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Governor Hassan Directs Flags to Half-Staff in Honor of Fallen Orford Firefighter Charles Waterbury

CONCORD – Governor Maggie Hassan issued the following statement on the passing of Orford firefighter Charles Waterbury, who passed away fighting a brush fire in Lyme, and directed flags to half-staff on Monday, July 25, through Wednesday, July 27:

“Charles Waterbury courageously rushed to fight a brush fire in Lyme to protect his fellow citizens, and in doing so, was tragically taken from us far too soon. Through his service in the Orford Fire Department and the New Hampshire National Guard, Charles dedicated his life to keeping others safe, and his heroic commitment to public service has strengthened our state and our nation. Tom and I join all Granite Staters in mourning his tragic loss, and it is our responsibility as Granite Staters to come together in support of Charles’ family, loved ones, fellow firefighters and the entire Orford community.”

Flags will also be at half-staff on the day of firefighter Waterbury’s funeral, which will be announced when available.

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