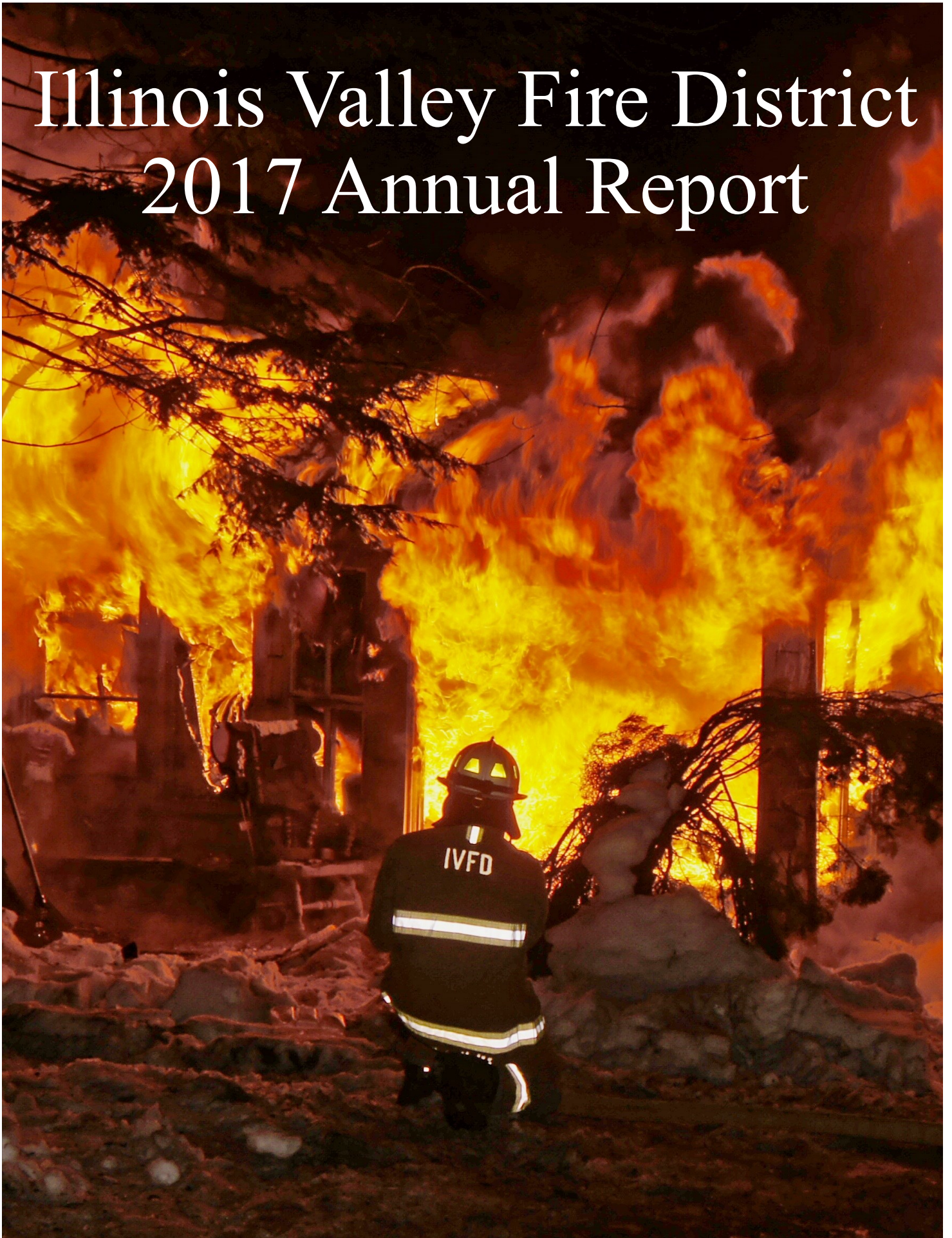


Illinois Valley Fire District 2017 Annual Report





Message from Fire Chief Hoke

On behalf of the members of the Illinois Valley Fire District, I am honored to present the 2017 IVFD Annual Report. Saying we are a fire department is a misnomer. We are an all risk/all hazards response agency. In 2017, we responded to 1606 calls for service of which 75% were emergency medical services (EMS) related. This represents a 16% increase in total call volume.

As I have said in past reports, the demand for fire, EMS, and rescue services continues to rise as 2017 proves to be the busiest year the fire department has experienced since its inception. We will continue into 2018 reviewing and evaluating our standard of cover response to ensure our department's resources and operations match the demand from the community. IVFD is primarily a volunteer organization with volunteer firefighters, Support Services (REHAB, photographers, Medical Support, and Chaplains) and our CERT team. Our volunteers are the backbone of our organization. Without the dedicated volunteers and career staff of IVFD, we would not be able to respond to the needs of the community.

2017 was a historical year for IVFD. We asked the voters to pass a levy to hire 4- firefighter /EMT's. The voter's spoke and approved a \$.50/1000 levy. The new full time firefighters started in December. As a result of having full time staffing at our busiest station, response time has already dropped. This was graphically proven at a recent structure fire in Cave Junction where the fire was confined to the room of origin and the structure was saved. Using the traditional volunteer model where personnel respond from home, the outcome would have been significantly different. Thank you voters for making the Illinois Valley safer. IVFD had three documented life saves and numerous other events where our members made a difference. Be it a lift assist, vehicle accident, medical emergency or a fire, IVFD members stand ready to answer the call.

2017 was unprecedented for large-scale wildland fires. Luckily, only one came close to the Illinois Valley, the Chetco Bar fire. IVFD was asked to deploy to the Eagle Creek Fire, Chetco Bar and two large fires in Napa and San Bernardino, California. The Thomas Fire was the largest fire in California history. IVFD was part of 15 Oregon strike teams that assisted our neighbors to the south. Predictions are that this may be the new normal as we see much larger wild fires in the West-

ern United States.

As you will read throughout this report, 2017 was a busy and productive year for our department. The continued efforts by IVFD personnel help to ensure that our department remains on the forefront of innovation and progressive practices found throughout the fire service industry.

I would like to extend my sincere appreciation to the personnel of Illinois Valley Fire District for their continued dedication and professionalism ensuring the community remains safe. I would also like to thank the IVFD Fire District Board for their continued support of the fire district and its mission to serve the public. Respectfully submitted,

Chief Dennis Hoke



History

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.

The Illinois Valley Fire Protection District currently protects 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, 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 52% of our calls in 2017, while fires accounted for 24%, traffic accidents accounted for 13% and assists to the public accounted for 11%.

The status of our facilities and equipment is mixed. Our personal protective equipment and radios meet current standards thanks to a bond levy passed by the voters in 2012. We do have mostly aging apparatus but have replaced some of our key equipment and are currently working on another tender which we received from the FEPPS program.

The status of our facilities and equipment is mixed. Our personal protective equipment and radios meet current standards. While our front line apparatus is aging, they are well maintained and maintenance cost has not exceeded a replacement threshold. There is no funds for a replacement apparatus

at this point. We continue to look for grant opportunities to acquire replacement vehicles. Our use of the Federal Excess Equipment program has been very successful as we placed another tender in service in 2017. Our cost was \$40K. If we had to purchase this tender new, the cost would have been over \$200K

2017

- Replaced a 1970 vintage tender with a refurbished FEPS tender
- Placed a reserve engine at station 2 to cover the District when we responded to mutual aid calls in town.

Four of the fire stations and our administration building are relatively new. They will continue to serve the District for many years to come. However, the fire stations located in Dryden and Takilma are long-past their serviceable life and present a significant challenge to the District. We continue to look at options for each of these stations. Currently this is a funding issue.

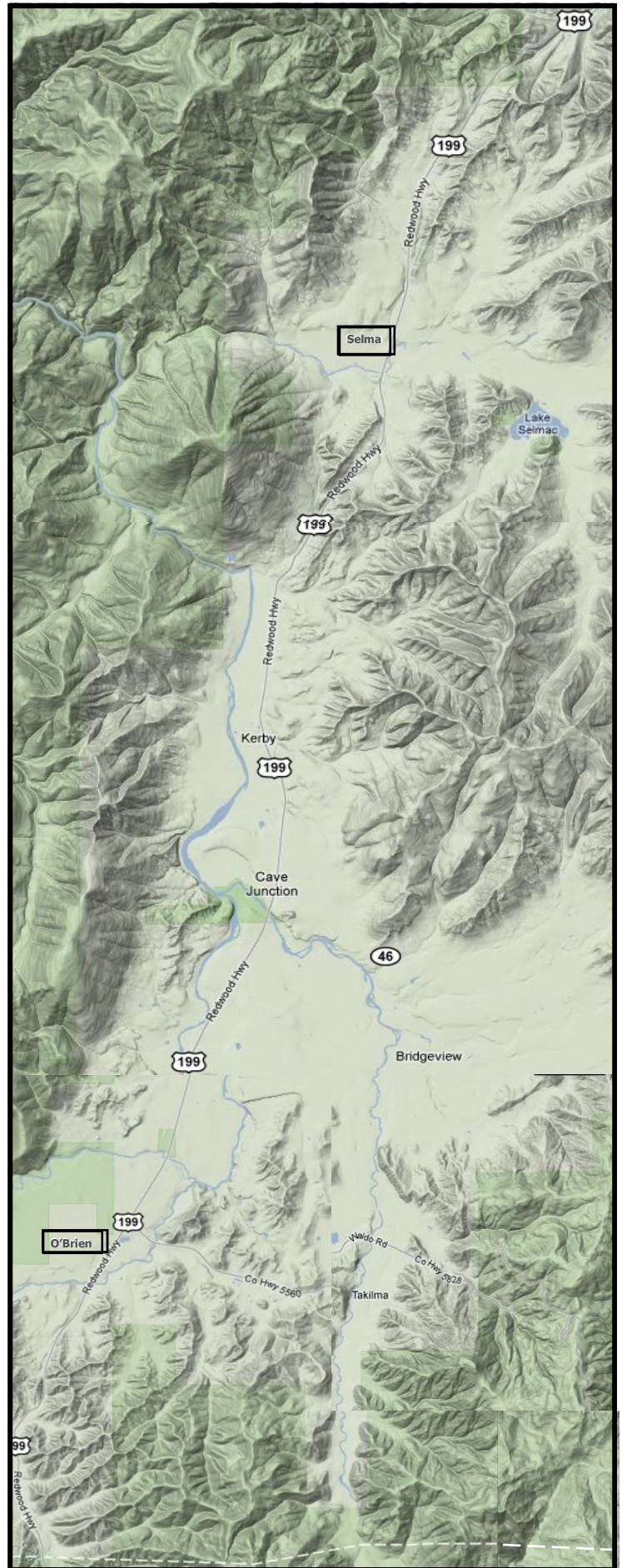
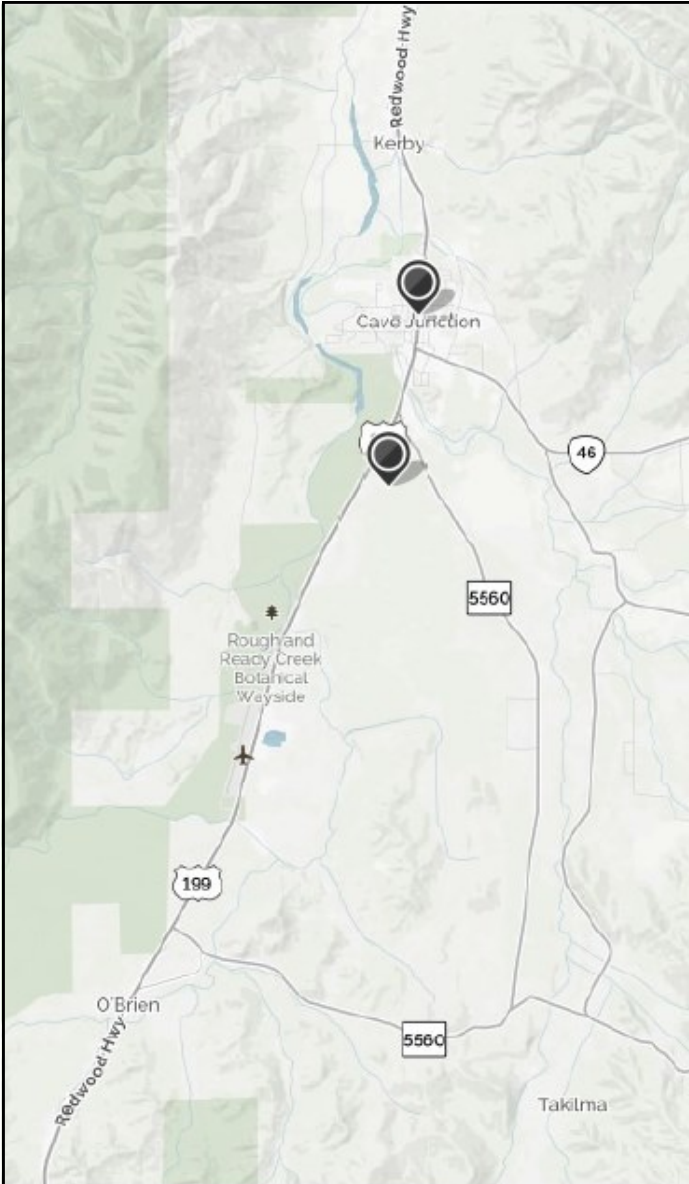
Our number one need is for a modern training facility. We have land behind Fire Station 1 already cleared and a site plan developed. We are exploring grant funding to complete this project. The scope is a modular multi-story burn building with other training props as part of the building. This facility is desperately needed to maintain the proficiency of the firefighters. The site plan also include a proposed maintenance facility to move our maintenance shop from Station 4.



Illinois Valley Fire District Vital Statistics 2017-2018 fiscal year

Land Area	144 Square Miles
Approx. Population	17,000
Government	Special District
Assessed Valuation	610,096,072
Fire District Budget	1,783,415
ISO Insurance Classification	4 / 10 w

*Source: 2017-2018 Audit Report
(includes bond debt & capital outlay)*



Fire District Administration

Board of 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.

Current IVFD Board of Commissioners:

- President: Carol Dickson
- Vice President: Richard Bouchard
- Secretary: Gary Price
- Commissioner: Edwin "Bob" Butler
- Commissioner: Jerry Lamb



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 Administrative Manager manages the administration support services of the Fire District. Responsibilities include providing general and confidential administrative sup-

port 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.

The 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 manages 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.



Personnel



The District is lead by the 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.



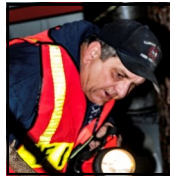
Division Chief, **Kamron Ismaili**, has been involved in the District since 2003, first as a volunteer and now as Division Chief of Operations and Prevention as well as our Fire Marshal. Chief Ismaili is committed to the District and gives his best at all times.



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.



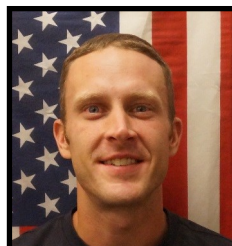
Paula LeMasters joined the District in February of 2017 and serves as District Secretary.

Volunteers

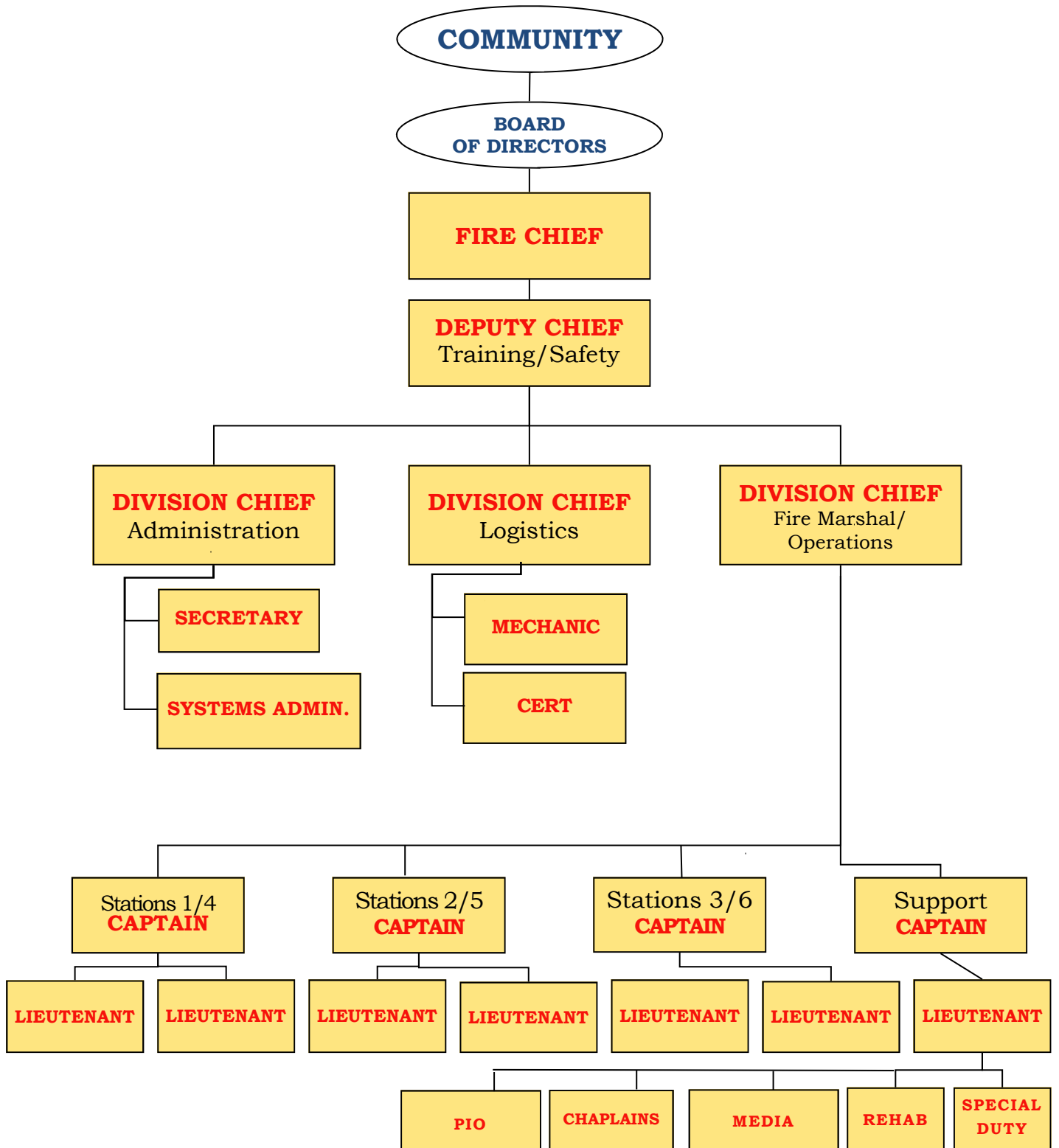
In 2017 volunteers contributed thousands of hours to the Illinois Valley Fire District. Our volunteer roster included citizens from all walks of life: mill workers, bankers, retirees, law enforcement professionals, students, and food service workers to name a few. Our volunteers share a commitment to 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.

FF-EMT's

In December of 2017 we received a five year Levy from our voters. This has allowed IVFD to hire four full time Firefighter/EMT's. We would like to welcome Noah Miller, Tim Norman, Christopher Peterson, and Christopher Petetit to team.



ILLINOIS VALLEY ***FIRE*** DISTRICT



24 Hour District Coverage

Paid Staff:

The paid staff works Monday through Thursday from 07:00 hours to 17:00 hours.

Volunteer Hours:

Volunteer shifts run Monday through Thursday from 19:00 hours to 07:00 hours. Friday through Sunday from 07:00 hours to 19:00 hours for the day shift and 19:00 hours to 07:00 hours for the night shift.

This configuration maintains available responders in the District and sustains a constant state of readiness.

Duty Officer:

The Duty Officer acts as the Fire District's command authority when other higher-ranking officers are off duty or unavailable. They also supervise the volunteers. The duty officers are: Fire Chief Dennis Hoke, Deputy Chief Jeff Gavlik, Div. Chief Kris Sherman, Div. Chief Kamron Ismaili, and Capt. Joseph Latva. The duty officers work on a rotating schedule to keep 24/7 coverage in our district.

Shift Staffing:

The Shift Staffing program provides a minimum one person staffing level in the District at all times. It requires the volunteers to staff Station #1 for at least two 12 hour shifts per month or pull a modified duty. Station #1 (Cave Junction) was designated as the location for the program because it is centrally located and has appropriate accommodations. The Duty Officer of the day assists the crews with on-shift training and decision making.

Resident and Student Programs:

The resident program requires each resident to pull ten 24 hour shifts each month; staffing either Station 1 or Station 2. In return they receive free housing, kitchen, laundry, and weight room use, and free utilities including TV and internet access. They also receive hands on training in Firefighting, Rescue, and EMS.

The student program also requires each Firefighter to pull ten 24 hours shifts each month; staffing either Station 1 or Station 2. Students for the Illinois Valley Fire District will receive either a tuition reimbursement or payment directly to the college institution for each credit hour that they register for, including books, up to the program maximum allocated amount,

currently \$1,800. (Subject to change).

Our resident and student program have been a tremendous help with shift staffing. This program helps station residents and students further their careers while helping the Fire District with shift coverage. The end result is staffed units out the door faster as well as better educated and trained members for our District.

The IVFD is always accepting volunteer applications and hopes to expand the coverage in 2018.

Career FF/EMTs

Three of our career Firefighter/EMT's work 48/96 rotating shifts while the fourth works Fri—Mon. These shifts have given us the ability to have at least one trained EMT on each shift to better serve the needs of our community.



Apparatus:

We acquired another large military vehicle from the FEPP program, in January of 2017 "The B.A.T." a 3,000 gallon Water Tender was put in service at station #2 in Selma. We also purchased a 2008 Ford F-450 Utility truck, we are going to build a brush truck using the monies received from the wildland deployments that we went to this last summer, so no monies will be used out of the budget.

Training:

We trained 11 new EMR's (Jobe Ratliff, Noah Miller, John Miles, Rose Davis, Paula Edwards, Q Lackey, BJ Latva, Kathy Young, Brian Pfeiffer, Shelly Sheridan and Christina O'Brien) and provided CPR training as needed. We had two firefighters get their EMT and a couple more working on completing theirs. This will greatly improve our medical response capabilities.

Our resident and student program is in full swing and has helped with shift staffing. This program helps station residents and students further their careers while helping the Fire District with shift coverage. The end result is staffed units out the door faster.

Deputy Chief Gavlik and Division Chief Ismaili both obtained their NFPA Fire officer II certifications and Division Chief Ismaili has also completed his requirements to receive his Oregon Fire Marshal certification.

Continued Education/Training is a priority with IVFD and we provide as much training for our staff and volunteers as possible. We already have volunteers who will be attending the next Firefighter I academy and a few that are continuing their education in the medical

field (EMT and Paramedic) at this time.

The advanced training is an asset to our district and our community as a whole.

Finance and Budget

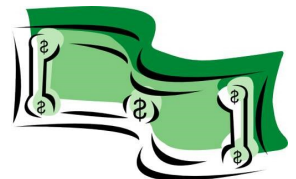
Budget

Illinois Valley Fire District has a fiscal year of July 1 through June 30 of the following year. During the fiscal year 2016-2017 our District collected revenues in the amount of \$1,543,981 for operational expenses (not including capital project fund monies or bond debt payments). Actual amounts spent came to the total of \$1,576,096—putting the District over budget in the amount of \$32,115.

This year was a great year for the District's ability to secure grants. Specifically, we were able to obtain a grant in the amount of \$9,200 towards the purchase of wildland gear from the VFA. Additionally, CERT was awarded \$10,264 from Department of Homeland Security.

Our 2017-2022 levy for the hiring of four Firefighter/EMTs was a success. We hired 4 new Firefighter/EMTs in December 2017.

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

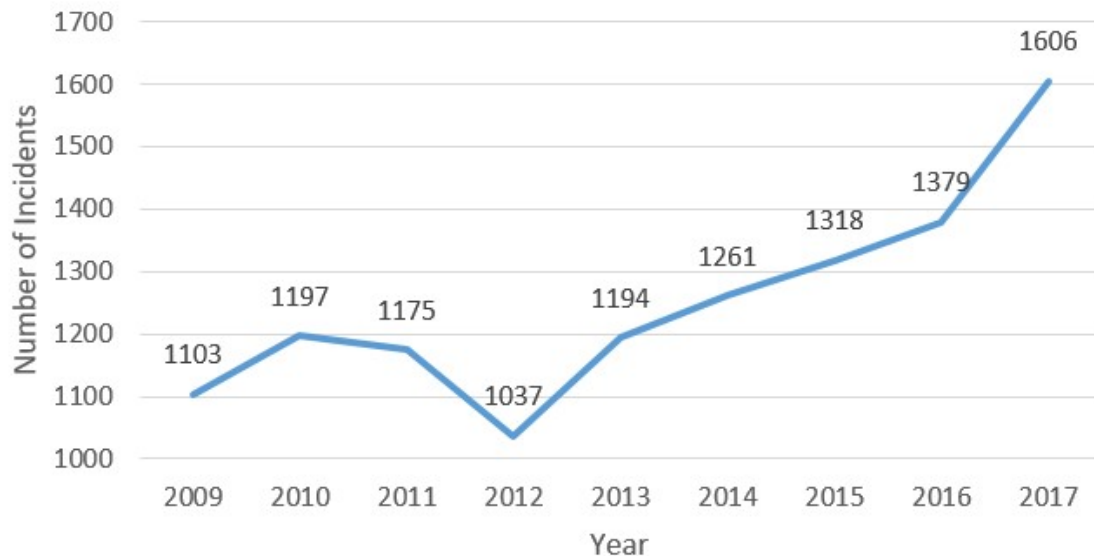


Emergency Services

The past year for the Fire District was busy to say the least. There were **1606** logged calls which included: 926 Medical calls, 316 Fire calls, 206 Traffic Accidents, 133 Public Assists, and 25 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, 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.

Total Number of Logged Incidents for 2017: 1606

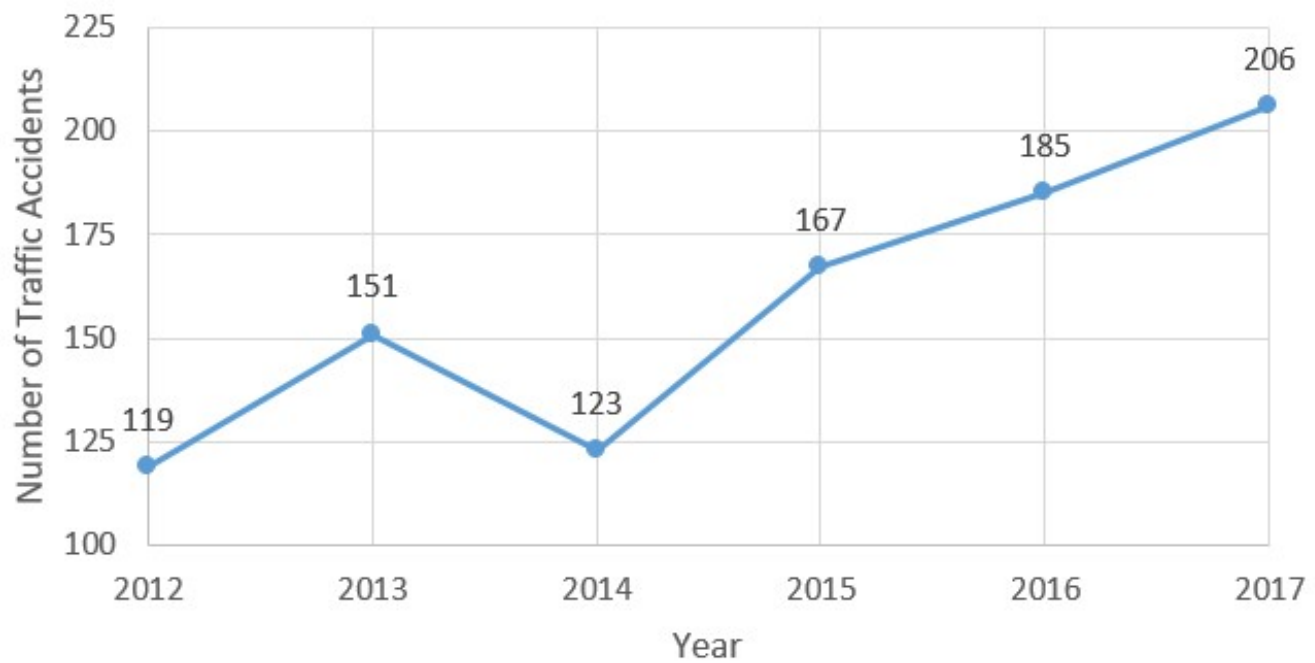
IVFD Call Totals



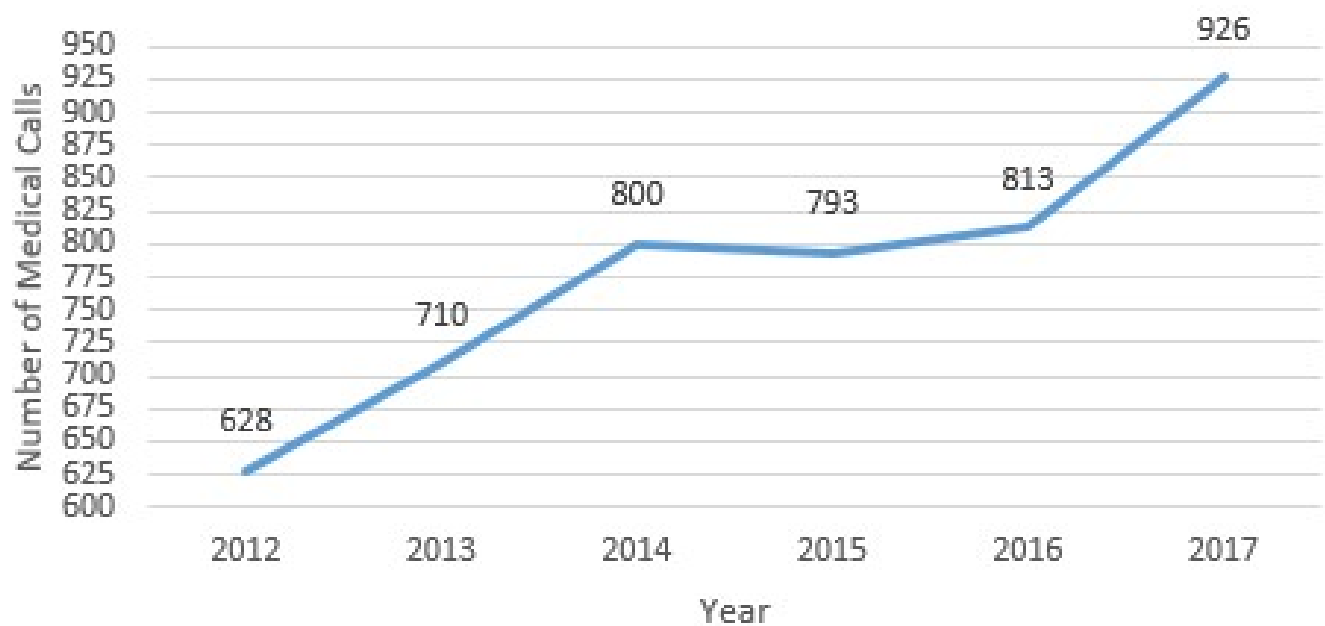
IVFD Calls by Month for 2017



Traffic Accidents By Year



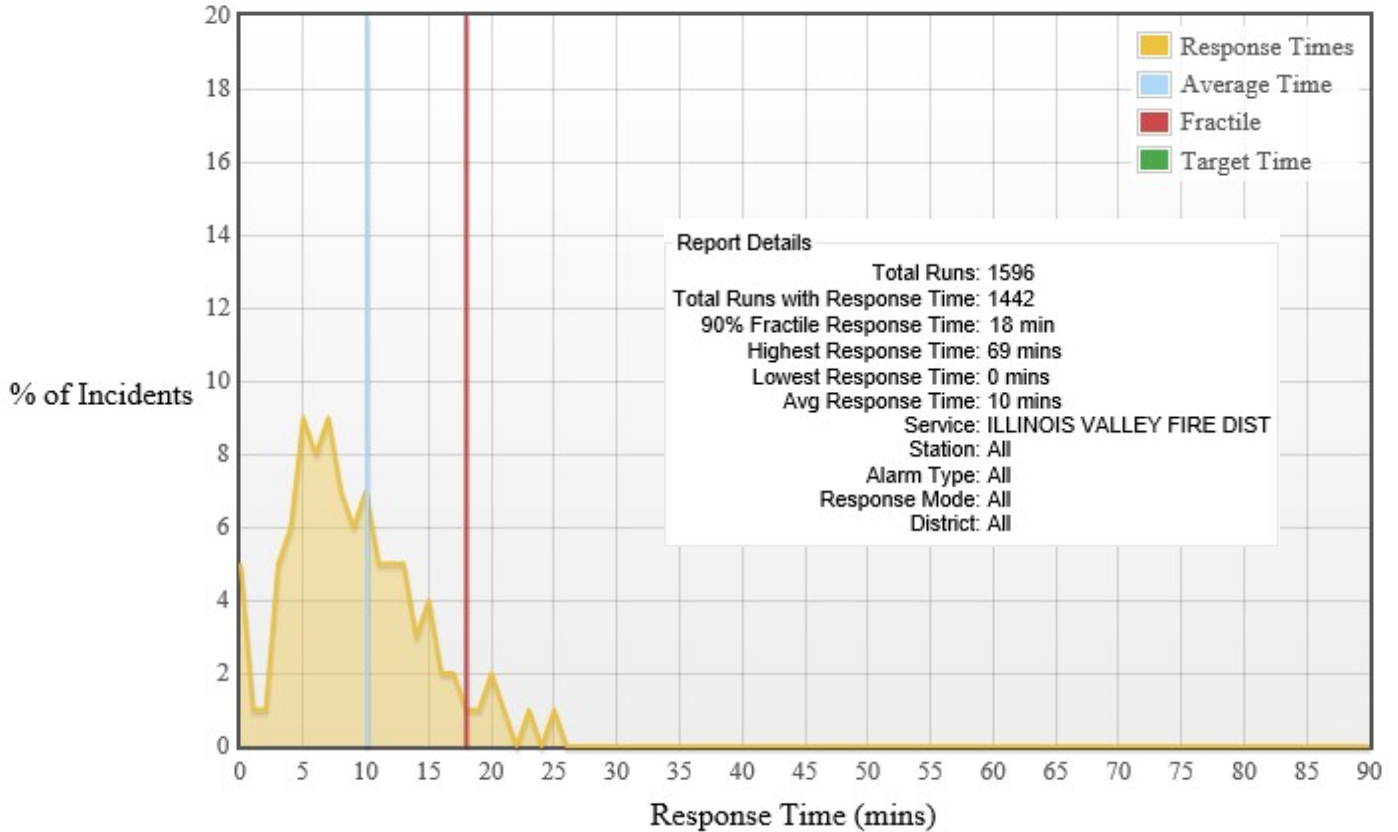
Medical Calls By Year



Response Times:

In 2017 our average response time for the first unit on scene was **10 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:



Alarm Analysis by Districts

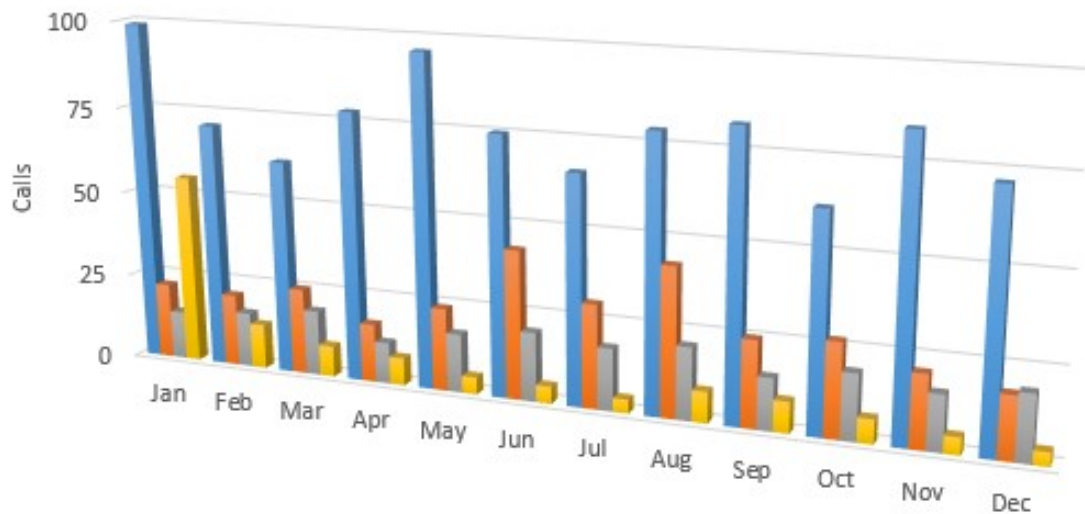
Reporting Between: 01/01/2017 - 12/31/2017
Printed On: 03/08/2018

Districts	Time						Total
	12 AM To 4 AM	4 AM To 8 AM	8 AM To 12 PM	12 PM To 4 PM	4 PM To 8 PM	8 PM To 12 AM	
*NA	145	151	334	344	387	242	1603
Not Applicable	0	0	0	0	1	0	1
Not Known	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Grand Total	145	151	334	345	388	242	1605

Day of Week

Districts	Days of Week							Total
	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
*NA	201	262	253	245	219	217	206	1603
Not Applicable	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Not Known	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Grand Total	202	262	253	246	219	217	206	1605

2017 Incident Types By Month



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
■ Med	99	71	62	78	96	75	66	79	82	62	84	72
■ Fire	22	21	25	17	24	43	30	43	25	27	21	18
■ Traffic Accident	14	16	19	12	17	20	18	21	15	19	16	19
■ Public Assist	55	13	9	8	5	5	4	9	9	7	5	4
	Month											

Reported Fire Loss by year

	Fire Deaths	Fire Injuries	Fire Incidents	Fire Loss
2012	1	2	52	\$ 892,830.00
2013	1	4	62	\$ 2,540,240.00
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

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 57% 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.

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.



Stations

Station 1: 681 Caves Hwy, Cave Junction



Station 4: 5465 Holland Loop Rd, Cave Junction



Station 2: 18505 Redwood Hwy, Selma



Station 5: 4240 Lakeshore Dr, Selma



Station 3: 10 Lone Mountain Rd, O'Brien



Station 6: 8450 Takilma Rd, Cave Junction



Training

During the year 2017 Illinois Valley Fire District's members collectively trained some 3,524 man hours in a myriad of routine and specialized emergency operational fields.

IVFD training is overseen by the Deputy Chief / Training Officer, Jeff Gavlik. Deputy Chief Gavlik has been the District's Training Officer since 1999.

Accreditation

The District is accredited by the Oregon Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (DPSST) as a training agency for the following disciplines:

NFPA Firefighter I
NFPA Firefighter II
NFPA Fire Apparatus Driver / Operator
Wildland Interface Firefighter (FFT2)
Advanced Wildland Interface Firefighter (FFT1)

Instructors

Our in-house instructors are Chief Officers, Lieutenants and veteran Firefighters. Five of our instructors are certified at the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Instructor I level, and one at the NFPA Instructor II level.

Training Schedule

Paid career staff and volunteers train together during weekly drills. Weekday evening drills last 2 to 3 hours. Volunteer members also train while on shift.

We continued performing joint training with our mutual aid partners during 2017. Quarterly, we rotate hosting trainings on structural and wildland issues.

In-House Training

The Illinois Valley Fire District provides a variety of in-house training including:

NFPA Firefighter I
NFPA Firefighter II,
Wildland S-130/190
Emergency Medical Responder,
Apparatus Driver/Operator
Vehicle Extrication
Roof Ventilation
CPR

Fire Academy

In 2017 two regional fire academies were held, however, we did not have any new volunteers to attend.

Outside Training

In 2017 some members received specialized training, including:

Incident Management
Public Education
Code Enforcement
Fire Investigation
Management and Leadership
Emergency Medical Services

New Events for 2017:

Expansion of CERT Program
New EMRs: Jobe Ratliff, John Miles, Q Lackey, BJ Latva, Brian Pfeiffer and Christina O'Brien
New EMTs: Noah Miller and Neil Kisiela
Firefighter Student Program: Daniel Marler and Kyle Lane



Apparatus and Equipment

Vehicle Fleet

Staff Vehicles

2011 Ford Expedition; Fire Chief
2008 Ford Expedition Dep. Chief
2008 Ford Expedition Div. Chief Operations
2001 Ford Expedition: Staff Vehicle
2005 Chevy Trailblazer: Staff Vehicle
1995 Ford F-350 Type 6: Div. Chief Logistics

Station 1

1992 Engine Western States 1000 gallon 1250 Gpm
2008 Tender Volvo 3000 Gallon 1000 Gpm
2015 Rescue Dodge Ram 5500
1994 Utility GMC 1-ton
1995 Type 6 Ford F-350 200 Gallon
1999 Rehab Ford E-Van.
2000 CERT Ford E-Van
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
1981 Engine Ford L-900 1000 Gallon 1250 Gpm

Station 3

1998 Engine BME Navistar 1000 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
1975 Engine Ford L-975 1000Gallon 1250Gpm

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.

Sold

1981 Tender L-900 3000 Gallon 600 Gpm



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 2017 IVFD participated in many local activities to spread fire prevention and safety messages. Some of these included:

- 1/28 Health and Wellness Fair at the Senior Center
- 2/14 Girls Scout Troop Tour of Station 1
- 3/10 Presentation at Evergreen Elementary
- 4/15 Prepare Fair at IVHS
- 4/16 Easter Egg Hunt at Jubilee Park
- 4/22 Open House/BBQ Station 1
- 4/27 Dome School Station 1 Tour
- 5/6 Pet Parade at Jubilee Park
- 5/25 EMS Week CPR Challenge at Shop Smart
- 6/3 555th Event at IV Airport
- 6/21 Presentation at Head Start
- 6/22 Presentation at Head Start
- 6/27 Presentation at Head Start
- 7/2 IVHS Alumni Breakfast
- 8/14 Superhero Week at Boys & Girls Club
- 9/4-5 Labor Day celebration at Jubilee Park
- 10/12 Homecoming Bonfire at IVHS
- 10/31 Trick or Treat at Station 1
- 11/25 Transport Santa to Tree Lighting
- 12/16 Santa visits Station 1
- Nov—Dec Canned food drive

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 2017 the Fire District gave 2 station tours 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 2017 we accepted 17 annexations into the District.

Facility Inspection:

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 2017, 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. In the 2016-2017 burn season there were approximately 1793 residential burn permits issued.



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.

IVFD Goals and Accomplishments

2017 Accomplishments:

- Trained all IVFD EMR's and EMT's on 12 leads
- Tested and instituted a auto-launch for Mercy Flights helicopter for STEMI's
- Hired 4- Firefighter /EMT's
- Replace an outdated tender with a 3000 gallon refurbished military chassis
- Pass a levy to hire 4 firefighter/EMT's
- Developed a water supply guide for the entire Illinois Valley.
- Upgraded radio paging tone system
- CERT received a \$10K grant for equipment
- Received the Gold EMS award From the American Heart Association for our STEMI program

2018 Goals:

- Develop a funding method to replace Fire Station 5, Lake shore
- Replace an outdated tender with a 3000 gallon refurbished military chassis
- Develop a comprehensive master plan looking out 10-15 years
- Recruit for additional volunteer firefighters
- Complete mobile command post project
- Seek additional funding sources to complete training facility project
- Develop a pre-fire planning program for business and high risk facilities.
- Replace one type 6 engine
- Procure a replace staff vehicle
- Procure an additional tow vehicle for the air trailer
- Continue to expand student/resident program
- Provide staffing for an alternate EOC
- Continue to recruit for the Explorer program
- Install computers on front line engines
- Install an additional radio repeater in Cave Junction
- Procure extraction washing machine for firefighter turnouts
- Compete the mutual aid agreement with Gasquest CA Fire District.



IVFD Annual Awards Banquet

Chief's Award: Capt. Joe Latva

Officer of the Year: Lt. Kathy Koontz

Firefighter of the Year: FF Daniel Marler

Rookie of the Year: FF Noah Miller

Support Member of the Year: BJ Latva

CERT Member of the Year: Larry Hammersmith

Unit Citation: CERT

Individual Citation: Div. Chief Ismaili





IVFD is sponsoring a **Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)**. This group of 17 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 2017 CERT supported the Fire District with just over 1,000 hours of support, assisting with traffic control, assisting with Rehab, air trailer opps, 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 service opportunities, and College and Career Readiness Preparation.





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