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Fire Chief William Nelson
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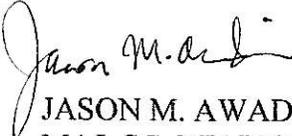
Dear Chief Nelson:

Thank you, and your entire staff for your involvement in the *CREST* radiation exercise on September 18th, 2008. Your participation was invaluable in supporting critical emergency actions during a multi-agency response to various simulated emergency events.

Moreover, your support of our efforts during the radiation exercise at the *CREST* facility allowed the 51st WMD CST to meet all our exercise objectives. A key element in the successful response to any major incident or exercise is solid inter-agency relationships; this event afforded us an excellent opportunity to build upon these relationships.

On behalf of my entire staff and the Michigan National Guard's Homeland Security Directorate, I applaud your RRTN for investing in the security and safety of our communities.

Sincerely,


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