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RE: National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS) On-Boarding Update

Chiefs and NFIRS Administrators,

As you are aware, the National Fire Incident Reporting System (NFIRS) is being replaced by the National Emergency Response Information System (NERIS), a modernized, cloud-hosted platform designed to improve data collection, analysis, and emergency response capabilities for fire and emergency services. NERIS is a new, interoperable fire information and analytics platform developed by the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) to replace the legacy NFIRS system.

The USFA is working to transition fire departments to the new system, with the goal of having all users onboarded by early 2026. At that time, the current NFIRS platform will be decommissioned.

The Office of the State Fire Marshal, Logistics and Technology Section, is actively working with the USFA and UL's FSRI to ensure a smooth transition from NFIRS to NERIS. Our team is formulating an agenda for regional seminars to further explain NERIS and the onboarding process for the State of Maryland. As more information becomes available, we will keep you updated.

At this time, the fire departments are still required to submit end-of-the-month reports to our NFIRS coordinator. This process will continue until further notice and remains required, even if you were an early adopter of NERIS. We anticipate having the State fully onboarded by September 2025.

In the meantime, if you have not completed our NERIS Pre-Onboarding Survey, please do so by clicking on the link below.



<https://forms.gle/CpReX8Pz3osKg2k87>

Thank you for your continued cooperation on this matter. We look forward to working with you and your team to ensure a smooth transition. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact our MFIRS program team at mfp.firereports@maryland.gov.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jason M. Mowbray". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jason" being more prominent and the last name "Mowbray" following in a similar style. The signature is positioned above a thin horizontal line.

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cc: DCSFM Joseph Walters, Commander Logistics and Technology Section
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