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Her Excellency, Governor Kelly A. Ayotte
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
Concord, NH 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Pursuant to RSA 94:3, the Department of Safety, Office of the Commissioner, requests approval for an annual salary step increase for Mark Wholey, Director of the Division of Fires Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services (Position #9U371), in the amount of \$6,738.00 from a current salary of \$129,583.00 (Grade II, Step 5) to a new annual salary of \$136,321.00 (Grade II, Step 6), effective June 12, 2026.

EXPLANATION

RSA 94:3 "Yearly Service Increases", states, in part, that "upon recommendation of the appointing authority, the holder of any position mentioned in RSA 94:1-a shall be entitled to an annual increase in salary amounting to 1/6 of the difference between the minimum and maximum salary for said position but in no case shall the total salary exceed the maximum as herein established".

Mark Wholey was originally confirmed by the Executive Council as Director of the Division of Fire Standards and Training and Emergency Medical Services on June 4, 2025. Director Wholey is responsible for delivering advanced, up-to-date instruction to fire service personnel while maintaining robust training facilities in Concord and Bethlehem and ensuring that New Hampshire's Fire and EMS providers are properly certified and supported. Director Wholey also oversees the state's sole EMS regulatory authority, overseeing licensing, protocol development, data management, and the NH Trauma System.

In support of his increment, Director Wholey has successfully ensured that firefighter training is delivered efficiently and effectively across the State including successful implementation of updated curriculum. He and his team have worked collaboratively with the Fire Standards and Training Commission, NH Emergency Medical and Trauma Services Coordinating Board, Medical Control Board, and the Trauma Medical Review Committee. He has demonstrated leadership and dedication to providing the highest level of support to Fire and EMS services in the State of New Hampshire.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert L. Quinn
Commissioner