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2 Cents Worth

Smoke from area wildfires has blanketed the sky over Seldovia for a significant portion of the summer. With the recent brush fires in or near Seldovia - and the decline in the number of people volunteering for the local Fire Department - the Seldovia Gazette decided to ask past and present firefighters:

How can the City Fire Department retain more volunteers?



"Retention is problematic in any all-volunteer department. You have to have a dedicated leader who is motivating, inspiring and able to overcome the good ole' boy institution that's in place."

Manfred Kirchner

"Ideally you would have a part-time paid Chief who could dedicate more time to volunteer recruitment and training."

Mavis Owens



"We need more professional outside training."

Mike Driscoll

"We need a Chief who can lead volunteers. Basically we need good leadership, someone who can bring together willing volunteers."

Andy Lorentz



Letters to the Editor

The Seldovia Gazette values freedom of speech. We welcome original, insightful letters from our readers on issues that are of concern to them. However, due to space considerations, please limit letters to 300 words. We also reserve the right to edit all

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