

Respectfully,

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Subject: Staffing changes

Jamie! I hope you are well and that you survived the holidays. That said as a result of our COVID scare and changes I feel it is in the best interest of the Seal Rock Fire District community to maintain our staff at the Bayshore station. Being in District will ease the stress locally about the use of tax dollars and the perception that it is being used to make sure there is a 3 person engine company available in Waldport. What is more important to having the three person engine company, in my experience, is the flexibility that the split staffing provides. Our paid staff will still automatically respond to all calls and our crews will be just across the bridge and can meet up at incidents as needed.

We are also bolstering our response with volunteers. It is a reboot, we are not starting from scratch so we can get folks up to speed fairly quickly. Our volunteers are ready to help in whatever way theft can. I am restricting them from medical care but they will be there for muscle. That too will change as we train up the group.

I hope this is not deemed as an attempt to separate from the IGA because it's not. It is an adjustment to the implementation to a more equitable model that meets the needs of Seal Rock.

Let me know if you have any questions. My cell number is 541-270-1468. Will.