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**MEMORANDUM FOR:** Arielle Roth  
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Information and NTIA Administrator  
National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Michael A. Cannon  
Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer  
First Responder Network Authority

  
**FROM:** Kevin D. Ryan  
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performing the duties of Assistant Inspector General for Audit  
and Evaluation

**SUBJECT:** Evaluation of FirstNet Cybersecurity Incident Detection and  
Response  
Project No. 2026-532

We are initiating an evaluation of the First Responder Network Authority's National Public Safety Broadband Network's (NPSBN's) incident detection and response. Our objective is to assess the effectiveness of NPSBN security controls in detecting and responding to cyber incidents.

We plan to begin this work immediately. We will contact your audit liaison to schedule an entrance conference, at which time we will discuss the specific nature of our evaluation with you, including our objective and scope, time frames, and any potential requests for data. If you have any questions about this evaluation, please contact me at 202-750-5190 or Director of Cybersecurity Charles Mitchell at 202-809-9528.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

