

OSP: New office is more than 1,000 square feet larger

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“We looked in Astoria for property and there just wasn’t any locations there that would be feasible and work,” Merila said. “Oregon Youth Authority, Medix and even Costco. All of this area is elevated enough it’s out of the tsunami zone. It’s a matter of there is land here. We looked in Astoria, and there were not any areas to build.”

Warrenton Mayor Mark Kujala said his city has become an attractive place to develop since there is plenty of affordable, centrally-located land outside the tsunami zone.

“There are a number of essential services, social services and community services that are wanting to be central in the county. Warrenton is centrally located,” Kujala said. “We have the land to develop and that is what is happening. People are recognizing that Warrenton is a growing hub for both commercial activity and these services as well.”

Moving in

The new Warrenton office is about 9,000 square feet, more than 1,000 square feet larger than the old location in Astoria.

Merila said the layout of the new office will be more efficient. The office connects directly to a large shop area that can store trucks and boats from the OSP Fish and Wildlife Division.

Cort Dokken, an state police general services manager, said the office is being specially built to withstand earthquakes and other natural disasters.

The state police did a similar office relocation in Coos Bay about five years ago.

Keeping the Clatsop County office open during a disaster is important, Dokken said, considering the other closest area command office is in Newport. Smaller worksites are in Tillamook and St. Helens.

Having a sturdy building will help keep the local office open during a major event.

“If something bad happens we should still be able to operate,” Dokken said.



Andrew Midkiff cuts acoustical ceiling tile to install in the new Oregon State Police Astoria Area Command Center.

A view of some of the cubicles inside the new Oregon State Police Astoria Area Command Center in Warrenton. Photos by Joshua Bessex The Daily Astorian



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