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From: Penn, Ian [Ian.Penn@fireandemergency.nz]
Sent: Thursday, September 3, 2020 3:56 PM
To: Secretary
Subject: RE: LEVIN VOLUNTEER BRIGADE

Good afternoon Ms Watson,

Your request to meet with the Levin Volunteer Fire Brigade is declined.

Kind Regards

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Subject: LEVIN VOLUNTEER BRIGADE
Importance: High

Dear Ian

I am writing to you as the acting Chief Fire Officer of the Levin Brigade.

As you are likely to be aware, in their June 2020 report "Levin Volunteer Fire Brigade Critical Day Staffing" Region Manager Te Upoko Bruce Stubbs and Area Manager Mitchell Brown reported "the Levin Volunteer Fire Brigade has increasingly been unable to provide adequate available qualified volunteer officers and drivers to ensure the 1st response appliance meets acceptable response requirements" and described the response risk at a "critical level".

The Report contains limited evidence and only sets out a business case for the options of doing nothing, providing day crew from Palmerston North or appointing a two-person professional career crew of a Station Officer and a Senior Firefighter (qualified driver) to the Levin Station. The Report does not provide any insight into the Brigade's view on what needs to be done or how it should be done.

We would welcome an opportunity to meet with you and the Levin Volunteer Brigade to hear the Brigade's views on the current circumstances and what needs to happen for the Brigade to continue to protect the community. As FENZ has now advertised for professional career staff to

be stationed at Levin, we respectfully request that such a meeting is organised as a matter of urgency. We understand it is likely that the members of the Brigade would only be available in the evenings or the weekend and we are willing to meet at the time that suits the Brigade.

I can be contacted on 021 928 819 directly to discuss any of the above including arrangements for the requested meeting.

Yours sincerely,

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