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Dear Agency Heads and State Employees,

As your Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, I kicked off our State's Fire Prevention Month activities by participating in a statewide fire drill yesterday at C. L. Gideons Elementary School in Fulton County. This was only one of a series of fire drills involving students throughout the state and nation as part of National Fire Prevention Week beginning October 10th.

Fire drills are one of the most effective ways to prepare for the danger of fire. If we can educate ourselves and the public to practice their home fire escape plans, we could significantly reduce fire deaths in Georgia.

As Georgia's governmental leaders, we too should set the example and practice fire drills at our business locations. Therefore, I am encouraging you and your agency members to review your emergency evacuation procedures and to participate in our practice fire drills being held this month on the hill. Setting the example for others and leading by doing is the best way to teach our citizens and our children that being prepared for unforeseen problems is important. With continued partnerships, Georgia will be a true leader for the nation. Thank you in advance for your participation.

Respectfully,

Ralph T. Hudgens  
Safety Fire Commissioner