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Governor Musgrove Speaks to Emergency Responders Conference

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove spoke to an audience of emergency responders from across the state today at a conference being held in Philadelphia, Mississippi. Musgrove is hosting the conference with the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency.

“Our soldiers are on the front lines today in the Middle East, and you are the ones serving on the front lines here at home,” Musgrove said. “You are well-trained and well-prepared for any scenario, and the people of Mississippi have every confidence in you.”

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, Musgrove has worked to ensure the state’s emergency responders are coordinated and ready to meet any potential threat. A summit on domestic preparedness was held in November 2001, an Incident Command System was created by executive order to coordinate responses, a series of bioterrorism exercises have been held around the state, and more recently a State Interoperability Executive Committee was formed to ensure the smooth transfer of information and communications between state agencies during emergencies.

Musgrove signed a state of emergency and an executive order authorizing the deployment of National Guard personnel on Tuesday, March 18, 2003. The state’s threat level has also been raised to ORANGE, or high, to match the current status of the federal threat level.

“This is a difficult for our state, our nation and our world,” said Musgrove. “It’s a time to keep our president, our soldiers and innocent civilians in our prayers.”

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