

KEIZER VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS ASSOCIATION

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The Honorable Fred Girod and Rob Nosse
Co-Chairs, Capital Construction Subcommittee of Joint Ways & Means
Oregon State Capitol
900 Court St NE
Salem OR 97301

Dear Co-Chairs:

I write in support of the request to Capital Construction to provide important early funding for the joint resilience and response station planned as a joint venture managed by two adjoining fire districts: Keizer Fire District and Marion County Fire District 1.

As with many fire agencies, Keizer Fire started as an all-volunteer fire district in 1948. We predate the City of Keizer by more than three decades. As Keizer grew, so did the demands on firefighters. Over time, the Keizer Rural Fire District began employing career firefighters, but most of the work was still performed by volunteers.

Today, Keizer has a full complement of well-trained, professional firefighters on duty 24/7. Their service to the Fire District (our lines are larger than the City of Keizer) continues to be supplemented by volunteers, including students in the fire program at Chemeketa Community College.

KVFA supports building a new station for the Keizer Fire District. Our current single station just isn't large enough to support the number of firefighters and apparatus needed by our growing community and the resulting 9-1-1 call volume. Moreover, we support the plan to build our second station as a joint station with Marion County Fire. We already respond as mutual aid to one another. We already train together. This will enhance the ability of career firefighters, and volunteer firefighters, with both Districts to work more closely together to ensure a quick and seamless response when lives and property are in peril.

Thank you for considering the request to Capital Construction to help get this long overdue project off the ground. Thank you.

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darrell W. Fuller".

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