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June 24, 2019

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

Your Excellency and Members of the Council:

REQUESTED ACTION

That approval be and hereby is given to the Attorney General to reappoint Michael J. Forti (Position #9U549, Appropriation #02-20-20-200510-2904-014-500134) as the Deputy Commander of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Drug Task Force at a salary of \$80,186.08 (LG BB, Step 7) for a term ending July 1, 2024 effective upon approval of the Governor and Executive Council or July 19, 2019, whichever is the latter.

EXPLANATION

Mr. Forti is a resident of Windham, New Hampshire, and joined the office as the Deputy Commander of the New Hampshire Attorney General's Office in September, 2013. Mr. Forti had been a Special Agent with the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) for more than 26 years. Before joining the DEA, Mr. Forti was a police officer for six years with the Concord Police Department. Mr. Forti is a graduate of Boston State College with a B.S. in law enforcement and completed graduate level casework in Public Administration at the University of New Hampshire. His salary is currently \$80,186.08 and will remain the same. A copy of his resume is attached.

I am proud to offer Mr. Forti for this appointment and respectfully urge your favorable consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane E. Young  
Deputy Attorney General

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## MICHAEL J. FORTI



### PROFILE

Law enforcement professional with over thirty years of experience in widely varying environments. Proven record of accomplishment in investigative, enforcement, training, and supervisory aspects of the law enforcement and security fields. Excellent communication, interpersonal, analytical, and leadership skills.

### EXPERIENCE

#### DEPUTY COMMANDER

*N.H. Department of Justice, Attorney General's Drug Task Force* September 2013-present

Supervise and coordinate all investigative, enforcement, and administrative activities of 12 to 15 state and local Law Enforcement Officers conducting investigations of narcotics trafficking organizations and individuals. Review and approve reports, affidavits, and evidence submissions for court prosecutions, as well as operational plans for tactical enforcement operations. Plan and execute tactical and operational training programs for all enforcement personnel. Assume the role of Task Force Commander in his absence. Design and conduct training and qualifications in firearms and tactical enforcement techniques for members of both the NH Drug Task Force, and Criminal Investigators from the office of the NH Attorney General.

#### SPECIAL AGENT

*U.S. Department of Justice, Drug Enforcement Administration* December 1986 - August 2013 (Retired)

Conducted multi-jurisdictional, regional, and international criminal investigations into narcotics conspiracies and financial crimes. Carried out covert surveillance, both physical and electronic, to gather evidence for prosecution in Federal, State, and Municipal courts. Planned and executed tactical enforcement operations during the execution of search and arrest warrants, as well as protective operations for undercover personnel. Operated in an undercover capacity to obtain necessary evidence for successful prosecutions. Designed and conducted firearms, tactical, and defensive tactics training for DEA Agents and Task Force Officers. Provided similar tactical training for members of outside police agencies. Top Secret security clearance.

Last Assignment- 2000 - 2013: DEA Manchester Resident Office 924 South River Road Bedford NH 03110.

Assigned to the DEA HIDTA Task force, (High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area) Responsibilities included investigative, training, and acting supervisory roles for extended periods as necessary within the office. Thirteen years experience working with law enforcement agencies throughout the state of New Hampshire. Firearms and Tactical instructor. Acting Group Supervisor - Oversaw the operational and administrative functions of the Southern NH HIDTA Task Force.

Prior Assignment- 1997- 2000: DEA Logan Airport Task Force. Multi-agency task force unit including Mass. State Police, and U.S. Customs (I.C.E.) charged with conducting anti-smuggling interdiction operations, controlled deliveries, conspiracy investigations and enforcement actions. Responsibilities included investigative, training, and acting supervisory roles for extended periods. Firearms and Tactical instructor. Acting Group Supervisor- Oversaw operational and administrative functions of the multi-agency airport interdiction unit.

Prior Assignment- 1987- 1997 DEA Philadelphia Field Division, Philadelphia PA.  
Enforcement Group 2 (Organized Crime Group) Conducted successful Title III investigations into organized crime groups operating between PA, NJ, and NY. which resulted in the dismantling of large scale drug trafficking groups.  
Primary Firearms/ Tactical Instructor- Planned and conducted division wide firearms / tactical training for all enforcement personnel and coordinated all administrative and budgetary functions for the DEA firearms program within that division.

Operation SNO-CAP- Deployed to the country of Ecuador. Coordinated and conducted counter drug production and smuggling operations with the Ecuadorian National Police in the riverine jungle areas bordering Peru and Colombia.

#### **POLICE OFFICER**

*Concord Police Department*

*Concord N.H.*

*1980-1986*

Assigned to the Patrol Division. Enforced the laws of the State of New Hampshire and the ordinances of the City of Concord. Performed investigative functions which included interviewing witnesses and suspects, preparing detailed written reports and providing testimony in State and Local courts.

Evidence Technician- performed crime scene evidence recovery which included photography, fingerprint development, and physical evidence preservation.

Defensive Tactics Instructor- Planned and conducted defensive tactics training for CPD enforcement personnel:

#### **EDUCATION**

##### **UNIVERSITY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

*Durham NH 1984-1986 Graduate Level Coursework in Public Administration- GPA-3.26*

*Theories and Processes in Public Administration*

*Policy and Program Evaluation*

*Seminar in Public Administration*

*Methods of Policy Analysis*

*Cases in Public Management*

##### **BOSTON STATE COLLEGE**

*Boston MA 1979 — Bachelor of Science Law Enforcement*

##### **Professional Training:**

DEA Training Academy- 1987 FBI Academy Quantico Va.

New Hampshire Police Academy, Class 50, 1980 NH Police Standards and Training Council - Pease AFB

Active Shooter Response 2013 NH State Police SWAT Manchester NH

DEA Airport Interdiction / Operation Jetway Training 2001

Tactical Team Operations 1996 H&K Sterling Va.

DEA Raids / Tactical Instructor 1994 FBI Academy Quantico Va.

DEA Firearms Instructor School 1988 FBI Academy Quantico Va.

Sig Sauer Tactical Pistol Instructor School 1997 Mass. State Police Academy, New Braintree MA.

DEA/ U.S. Army Ranger Jungle Operations Training Program 1989 Fort Benning Ga.

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

Certified Full Time Police Officer - 2013 NH Police Standards and Training Council

Certified Firearms Instructor - 2014 NH Police Standards and Training Council

Certified Firearms Instructor -DEA

Certified Raids /Tactical Instructor -DEA

Certified Defensive Tactics Instructor -DEA & Concord Police Department

Certified Coxswain -U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 2-8 Portsmouth NH

Certified C.P.R., First Aid, and A.E.D. -American Heart Association

**AWARDS**

2010 and 2008- New England Narcotics Officer's Association- Outstanding Investigative Awards

2009 and 2005 U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration- Exceptional Performance awards

2007 - U.S. Dept. of Justice Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (OCDETF) Award- Operation Spring Place

2004- U.S. Senate, NH Congressional Law Enforcement Award

2002- NH Attorney General's Commendation - Operation Gen-X