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RE: National Fire Department Census

Dear Chief:

In the fall of 2001, the U. S. Fire Administration (USFA) initiated a National Fire Department Census. To date, over 26,500 fire departments have registered with the census. It is estimated that there are more than 30,000 fire departments in the United States.

Please take a few minutes to register your department with the census. To register online, visit https://apps.usfa.fema.gov/census/register.cfm or complete the enclosed form and scan and email it to census@fema.dhs.gov or fax it to 301-447-1049. You may also mail the form in the enclosed envelope to:

U.S. Fire Administration Kathleen Carter Bldg G 16825 S Seton Ave Emmitsburg, MD 21727

The purpose of the census is to get an accurate picture of the nation's fire service. Basic identifying information provided by your department will be shared through the USFA Web site, and the registered departments will serve as a pool from which future studies may be conducted.

For more information about the census, visit the "About the Census" Web page (http://apps.usfa.fema.gov/census/). Please use the feedback form on the "Contact Us" Web page to send questions or comments regarding the census or contact Kathleen Carter at census@fema.dhs.gov or at 301-447-1349.

To ensure that your organization's needs and interests are considered in Federal decision-making, register your department today. Thank you for your participation in this very important effort.

Sincerely.

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