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**MEMORANDUM TO:** All Ontario Fire Chiefs

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**SUBJET:** Community Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard Launch

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The Office of the Fire Marshal (OFM) is pleased to announce the launch of the Community Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard. This online tool can be utilized by the fire service as a potential aid to identify fire risk in neighborhoods and communities in Ontario. The data produced as part of this dashboard will assist with public education and prevention efforts, with the end goal of reducing fire rates, injuries and deaths across the province.

The Community Fire Risk Reduction Dashboard is the result of a collaboration between the OFM and Statistics Canada and consolidates data from the National Fire Information Database (NFID), the 2021 Census of Population, and the Canadian Index of Multiple Deprivation (CIMD).

The dashboard allows fire departments to link census data with historical fire data obtained through the Standard Incident Report so that public education and prevention activities can be customized to best address the unique fire risks and characteristics of their communities.

The dashboard is available in English and French and can be accessed using the following [link](#). Fire departments are encouraged to explore the dashboard and review the user [guide](#). In the coming weeks, the OFM and Statistics Canada will be scheduling a meeting with fire chiefs to introduce the dashboard. Following this meeting, the OFM's Field and Advisory Services section will be scheduling more targeted webinars with the fire service. The webinars will assist fire departments in understanding the functionality of the dashboard and how to utilize the information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your local Fire Protection Adviser.

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Jon Pegg  
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