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Tēnā koe [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request of 10 February 2025, to Fire and Emergency New Zealand requesting information relating to Castle Hill, Lake Coleridge, and Upper Rakaia under the Official Information Act 1982 (OIA). We copy and respond to each aspect of your request below.

1. *How many volunteers are based at Castle Hill, Lake Coleridge and Upper Rakaia and their ranks?*

Please see the below table which details the numbers and positions of volunteers at Castle Hill, Lake Coleridge, and Upper Rakaia. As noted in our previous response, Castle Hill is a sub-unit of Springfield Volunteer Fire Brigade and falls under their influence and command chain. Similarly, Lake Coleridge is a sub-unit of Hororata Volunteer Fire Brigade.

Location	Number of volunteers	Positions
Castle Hill	16	1 Fire Fighter 15 Recruit Rural Firefighters
Lake Coleridge	12	1 Deputy Chief Fire Officer 2 Crew Leaders 8 Firefighters 1 Recruit Firefighter
Upper Rakaia	20	3 Non-Operational Support 1 Rural Controller 1 Rural Deputy Controller 9 Rural Firefighter 2 Rural Operational Support 4 Rural Recruit Firefighter

2. *Do FENZ have requirements / guidelines as to if a remote station shall be provided with a vehicle and suitable station facilities? or is this down to area representation or decision?*

We can confirm there are no requirements or guidelines for the supply of vehicles or station facilities at remote stations.

Fire and Emergency base our resourcing for these remote locations on the risks posed locally in the district and region. Each district and region review the assets and resource in these remote locations and, where a gap is identified, a business case is developed. The business case seeks authorisation from the Service Delivery Operational Leadership Team for the proposed change and factors in future builds, and the subsequent cascade of appliances.

3. *Is there a reason for the significantly different assets between Upper Rakaia and Lake Coleridge, given they are across the river from each other and that Upper Rakaia only recorded 1 call for 2024? and are similarly remote.*

Prior to the establishment of Fire and Emergency in 2017, Upper Rakaia was managed by Ashburton District Council and Lake Coleridge was managed by Selwyn District Council. The assets in these locations are predominantly those inherited from that time. The only additional equipment supplied to Upper Rakaia since 2017 has been IT equipment.

We are currently reviewing our facility and equipment requirements for Lake Coleridge. No decisions have been made.

We trust that the information being provided is of assistance. If you require further information, please email officialinformationrequests@fireandemergency.nz

Please note that because of the identified public interest in the information that you have requested, we intend to publish this response (with your personal details removed) on our website.

Nāku noa, nā



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