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APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF

City Manager Dennis F. Luttrell announces the appointment of Richard R. Mello to the position of Police Chief for the City of Lebanon, effective December 20, 2015.

Mr. Mello is a lifelong New Hampshire Police Officer having begun his career with the City of Concord in February 1993. His most recent employment has been with the Town of Hollis, where he has worked since 2002, advancing from Patrol Officer up through the ranks to Lieutenant, which is second in command for the Department.

Mr. Mello is both a student and a teacher. He is a graduate of Florida State University (Tallahassee) and possesses a Masters Degree in Criminal Justice. During the longevity of his career, he has trained in Management/Leadership and Specialized Police Operations, and taught others in the art of Law Enforcement at Middlesex Community College in Lowell, Massachusetts. He has also served as a guest Lecturer at Southern New Hampshire University in Manchester.

During his tenure in the Town of Hollis, Mr. Mello instituted programs such as a Mountain Bike Patrol, Patrol Oriented Public Safety Programs, and a call-in/dispatch center where senior citizens that live alone can call in each morning to let the department know that they are safe and well. All of these programs demonstrate a commitment to community oriented policing and community engagement which speak highly to the goals and mission of the Lebanon Police Department.

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When asked about his selection and upcoming move to Lebanon, Mr. Mello stated, "I'm honored to be given the opportunity to lead the Lebanon Police Department and look forward to meeting and working with the men and women of the agency. My family and I are excited to make the Lebanon area our home and to immerse ourselves into the community. The City of Lebanon and the surrounding area has so much to offer and I look forward to making a positive contribution in maintaining and improving the quality of life in the City."

"Mr. Mello has been described by those he has served with as phenomenal, loyal, respectful and hardworking, a 'Community Policing Warrior'" said City Manager Luttrell. "I am pleased to have him join our police force and welcome him to our community."

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