



SELDOVIA POLICE DEPARTMENT

"PROUDLY SERVING SELDOVIA AND THE SURROUNDING AREA"



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Hello,

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I wanted to reach out to the residents of the City of Seldovia and the greater Seldovia area to reiterate the importance of all of us following the mandates that have been issued by the State of Alaska. I strongly encourage all of you to read and be sure you understand all of the mandates.

The mandates that specifically apply to Seldovians that we are seeing the most violations of are the ones directing us to social distance (Health Mandate 011: Social Distancing) and preventing us from traveling in-between communities for non-essential reasons (Health Mandate 012: Intrastate Travel – Limiting travel between communities to critical infrastructure or critical personal needs).

Again, I encourage you to read the mandates for yourself and I would be happy to provide you with a copy if you need one. For those that appreciate the Reader's Digest version, let me summarize. Social Distancing means you only hang out with people that reside in your household. It doesn't matter if your friend has quarantined themselves or "feels really healthy." If you are hanging out with people other than those that live with you, you are in violation of Mandate 11. This does not prevent you from going on a walk with that friend and maintaining 6 feet of distance between you.

It also means, that people should not be coming from other communities and staying with you. No non-Seldovian visitors at this time. People that have a secondary home here and a primary home residence somewhere else, should not be returning to their secondary Seldovian homes right now. It is pretty simple and clearly defined who is allowed to travel.

I am sure you may have heard that I am contacting people that arrive in Seldovia to make sure they have legitimate reasons to be here that follow the state mandates. This will continue and those found in violation may face consequences for their actions as allowable per the mandates.

Imagine if in this time that every school in Alaska, and possibly the country, is closed, ours decided to stay open because "It's ok for Seldovia", or if our restaurants chose not to close as directed by the mandates. I would imagine many of us would be very alarmed. It is hard for local businesses to lock their doors and deal with the fallout that all of that entails, but they did it because it was the right thing to do.

That is what I am counting on Seldovians to do. The right thing; even when it is hard. We are all in this together and we will all get through this together. We are asking that you help protect your neighbors, family members and all that get to call Seldovia their home.

Thank You,
Paul
Chief Paul Cushman