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Dear Agency Heads,

In Support of National Fire Prevention Month, the Office of Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner, in cooperation with the Georgia Building Authority, has scheduled practice fire drills to occur for all state buildings located on Capitol Hill during the month of October.

The purpose of executing these drills is to allow occupants of the buildings the opportunity to practice exiting the building in a "simulated emergency," so that if an actual emergency occurs, potential confusion would be minimal. The drills are also designed to allow individual agency the opportunity to evaluate their emergency procedures and make any necessary modifications.

By executing these drills, we as Georgia's governmental leaders are not only working to ensure the safety of our employees, but also setting an example for citizens across the state to practice fire drills at their homes and business. I can attest that having an emergency fire escape plan in place can make surviving a fire more probable.

Therefore, as Insurance and Safety Fire Safety Commissioner, I encourage you and your staff to review your emergency evacuation procedures, and to participate in our practice fire drills being held this month. With our continued partnership, Georgia can be a leader in preparedness for the nation.

Also, please remember that this isn't only a drill, but an exercise designed for your employees and the public in an effort to keep us all safe in a true emergency. Thank you in advance for your participation and I ask that you remind your staff to inspect their home smoke alarms.

Respectfully,

Ralph T. Hudgens
Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner