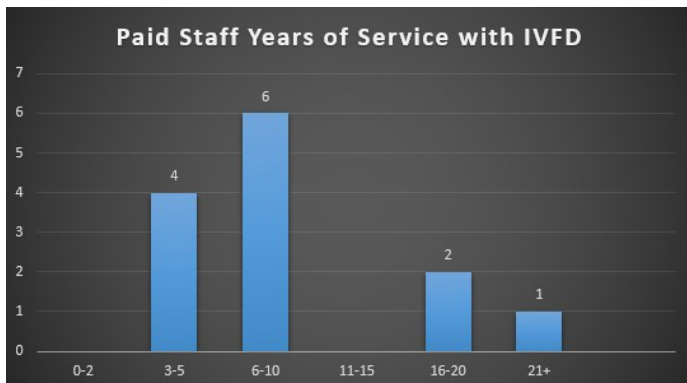
Paula LeMasters joined the District in 2017 and serves as District Secretary. Paula's hard work, dedication, and willingness to lend a hand wherever it's needed quickly made her a crucial member of our Administrative Staff.

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. **Lt. Garret Goo, Lt. Brian Pfeiffer, Lt. Kyle Lane and FF Collin LeMasters** continue to be valuable assets to the District. Additionally, grants have allowed the hiring of up-staffing personnel for three years as well as up-staffing personnel during Fire Season.

Volunteers

In 2023 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.



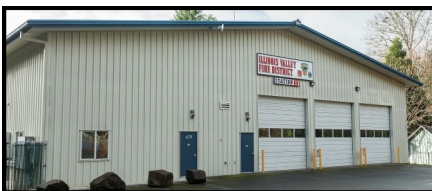
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Service Area, Stations & Apparatus



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 2023-2024 Fiscal Year

Land Area
Approximate Population
Government
Assessed Valuation
Fire District Budget

144 Square Miles
17,000
Special District
848,109,440
5,052,341

ISO Insurance Classification:

Within 5
road-miles of any
of our
Stations:

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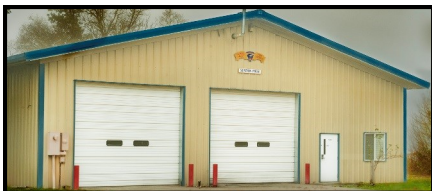
5-7 road-miles of
any of our
Stations:

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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

8399 Takilma Rd
Apparatus Engine 6, Tender 6



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Training



I VFD members train together regularly and often in areas of firefighter, driver/operator and EMS skills. In 2023, member efforts resulted in the District gaining one new Pumper/Operator, and three new EMTs. Additional member efforts also resulted in certifications in the following: Wildland Firefighter Type 1 (FFT1), NFPA Fire Fighter II, NFPA Fire Officer I, NFPA Live Fire Instructor and NFPA Live Fire Instructor in Charge.



**IN
2023
WE**

ACCRUED 2,807 District training hours

ADDED to our ranks and stations two new Lieutenants

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2022-2023 Awards Banquet



2022 Career Firefighter of the year FF Kyle Lane
2022 Volunteer Firefighter of the year FF Jenny Vetter
2022 Officer of the year Deputy Chief Kamron Ismaili
2022 Support Member of the year Ed Sudyka
2022 Fire Chief Award FF Solomon Meyer

2023 Career Firefighter of the year FF Collin LeMasters
2023 Volunteer Firefighter of the year FF Daniel Demuth
2023 Fire Officer of the year Lt Brian Pfeiffer
2023 Support Member of the year Judy Epperly
2023 Fire Chief Award FF Daniel Marler & Lt Kris Ismaili (accepted by her husband Deputy Chief Ismaili)



ILLINOIS VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

Apparatus



Staff Vehicles

2018 Chevy Tahoe: Fire Chief
2008 Ford Expedition: Dep. Chief Training
2013 Chevy Tahoe: Dep. Chief Operations
2008 Ford Expedition: Staff Vehicle
2008 Ford Expedition: 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
2003 Type 4 500 Gallon
1999 Rehab Ford E-Van.
2000 CERT Ford E-Van
2007 Dodge ¾ ton Truck

Station 2

2000 Engine Navistar 4900 4x2 1000 Gallon 1250 GPM
2004 Tender Freightliner FL120 3000 Gal 1000 GPM
2008 Ford Expedition Rescue
2010 Chevy 3500 Type 6 200 Gallon
2010 Polaris 6x6
1984 Ford F900 1000GPM

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

2016 Navistar 7500 4x4 1500 GPM
1979 Ford L900 3000 Gallon

Station 5

1993 Navistar 4900 1000 Gallon 1250 GPM
1995 Tender Freightliner 3000 Gallon 1000 GPM

Station 6

2000 Tender Freightliner 2000 Gallon 1000 GPM
1991 Engine Pierce 750 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.

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

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 2022-2023 our District collected revenues in the amount of \$3,103,010. This money is received from:

- Josephine County tax assessed values at the rate of \$1.87 per \$1,000
- \$.50 per \$1,000 for our 2022 FF/EMT Levy
- \$.22 per \$1,000 for our 2013 Bond
- Donations, interest earned on investments, grant revenues, etc.

During the same time period Illinois Valley Fire District's expenditures were \$2,118,656 for an excess of receipts (savings) of \$984,354. Some of these savings were for a 3 year FF/EMT grant and will be used for personnel costs over the next two years.

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.

The last two years IVFD was awarded 17 grants.

- Carpenter Foundation \$3,000 Training Center
- IV Cando Corona Virus State & Local Recovery Funds \$23,333 Uniforms
- FM Global \$2,050 Scene Lighting
- JoCo Public Health \$22,105 Generators for Stations 3 & 4
- OSFM Up-staffing (2022-2023) \$35,000
- OSFM Up-staffing (2023-2024) \$35,000
- JoCo Foundation \$17,600 for Water Storage
- SDAO Safety and Security \$1,500 Security Cameras
- Fourway Foundation \$10,000 2 Training Building Connex Boxes
- Chaney Family Foundation \$10,000 for Training Building Staircases
- DPSST \$6,700 for Training Building Moveable Walls
- Fourway Foundation \$10,000 for Training Building Man Doors and Window Frames
- JoCo Foundation \$16,806 for Battery Powered Extrication Spreader
- Roundhouse Foundation \$16,000 for Training Building Area Lighting
- Fire Service Capacity \$729,581 Up-staffing for 3 years
- OSFM Community Wildfire Reduction \$86,951 Chipper and Dump Trailer
- House Bill 2588 \$984,500 Hydrants

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.



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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 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. 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
681 Caves Hwy
Cave Junction, OR 97523

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