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Dear Fire Chief:

In the next few weeks your fire department will be receiving a survey from a company called Explore Information Services, L.L.C. Explore Information Services, L.L.C. who has been contracted by 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 a legitimate survey and it is recommended that each Fire Chief complete this survey when they receive it. Please note that County Emergency Managers are also being advised of the importance of this project and they may also be contacting fire departments in their counties to urge participation.

Thank you for taking the time to make this project as beneficial as possible. More information regarding the project can be viewed at: <http://www.nationalfirestation.com>.

If you have any questions regarding the project or survey, please feel free to contact Michele Cook at Explore Information Service, 1-800-531-9125, Ext. 74267 or via e-mail: Michele.Cook@exploredata.com.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John F. Mueller".

John F. Mueller  
Acting State Fire Administrator

