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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Joseph M. Wassel

**Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer** 

First Responder Network Authority

**FROM:** Arthur L. Scott, Jr.

Assistant Inspector General for Audit and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Audit of the Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network's

Services During the Maui Wildfires (#2023-468)

We are initiating an audit of FirstNet Authority's Nationwide Public Safety Broadband Network's (NPSBN's) services during and after the wildfires in Maui, Hawaii, in August 2023. Our objective is to assess FirstNet Authority's NPSBN services in response to the Maui wildfires.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss in further detail the specific nature of our audit, including our objective and scope, timeframes, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this audit, please contact me at (202) 577-9547 or Analee Striner-Brown, Director for Telecommunications, at (202) 893-8759.

We thank you in advance for your cooperation during this effort.

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