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To: Public Safety, Health & Human Services Committee
From: Julie Sullivan, Fire/Code Inspections Task Force Staff Member
Date: December 8, 2014
Re: Brief Update on the newly created Fire/Code Inspections Task Force

The Task Force was created by Acting City Manager Sheila Hill-Christian following the tragic Noyes St. Fire. The purpose is to identify and prioritize any changes may need to be made regarding City ordinances/codes, roles and responsibilities, and staffing; recommendations from existing studies; and recommendations to be presented to the Public Safety Health & Human Services Committee in February. I am serving as staff to the committee.

Phase I is an internal technical review with Rich Bianculli (PD/Corp Counsel), Keith Gautreau (Fire), Sheila Hill-Christian, Tammy Munson (Building Inspections), Jon Rioux (Building Inspections), Tuck O'Brien (Planning Board), Jay Fleming (Technical Advisor - Boston Fire Dept), and myself. We are meeting three times in December for this phase.

Phase II adds external stakeholders: Julie Gregor (PHA), Carleton Winslow (Southern Maine Landlord Assn), Crandall Toothaker (Southern Maine Landlord Assn), Katie McGovern (Tenants' rights - Pine Tree Legal Assistance). We will be meeting four times in January and possibly once in early February.

We will have recommendations on possible changes to City ordinances/codes; roles, responsibilities, and staffing; and public as well as targeted education campaigns.