

Date: March 15, 2006

Attn: Kansas Fire Chiefs

**From: Jack Alexander,
State Fire Marshal**

**Re: Federal Fire Department Data Collection Effort Underway –
Fire Station Survey from Explore Information Services**

In the next few weeks (March 27 – April 10) your fire department will be receiving a fire station information request from Explore Information Services, L.L.C. Explore is under contract (per Federal Contract #NIMA30103C0006) with the National Geo-Spatial Intelligence Agency (NGA) to develop and maintain a National Fire Station Database as part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Geospatial Infrastructure Contract.

This is an important effort, providing critical infrastructure and response information to the NGA/Dept. of Homeland Security. It is recommended that each Fire Chief complete this survey when they receive it. If you would like to complete the survey electronically, a copy of the survey can be downloaded at <http://www.nationalfirestation.com/>. In addition to the survey, you will also be asked to provide your Primary (responding) boundaries for your station. If these boundaries are available as a digital GIS layer, please email the files to GIS@exploredata.com or send a copy on CD with the survey.

If you have any questions regarding the project or survey please feel free to contact Michele Cook at Explore Information Service. Ph: 651-681-4447, 800-531-9125 (Ext. 4447) Email: michele.cook@exploredata.com.