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CHP in MONO COUNTY

Several years ago the CHP and the State of California Department of Finance sent representatives to Mono County to study the feasibility of replacing the old CHP facility in Bridgeport with a new facility.

The Board of Supervisors lobbied the CHP to replace the facility at a new location in Bridgeport.

After considering several possible County sites the final decision was to not consider a new facility in Bridgeport during their next round of CHP construction of new sites.

NOW, I have learned that the State of California is considering completely eliminating the Bridgeport office as a command facility.

If the office is closed the Commander position will be eliminated and the administration staff positions will also be eliminated.

The CHP officers will work from their homes and report to the Command center in Bishop. As you know some of the officers, at present live in Nevada.

I BELIEVE THAT IF THIS CHANGE IS MADE THAT THE PUBLIC SAFETY IN MONO COUNTY WILL BE IN TROUBLE.

It is my understanding that a report by the CHP will be arriving in Sacramento this week.

It's my recommendation that the BOS take immediate action to notify the CHP, the Department of Finance, and the Governor that Mono County would like to be heard.

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