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OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Appropriations Committee
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

DESPP Budget Deficiency Hearing Fiscal Year 2012

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection's Fiscal Year 2012 approved budget is approximately \$172.6 million. As part of the state's efforts to address the state budget crisis, the agency is subject to a holdback of \$15.7 million. This holdback effectively reduces the operating account by \$2 million. The agency has made every effort to meet the holdback by effectively reducing costs in order to continue operations, however the rising fuel prices have attributed to over \$1.2 million of the \$1.8 million projected shortfall in the operating account.

The agency is projecting that there will be insufficient funds beginning in mid April, requiring discussion with the Office of Policy and Management regarding the potential release of holdbacks if a deficiency bill is not passed until the end of the session.

As always, I continue to work actively with my staff, and the Office of Policy and Management, in exploring any and all ideas that could result in efficiencies and ways without compromising the safety of the citizens of Connecticut.

My staff and I are prepared to answer any questions that you have.

Sincerely,


Reuben F. Bradford
COMMISSIONER