



**OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
AMERICAN SAMOA GOVERNMENT**

January 6, 2025

GENERAL MEMORANDUM NO. 005 – 25

To: Secretary of Samoan Affairs, CEOs, President and Executive Directors of Authorities, Directors, Agency and Office Heads

From: Governor of American Samoa

Subject: Delegation of Authority - Department of Search and Rescue

The resignation of Director Saunoa Poto was accepted on Friday, January 3, 2025. I hereby designate Chief Joseph Faaita as Acting Director of the Department of Search and Rescue until further notice. This memorandum supersedes guidance provided to the Department of Search and Rescue in General Memorandum No. 002 – 25.

I thank Director Poto for her service to the Territory and ask that you give Mr. Faaita your full support and cooperation.

Pulaali'i Nikolao Pula
Governor