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Governor Musgrove: Grant Workshops Helping Communities with Homeland Security Efforts

(Jackson, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove said today that homeland security in the state will be strengthened through the participation of communities in a series of grant program workshops focusing on funding for emergency preparedness and response to potential terrorist attacks.

“The information being provided to the communities through these workshops is crucial to their response to any situation,” Musgrove said. “The emergency professionals in our communities have a job to do, and we’re going to make sure they have the tools and information they need to do their very best.”

Musgrove announced last month an additional \$11.5 million in grants to local communities through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The communities will use the grant funds to purchase equipment to help them respond to incidents involving weapons of mass destruction.

The grant program workshops are being held around the state this week. The first workshop was held at Mississippi State University on Monday, July 14. Other workshops scheduled for the week include Gulfport, July 15; Hattiesburg, July 16; Wesson, July 17; and Senatobia, July 18.

“We are working closely with counties and communities statewide to ensure they have the information they need regarding these grants, and we will continue working with them on the emergency response scenarios,” said MEMA Director Robert Latham.

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