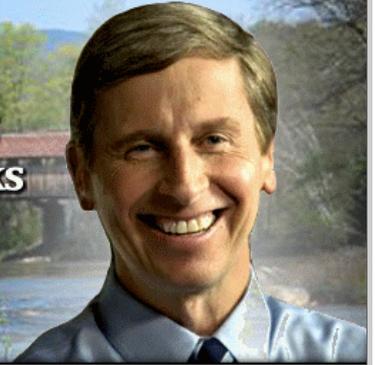


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Chris Pope to Step Down as Emergency Management Director in January

CONCORD – Governor Lynch today announced that Christopher Pope, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will be stepping down from his position in January.

Pope was appointed by Governor Lynch in August of 2006. Pope led the development of the state homeland security program and assisted Governor Lynch in coordinating state emergency operations during major incidents and disasters. The state experienced 12 federally declared disasters during his tenure.

"Chris Pope is an incredible public servant, and he has done an outstanding job as Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management," said Governor Lynch. "New Hampshire has seen more than its fair share of natural disasters, and I credit Chris and his team for their leadership in building New Hampshire's response capabilities and coordinating our responses to so many incidents. Chris is always the calm in the center of the storm, leaning forward to ensure New Hampshire is prepared and our citizens protected."

"Director Pope has played an integral part of keeping our citizens safe in the face of many natural disasters," said Department of Safety Commissioner John Barthelmes. "I thank Chris for his leadership and dedicated service. He will be missed."

"I am grateful for the privilege to serve the State of New Hampshire and especially thankful to Governor Lynch, Commissioner Barthelmes and the incredible team of federal, state and local responders who have demonstrated time and time again how working together in emergencies saves lives and property," Pope said.

Pope will spend the next month working to ensure a smooth transition of the state emergency response function to Governor-elect Hassan's administration.

