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SUBJECT: MEMA/MCDEMA Annual Conference

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(Jackson) – The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) and the Mississippi Civil Defense Emergency Management Association (MCDEMA) are conducting their annual meeting at the Hilton on County Line Road in Jackson Monday and Tuesday, June 10 and 11.

At this annual meeting, emergency management directors and first responders from the 82 counties are in attendance to participate in panel discussions and breakout sessions. The keynote speaker at this year's conference is **Mr. Edward Jacoby, Jr., Director of the New York State Emergency Management Office**. Mr. Jacoby will be speaking today at 1:00 p.m. in Salon A discussing the role of emergency management during the events September 11, 2001.

After Mr. Jacoby, MEMA will conduct a panel discussion on roles of State and Federal agencies in Homeland Security with panel members from MS Department of Public Safety, MS Department of Health, MS Department of Environmental Quality, FEMA, FBI, and the Office of the US Attorney.

On Tuesday, MEMA will have breakout sessions to discuss damage assessments and donations management after a disaster with a guest speaker from Kentucky Emergency Management Agency.

*(All media is welcome to attend the conference, please contact Amy Bissell if you have any further questions)*

*"Helping Mississippians in Need is our First Priority"*