

Mississippi Highway Patrol Cadet Class Graduation  
Friday, December 15, 2000  
1:00 p.m.  
MS Law Enforcement Officer Training Academy, Pearl, MS

### **Talking Points**

- Good Afternoon
- It is an honor for me to share this special occasion with you
- Public Safety is a top priority of my administration
  - The fight is for our children. The fight is for our neighborhoods. The fight is one for our future, and a good quality of life for our people.
  - Funding for departments that promote public safety is a key component of my FY2002 budget recommendations.
  - Our communities, our streets and our homes must be safe.
  - Our budget recommendations to the Legislative Budget Committee reflect the priorities of the people of Mississippi.

- We must continue to support agencies that provide these services.
- Their efforts are to be commended.
  - MEMA works to effectively assist communities in preparation for disasters.
  - Our Bureau of Narcotics is working to more effectively fight drugs on our streets and in our neighborhoods.
  - The men and women of our military are protecting the freedoms that we enjoy, right here in MS.
  - The officers who patrol our highways are working every minute of every day to ensure that we have the opportunity to travel safely throughout our state.
- Our budget reflects our firm commitment to promoting public safety.
- By working together in this process, we are sharing ideas, priorities and solutions, which will benefit the State.
- America's State of Promise
  
- The training you have received will serve you well, as you help make Mississippi an even better place to live, work and visit.

- Just as your success depends on maintaining a level of commitment and your ability to continue to grow and learn, our success in MS depends on maintaining a commitment to provide opportunity to everyone across our state.
- We are committed to continuing to create a MS that today's and future generations are proud to call home.
- Once again, Congratulations and Good Luck!