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From New York State Inspector General
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INSPECTOR GENERAL CATHERINE LEAHY SCOTT'S STATEMENT ON SETTLEMENT OF STEVEN KUHR ETHICS INVESTIGATION

New York State Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott conducted an investigation into allegations of ethical violations by Steven Kuhr, former Director of the Office of Emergency Management. The investigation resulted in a referral to the Joint Commission on Public Ethics (JCOPE), which settled the matter.

Inspector General Leahy Scott stated:

“An individual in a disaster response leadership role who squanders the public trust for his own self-interest must be held responsible. Mr. Kuhr’s swift dismissal from State service and the Joint Commission’s findings of wrongdoing send a clear message that the State will not tolerate a top public servant compromising the mission of his office for his own personal gain. I am pleased that as a result of my investigation, Mr. Kuhr has been held accountable, and I appreciate the Commission’s handling of the matter.”

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