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## **Shad Ahmed Appointed Emergency Management Coordinator**

City Manager Eileen Donoghue has announced the appointment of Shad Ahmed as the City of Lowell's Emergency Management Coordinator. Ahmed brings extensive experience in the public safety and emergency management fields to the position in which he will be responsible for coordinating disaster response and crisis management activities, as well as preparing emergency plans for the City.

Ahmed has previously held emergency roles within state and local organizations including the University of Rhode Island, the University of Connecticut, the Essex County Sheriff's Department and the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Most recently, in addition to working as a subject area expert providing emergency management consulting services to entities law enforcement agencies to professional organizations, Ahmed has been part of the Municipal Emergency Management Program in the Town of Windham, NH.

Ahmed's broad-ranging experience is paired with professional credentials that include top-tier certifications in specialized topic areas related to emergency management from entities such as DHS/FEMA, International Association of Emergency Managers, and the National Emergency Number Association. He holds a master's degree in security studies with a concentration in critical infrastructure protection from the University of Massachusetts, Lowell.

"The current public health emergency has underscored the critical role of the City's Office of Emergency Management and has clearly demonstrated the importance of the City being prepared to respond to emergency scenarios of all kinds," said City Manager Eileen Donoghue. "Given his distinguished track record, I am confident that Shad Ahmed will be effective in managing the City's continued response to the coronavirus crisis. Going forward, his vast expertise in the realm of emergency management will bolster the City's preparedness for potential disasters in the future."

Ahmed's appointment comes following an extensive hiring process initiated by the retirement of George Rose in early May. His employment with the City will begin on Monday, June 8. The position of Emergency Management Coordinator is part-time and reports to the City's Fire Chief.

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