

## **MEMORANDUM**

March 10, 2003

TO: Governor

FROM: John

RE: MS Public Safety Communications Interoperability Conference

You are scheduled to bring welcoming remarks to this event (see attached). You will be introduced by Delaine Stacy, director of Headquarters Emergency Operations Center / Communications and Special Projects, Mississippi Highway Patrol. After you speak, Robert Latham and David Huggins will be making remarks.

Presenters from Florida, South Dakota, and Virginia and possibly other states will be speaking throughout the day.

The focus of the conference is on ensuring that emergency responders and emergency agencies all operate on the same wireless network in case of emergency, thus avoiding the problems faced by fire department and police department personnel in New York on 9/11 (when they were unable to communicate with each other due to radio problems and incompatibility).