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**Subject: Update on the Support for Fire Protection Services Act**

**A message on behalf of Sandra McKenzie, Deputy Minister of the Department of Emergency Management**

Hello everyone,

I wanted to start off by thanking you all again for your passion, commitment, and participation throughout the engagement sessions hosted by the Department of Emergency Management and FSANS over the last several months. I know we all want to see the fire services strengthened, and that important change starts with all of us collaborating to get it right.

The passing of the *Support for Fire Protection Services Act* during this sitting of the Provincial Legislature is a huge milestone for all Nova Scotian firefighters and the future of fire fighting in our province. You can find the Act on the Nova Scotia Legislature's [website here](#). We have also updated the standing website with additional information and a factsheet [here](#).

The conversation, nor the work, doesn't stop now. We know there is a long road ahead, and we will all navigate these changes together. We are very excited for the creation of the Office of the Fire Commissioner, and we remain committed to communicate when we are at a point to engage on developing standards and regulations.

I also want to take the opportunity to recognize and thank Chief Greg Jones and FSANS. Chief Jones has played a pivotal role in advancing the new Act. His practical insight, strong presence during recent engagements, and commitment to collaboration helped shape legislation that will strengthen and modernize fire protection services now and into the future.

As you know, our staff are always willing to connect when you email [firemodernization@novascotia.ca](mailto:firemodernization@novascotia.ca) and answer any questions you may have.

I look forward to seeing this roll out. Together we will make our vision of reliable, safer, and evidence-based fire services with highly trained members across the province a reality.

Thank you for all that you do,

Deputy Minister Sandra McKenzie