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## **Census Results Emergency Preparedness Across Indiana**

MADISON (March 24, 2010) – The fire chief of the southern Indiana community that nearly lost its courthouse to fire said Wednesday, March 24 that thanks to census-derived population totals, his community received federal funding for emergency response.

“An accurate count can save lives by putting emergency responders close to population centers,” said Madison Fire Chief Steve Horton. “We’ve been asking the community to please fill out the Census because it is important to Madison.” Clerk-Treasurer Dave Adams added.

Homeland security grant allocations to Indiana totalled nearly \$20 million in fiscal year 2009. The Department of Homeland Security enhances the ability of states and local jurisdictions and other regional authorities in the preparation, prevention, and response to terrorist attacks and other disasters. Localities use grant funds for planning, equipment, training and exercise needs.

“Complete your Census form. It only takes a few minutes, but will have a long-term impact on your community,” said Gerri Husband, IDHS field services division director. “It will take everyone’s involvement to paint an accurate picture of Indiana and secure the needed resources for our public safety professionals.”

The event was the fifth in a series of 10 press conferences that call attention to the impact of census population counts on the distribution of federal program funding.

“Individual census data is absolutely confidential,” Everson added. The information is not shared with any federal, state or local government agencies – including law enforcement. Every census worker takes an oath to meet this obligation. Anyone convicted of violating this trust is subject to financial penalties and time in federal prison.