



State of New Hampshire Department of Safety

Robert L. Quinn, Commissioner
Richard C. Bailey, Jr., Assistant Commissioner
Eddie Edwards, Assistant Commissioner



Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Jennifer L. Harper, Director
Grant M. Nichols, Assistant Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Wednesday, March 24, 2021
Paul D. Raymond, Jr.
Strategic Communications Administrator
C: (603) 892-5804

PRESS RELEASE

NICHOLS APPOINTED AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

CONCORD, NH – Director Jennifer L. Harper announces the appointment of Grant M. Nichols, of Dover, New Hampshire as the Assistant Director of New Hampshire Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Earlier today, Governor Sununu and the Executive Council approved Assistant Director Nichols' appointment.

“Grant brings more than three decades of experience and knowledge and an unparalleled work ethic to the position,” Harper said. “He has been at the forefront protecting communities and New Hampshire’s critical infrastructure for the past two decades; those skills and relationships will be an enormous asset in his new role as Assistant Director.”

Assistant Director Nichols has over 35 years of experience in the law enforcement field, most recently serving as the Deputy Chief Harbor Master for the NH Division of Ports and Harbors. Assistant Director Nichols is a U.S. Air Force veteran, a critical infrastructure security expert, and co-chair of the regional Coast Guard Area Maritime Security Committee.

“I am humbled and feel very privileged to be given the opportunity to join this group of professionals as Assistant Director.” Nichols said. “I am excited to join the team at HSEM in furthering the mission and commitment to the safety and security of New Hampshire’s residents and visitors. The role of HSEM in assisting individuals, communities and businesses to be more resilient and to quickly recover from disasters is essential to the State’s economic vitality.

“Grant is joining us at a critical time in the pandemic and will be a great addition to the team”, Harper added.

###