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To Maine's Fire and Law Enforcement Agencies:

Due to a dramatic budget shortfall, there are no funds to pay for overtime responses and so we are forced to make changes in how we respond to incidents that occur outside of normal business hours.

Effective immediately, we will only respond, after hours, to incidents that result in death, serious personal injury, or fires and/or explosions that are incendiary in nature. All other calls for assistance will be handled during normal work hours.

However, if you need assistance anytime, contact the communication center at 1-800-452-4664. A supervisor will contact you to determine what resources are needed and whether we can respond immediately or if our response will be during normal business hours.

I realize that, for some of you, this may cause you some concern and inconvenience, but our financial situation is such that we need to take measures to control our costs. I am sure most of you are facing similar constraints.

Please be assured that we are committed to providing you with the best service we can afford and we will continue to provide immediate response to the most critical calls for service.

Sincerely,

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State Fire Marshal

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