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As you may be aware, our State EMS Director, Dylan Ferguson, will be leaving the Department of Health in early February. In his time with us, Dylan has redefined the role of the State EMS Director within the Commonwealth and has spearheaded many initiatives that assisted the EMS system in moving forward. For this dedication and initiative, I want to thank Dylan for his years of hard work in the Commonwealth and wish him well in his new endeavor.

As the Department looks at the future of the Bureau of EMS and the many ways it can continue to serve the EMS system of the Commonwealth, I have asked Dr. Aaron Rhone to step into the role of Interim State EMS Director. In this role, Aaron will continue to shepherd the initiatives started by Director Ferguson while the leadership team of the Department considers options for the Bureau's leadership.

It is the intent of the Department to have a seamless transition from Director Ferguson to Interim Director Rhone. Interim Director Rhone will assume his duties effective on Friday February 4th. Until such time please continue to work with Director Ferguson on matters pertaining to the EMS system, with my assurance that a transition plan is in place to ensure the continued success of the Bureau of EMS.

Please feel free to direct any questions in this regard to my attention and thank you for all that you do every day.