



**CITY OF NEW BEDFORD**  
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

May 4, 2017

Council President Joseph P. Lopes and  
Honorable Members of the City Council  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Council Members:

I respectfully submit for your consideration two accommodations relative to the appointment of Ryan DeCoste of 276 Orchard St., Raynham, as Director of Emergency Management. Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro and Fire Chief Michael Gomes have requested a six (6) month residency waiver to allow Mr. DeCoste time to sell his home and relocate his family to New Bedford and have asked to appoint Mr. DeCoste at Gr. 10 St. 6, with a salary of \$68,650. I have enclosed correspondence from Chief Cordeiro and Chief Gomes which details Mr. DeCoste's qualifications and experience.

Chief Cordeiro and Chief Gomes will be available at the Council meeting to answer any questions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jonathan F. Mitchell  
Mayor

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cc: Sandra Vezina  
Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro  
Fire Chief Michael Gomes



# City of New Bedford



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Michael Gomes  
Fire Chief

March 31, 2017

Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

We respectfully request your consideration for accommodations related to the appointment of Ryan DeCoste, 276 Orchard St., Raynham, MA, to the position of Emergency Management Director. At this time we are requesting a six month residency waiver to allow Mr. DeCoste time to sell his home and relocate his family to New Bedford. We also ask to appoint Mr. DeCoste at M10, St. 6, with a salary of \$68,650.

After careful consideration upon completion of the interview process for this position, Mr. DeCoste was clearly seen as the most qualified candidate for this position. He has a Bachelor of Science in Emergency Management/Homeland Security from the Massachusetts Maritime Academy where he held the title of Regimental Executive Officer. He has worked as an Operational Specialist for the Federal Bureau of Investigations in their tactical operations center for special weapons and tactics team and is currently employed as an Environmental Compliance Coordinator with Noble Drilling (U.S.) LLC where he acts as an advisor to the Master/Rig Manager regarding conformance to Coastal State Organization and international environmental regulations in addition to Noble's environmental policies and procedures.

He has numerous FEMA certifications and relevant training certifications and credentials where he has received specialized training in emergency management administration.

We believe that Mr. DeCoste will be a great asset to the City of New Bedford.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Very truly yours,

Fire Chief Michael Gomes

Police Chief Joseph Cordeiro