

# Shutdown: 'We have to just hope for the best'

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About 43,000 enlisted Coast Guard members deemed essential employees are working without pay. That includes 1,870 active-duty personnel and 130 civilians in the Coast Guard's District 13, which includes Sector Columbia River. Local estimates have about 1,500 in and around Astoria affected by the stoppage in pay.

## Spouses speak out

Those serving in the Coast Guard are reluctant to speak publicly about their views of the shutdown. But some spouses are opening up about their struggles, and about how the community has rallied in their time of need.

Jennifer Siems, a substitute teacher whose husband is an operations specialist aboard the Coast Guard cutter Alert, which is out on patrol, has been stocking up on food for her two sons, while making sure she has enough gas to make it to work.

"Of course this happened at the worst time of the year, right after Christmas, which meant there were two weeks I didn't get to work because of Christmas vacation," she said. "So, I will have a paycheck coming this month, but it won't be very big."

The Coast Guard internally found a way to pay personnel one last time in late December. But Adm. Charles Ray, vice commandant, has said no more stop-gaps are in the offing.

"I think most of us took all of our last paycheck and paid as much of our bills as we could," said Michelle Somers, whose husband is stationed at Air Station Astoria. "Then at the end of the month, you have to decide: Do you pay your bills or do you buy groceries?"

Coast Guard families



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**A 47-foot motor lifeboat from the Coast Guard's Station Cape Disappointment patrols in January.**

around the country have been depending on pop-up food pantries and other community efforts to help provide daily essentials.

Stacey Benson, whose husband is stationed on the cutter Steadfast, which is also out on patrol, is organizing a pop-up pantry Saturday and Sunday at the Astoria Masonic Lodge for all Coast Guard families, retirees and other furloughed federal employees.

She and other volunteers with a group called Be the Light are collecting donations throughout

the week. (For more information, visit [tinyurl.com/bethelightpantry](http://tinyurl.com/bethelightpantry))

"We are looking for the community to step up, and they have tremendously," Benson said.

## Help from the community

A list of businesses offering free products and services — from coffee, pizza and vitamins to yoga classes, concerts and haircuts — has been circulating among Coast Guard families.

The Astoria Moose Lodge is offering a "Come

support Our Coast Guard Community" benefit for employees affected by the federal government shutdown from 5 to 8 p.m. today. The event includes a turkey dinner with fixings for \$15, a raffle and an auction. All proceeds support Coast Guard families.

Several entities are providing other support to federal employees affected by the government shutdown. Wauna Federal Credit Union is offering no-interest loans. The American Legion is offering one-time grants of up to \$1,500 for eligible households. In addition, Coast Guard Mutual Assistance is offering low- or no-cost loans to service members.

The Astoria School District is offering free school lunches and waiving activity fees for children from families impacted by the shutdown.

"Astoria School District is committed to supporting families affected by the federal government shutdown," Craig Hoppes, the school superintendent in Astoria, said in a news release.

Siems said she and others have been regularly checking to see the status of two congressional efforts to pay Coast Guardsmen through the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

U.S. Rep. Peter DeFazio, D-Oregon, sponsored the Pay Our Coast Guard Parity Act in the House. U.S. Sen. John Thune, R-South Dakota, sponsored similar legislation, the Pay Our Coast Guard Act, in the Senate. Neither have made it beyond introduction.

"It's better to just stay positive and think about what we're doing for each other and how we're coming together," Siems said. "We can't dwell on what might happen. We have to just hope for the best."



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**Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare operates the crisis respite center in Warrenton.**

# Probe: 'Nothing rose to the level of discipline'

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Baker, who was placed on administrative leave in late December pending the investigation, returned to work on Monday.

The reason behind Baker's leave was not publicly disclosed by the agency's board. The board also did not publicly explain the investigation's findings in announcing Baker's return.

The confidential report was obtained by The Daily Astorian.

The Oregon Health Authority is conducting a separate investigation into the incident at the crisis respite center and is expected to share the findings with Clatsop County, which contracts with Clatsop Behavioral Healthcare for mental health treatment.

"So we welcome that investigation and, yes, we want to learn from this incident," said Lt. Kristen Hanthorn, the acting board chairwoman, who leads the Clatsop County Sheriff's Office Parole

and Probation Division. "But the initial issue that the majority of the board wanted to determine was whether or not Amy was available. And she was. She took the call. They talked out the incident. It was resolved that night by calling law enforcement."

"So nothing rose to the level of discipline or anything else for our employee."

Hanthorn said the board would not "Monday morning quarterback" the exchanges between Baker and the respite center's program manager, who felt confident enough to disagree with Baker's initial instruction.

"And, ultimately, they came to the right answer," she said.

Baker said the incident highlighted some areas for improvement in the agency's backup on-call process.

"I could have handled it a lot better," she said. "And that's not a reason that you would ever put an executive director on leave."

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# Bill: Has drawn criticism from journalists

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The public records law has also been criticized for the large number of exemptions — more than 500 — that have been carved out over the years.

The bill has drawn criticism from journalists, including The Oregonian's Gordon Friedman, who first reported on the legislation and balked at the requirement of stating with particularity the records he seeks.

"As a requester I often can't do that because I don't know what records exist — only that I would like to request records pertain-

ing to a topic," he wrote on Twitter.

Boone's legislation is one of 11 new public records bills this legislative session. Others would reduce public records fees from state agencies by half, award attorney fees against public bodies that don't respond to requests in a timely manner, explore creating a chief privacy officer position and prohibit using personal email for official business.

The state House on Monday also passed several new rules related to transparency.

The first will require

all amendments submitted to policy bills bear the name of a member or stakeholder group. The second will require that all committee bills bear the name of a member or stakeholder group that has requested the bill, effective Jan. 22. The third will require at least one hour to pass during the short legislative session before the House can act on a bill returned with changes

from the Senate.

"This is a positive step to bring greater transparency to the business of the House," said state Rep. Paul Holvete, D-Eugene, in a news release. "These rule changes are in the public interest and will provide Oregonians a better understanding of which legislators and stakeholders are proposing bills in the Capitol."

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TUESDAY EVENING		A - Charter Astoria/ Seaside - L - Charter Long Beach										JANUARY 15	
A	L	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
2	KATU (2)	KATU News at 6 (N)		Jeopardy! (N)	Wheel Fortune (N)	The Conners (N)	Kids-Alright (N)	Black-ish (N)	Splitting Up (N)	The Rookie "Flesh and Blood" (N)		News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
3	KOMO (4)	KOMO 4 News (N)		Wheel Fortune (N)	Jeopardy! (N)	The Conners (N)	Kids-Alright (N)	Black-ish (N)	Splitting Up (N)	The Rookie "Flesh and Blood" (N)		KOMO 4 News (N)	(35) Jimmy Kimmel
5	KING (5)	NBC News (N)	KING 5 News (N)		Evening	Ellen's Game of Games		This Is Us		New Amsterdam		KING 5 News (N)	(35) Tonight (N)
6	KOIN (6)	KOIN Local 6 (N)	Evening News (N)	Extra	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "The Last Link" (N)		FBI		NCIS:NO "Desperate Navy Wives" (N)		News (N)	(35) Colbert
7	KIRO (7)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Evening News (N)	KIRO 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "The Last Link" (N)		FBI		NCIS:NO "Desperate Navy Wives" (N)		KIRO News (N)	(35) Colbert
8	KGW (8)	KGW News at 6:00 p.m. (N)		Tonight Cassidy	Inside Edition	Ellen's Game of Games		This Is Us		New Amsterdam		News (N)	(35) Tonight (N)
9	KRCW (9)	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Goldbergs	The Goldbergs	The Flash		Roswell, New Mexico (P) (N)		News (N)	Friends	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
10	KOPB (10)	Ask-Old House	Nightly Business		PBS NewsHour (N)	Finding Your Roots "Mystery Men" (N)		Amer. Experience "Bonnie and Clyde"		Amer. Experience "The Swamp" Explore		the story of Florida's	Everglades. (SP) (N)
12	KPTV (12)	6 O'Clock News (N)		Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "The Roger and Me" (N)		The Gifted "hoMe" (N)		10 O'Clock News (N)		News (N)	Page Six TV
13	KPDx (13)	Mike & Molly	Mike & Molly	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	8pm Prime News (N)		9pm Prime News (N)		Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	American Dad!	The Game
13	KCPQ (13)	Modern Family	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lethal Weapon "The Roger and Me" (N)		The Gifted "hoMe" (N)		Q13 NEWS AT 10 (N)		News (N)	The Simpsons
20	TBS (20)	Family Guy	Family Guy	Bob's Burgers	Bob's Burgers	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan	
28	KZJQ (28)	Black-ish	Black-ish	Mom	Modern Family	Mom	Modern Family	Q13 News at 9 (N)		Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Two and a Half	Two and a Half
29	ESPN (29)	NCAA Basketball Notre Dame at North Carolina (Chapel Hill) (L)				SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter With Scott Van Pelt (N)		SportsCenter (N)		SportsCenter (N)	
30	ESPN2 (30)	ITF Tennis Australian Open Men's and Women's First Round Site: Melbourne Park -- Melbourne, Australia (L)											
31	NICK (31)	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	The Loud House	Double Dare	Double Dare	To Be Announced				Friends	(35) Friends
32	DISN (32)	Stuck in the Middle		Bunk'd	Coop & Cami	Raven's Home	Raven's Home	Bunk'd	Bizaardvark	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Raven's Home 1/3	Raven's Home 2/3
34	FAM (34)	(5:30) *** Ratatouille ('07) Voices of Patton Oswalt, Brad Garrett.				Good Trouble "The Coterie" (N)		*** The Lion King ('94) Voices of Matthew Broderick, Jonathon Taylor Thomas.		The 700 Club			
35	FMC (35)	(4:50) Ride Along 2 (2016, Action/Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tika Sumpter, Ice Cube.		(4:45) * Ride Along 2 (2016, Action/Comedy) Kevin Hart, Tika Sumpter, Ice Cube.		Gooch Trouble "The Coterie" (N)		*** Saving Private Ryan (1998, War) Matt Damon, Edward Burns, Tom Hanks.		(40) Think Like a Man Too ('14, Com) Terrence Jenkins, Adam Brody, Regina Hall.		(35) The Brothers Grimms ('16) Sacha Baron Cohen.	
36	LIFE (36)	Married at First Sight		Married at First Sight		Love Unlocked (N)	Married at First Si	Married at First Sight	Strangers in Paradise" (N)		(35) Married at (N)	(05) Married "Strangers in Paradise"	
39	ROOT (39)	(5:00) Champions Tennis '18 Legends		PBA Bowling Oklahoma Open				In Depth	In the Spotlight	The Rich Eisen Show NFL commentary and interviews hosted by Rich Eisen.			
39	FS1 (39)	(5:30) NCAA Basketball Marquette at Georgetown (L)		Fox College Hoops		Speak for Yourself		TMZ Sports (N)	PBC Face to Face	PBC "Keith Thurman vs. Josesito Lopez"		NCAA Basketball Set. Hall/Prov.	
43	SPIKE (43)	Mom	Mom	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends	*** Sixteen Candles (1984, Comedy)		Anthony Michael Hall, Michael Shoeffling, Molly Ringwald.		Caddyshack ('80)	
44	COM (44)	The Office	The Office	The Office	The Office	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Tosh.0	Jim Jefferies Show	The Daily Show	The Office
45	HIST (45)	Curse Oak Island	To Be Announced		Curse of Oak Island		Behind the Dig	The Curse of Oak Island		(05) Brothers in Arms		(05) The Curse of Oak Island	
46	A&E (46)	First 48 "Mr. New Orleans/ No Shelter"		L. Remini "Propaganda Arms"		L. Remini "The Collection Agency"		Remini: Scientology		HomicideSquadAtlanta "Fallen Angel"		(05) First 48 "Deadly Favor/ Just Kids"	
47	TLC (47)	My Big Fat Fabulous Life "If Heather Finds Out..."		G.Rehab "Jacob's Automotive Part 1"		Big Fat Fabulous Li. "Old Habits Die Hard"		Buddy shares his disturbing feelings. (N)		I Am Jazz "Caterpillar to Butterfly" (N)		SisterWife "Let the Seeking Begin!"	
48	DISC (48)	Garage Rehab "Slop Shop"		G.Rehab "Jacob's Automotive Part 2"		G.Rehab "Jacob's Automotive Part 2"		Garage Rehab "Fly N' Hi" (N)		Bad Chopped "Cooler Than Dangit" (N)		Outlaws "Too Fast for Topeka" (N)	
49	NGEO (49)	Mountain Money "The Root Stops Here"		Life Below 0 "The Great Changeover"		Life Below Zero "Hounds of the Arctic"		Life Below Zero "Treading Water" (N)		Port Protection "The Woodsman" (N)		Life Below Zero "Hounds of the Arctic"	
50	TNT (50)	(5:00) *** American Sniper (2014, War) Sienna Miller, Luke Grimes, Bradley Cooper.		*** My Cousin Vinny (1992, Comedy) Marisa Tomei, Ralph Macchio, Joe Pesci.		*** Saving Private Ryan (1998, War) Matt Damon, Edward Burns, Tom Hanks.						(45) Act of Valor	
51	AMC (51)	(5:00) *** The Karate Kid ('84, Dra) Pat Morita, Elisabeth Shue, Ralph Macchio.		*** X-Men: Apocalypse (2016, Action) Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy, Jennifer Lawrence.		*** X-Men: Apocalypse (2016, Action) Michael Fassbender, James McAvoy, Jennifer Lawrence.				Temp Island (P) (N)	(55) Law&O: SVU "Producer's Backend"	(55) Law&O: SVU	
52	USA (52)	Law&Order: SVU "Girls Disappeared"		Law&Order: SVU "American Disgrace"		Chopped "Weird Twist"		Chopped "Deadly Catch" (N)		Chopped "Deadliest Baskets"		Chopped "Epic Eats"	
53	FOOD (53)	Chopped "All-Stars Tournament: Part 4"		Chopped		Chopped "Weird Twist"		Chopped "Deadly Catch" (N)		Chopped "Deadliest Baskets"		Chopped "Epic Eats"	
54	HGTV (54)	Fixer "Tight Budgets and Big Dreams"		Fixer Upper "New Chapter, New House"		Fixer "A Modern Cabin Makeover"		Windy City Rehab (N)		House Hunters (N)	House Hunters (N)	House Hunters	House Hunters
56	FX (56)	(5:00) *** X-Men: Days of Future Past ('14) Ian McKellen, Hugh Jackman.		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon		Anderson Cooper 360		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight With Don Lemon	
57	CNN (57)	Cuomo Prime Time		The Ingraham Angle		Fox News @ Night		Tucker Carlson Tonight		Hannity		The Ingraham Angle	
61	CNBC (61)	Shark Tank (N)		The Profit "Ben's Garden" (N)		The Profit "NYC Bagel Deli"		The Profit "Rayjus"		The Profit "Ben's Garden"		Paid Program	Paid Program
63	BRAV (63)	Below Deck "Let Them Eat Chicken!"		Below Deck "Check Yourself!"		Below Deck "I Said 'I Got It!'"		BelowD. "All That Glitters Isn't Gold" (N)		Buying It Blind "Gigi and Adrian"		Watch What (N)	Below Deck
64	TCM (64)	(5:00) Thousands Cheer		(1:15) *** Anchors Aweigh (1945, Musical) Frank Sinatra, Kathryn Grayson, Gene Kelly.		*** Two Sisters From Boston ('46) Kathryn Grayson, June Allyson.							
65	SYFY (65)	(5:15) *** Constantine ('05) Rachel Weisz, Keanu Reeves.		(4:5) *** Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (2010, Adventure) Emma Watson, Rupert Grint, Daniel Radcliffe.								(05) Futurama	(35) Futurama
162	RFD (162)	(5:30) Cattlemen	LandLeader TV	Downunder Horseman.		Chris Cox	To Be Announced	Ag PhD		Cattlemen to Cattlemen		LandLeader TV	Product Showcase