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His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
And the Honorable Council
State House
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 4:8, authorize the Department of Safety, Division of Fire Safety, to accept the donation of 756 Kidde Combination Smoke and CO Alarms Model 900-CUDR from Kidde, with an estimated value of \$26,460. Appropriation: 010-023-66310000

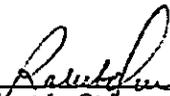
EXPLANATION

In 2023, fire departments in New Hampshire responded to 196,604 service calls, of which 3,167 were reported fires. The State Fire Marshal's Office was requested at 83 fire scenes in 2023, 25 of which were for death investigations (12 related to fire, 2 to carbon monoxide, and 13 to other causes). The lack of working smoke alarms is a leading contributing factor for residential fire deaths in New Hampshire. Nationally, three out of five deaths happen in homes with either no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. The risk of dying in a home is cut in half in homes with working smoke alarms.

The acceptance of the Kidde Combination Smoke and CO Alarms will provide significant benefits to the residents of New Hampshire in terms of overall public safety and community well-being. Combination Smoke and CO Alarms are essential tools in safeguarding residents against two common yet potentially life-threatening hazards: fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. By accepting this donation, New Hampshire can enhance its capacity to protect citizens from these dangers, reducing the risk of property damage, injuries, and fatalities.

The State Fire Marshal's Office will coordinate the distribution of Kidde Combination Smoke and CO Alarms with municipal fire departments.

Respectfully submitted,


Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner of Safety