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ROBERT BUXTON CONFIRMED DIRECTOR OF NH DIVISION OF HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

CONCORD, New Hampshire – On Wednesday, August 17, 2022, the New Hampshire Executive Council unanimously confirmed the appointment of Robert M. Buxton, of Bedford, as Director of the New Hampshire Department of Safety’s Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM).

“I am humbled by the opportunity that Governor Sununu and the members of the Executive Council have provided to me, and I am excited to take on this leadership step with HSEM,” said Buxton.


“Keeping New Hampshire safe and secure is critical, and Robert Buxton is the man for the job,” Governor Sununu said. “His impressive local experience, knowledge and leadership skills will ensure New Hampshire remains among the safest states in the Nation.”

Buxton joins state government following three decades in municipal fire service.

Since 2013, he has served as Chief of the Hudson Fire Department and as the Emergency Management Director for the Town of Hudson. Previously, he served as a Lieutenant with Nashua Fire Rescue.

Buxton has a master’s degree in Public Administration from the University of New Hampshire, as well as a Bachelor of Science in Fire Science Administration from Salem State College. He is also a graduate of the Executive Fire Officer Program at the National Fire Academy in Maryland.
“Robert’s extensive background in public safety, emergency preparation and disaster response makes him a great fit for this role,” said Department of Safety Commissioner Robert L. Quinn. “I am confident he will be a tremendous asset to our first-class team at HSEM.”

Buxton is scheduled to be sworn in September 6.

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About the Department:
The New Hampshire Department of Safety is one of the largest departments of state government, with more than 2,200 full-time, part-time, non-classified, and seasonal employees functioning in both uniformed and civilian capacities throughout the State. The Department affects the lives of all New Hampshire residents and visitors by enforcing criminal, motor vehicle and boating laws, and providing for fire safety, fire and emergency medical training, emergency communications and disaster planning. Established by the New Hampshire General Court in 1961, the Department consists of the divisions of Administration, Emergency Services and Communications, Fire Safety (Office of the State Fire Marshal), Fire Standards and Training & Emergency Medical Services, Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Motor Vehicles and State Police. Follow us on Twitter, like us on Facebook and connect with us on LinkedIn.