

**Resolve, to Rename the Twin Rivers Fire Academy in Fairfield
the Duane Bickford Fire Academy**

Dear Senator Penny Beebe-Center, Representative Tavis Hasenfus and members of the Criminal Justice and Public Safety:

I, Robert Sezak, come before you as a former member of the Fairfield Town Council, and as Somerset County Commissioner representing Fairfield and Norridgewock to speak in favor renaming the Twin Rivers Fire Academy in Fairfield the Duane Bickford Fire Academy.

Chief Bickford was the major force in bringing the idea of an area fire training center to fruition. The planning for the facility started in 2013 and the celebration of opening on July 19, 2022. His hard work and dedication in establishing this facility is important to fire departments and firefighters throughout the state.

I believe that the facility named in his honor is well befitting the commitment and loyalty that Chief Duane Bickford has provided to the Town of Fairfield and to firefighters everywhere.

Thank you for supporting this resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

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