

“MISSISSIPPI MINUTE”

THIS PAST WEEK, WE OBSERVED THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE TERRORIST ATTACKS OF SEPTEMBER 11. ACROSS THE STATE AND THE NATION, AMERICANS STOPPED TO REFLECT AND REMEMBER.

AS PART OF OUR RESPONSE TO THE ATTACKS AND OUR EFFORTS TO PREPARE FOR ANY FUTURE THREATS, WE HAVE TAKEN AGGRESSIVE MEASURES HERE AT HOME TO ENSURE THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF OUR PEOPLE.

MISSISSIPPI IS ONE OF ONLY THREE STATES IN THE NATION WITH A SPECIFIC STANDARD INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS, SO THEY CAN ENSURE OPEN COMMUNICATIONS AND THE QUICKEST RESPONSE.

REGIONAL BIOTERRORISM EXERCISES ARE BEING HELD AROUND THE STATE TO IMPROVE THE COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENTS.

MISSISSIPPI'S HOMELAND SECURITY WEBSITE OFFERS A WEALTH OF INFORMATION REGARDING STATE AND NATIONAL EFFORTS TO PROTECT OUR CITIZENS. THE ADDRESS FOR THE WEBSITE IS [WWW,HOMELANDSECURITYMS.GOV](http://WWW.HOMELANDSECURITYMS.GOV), AND IT'S A RESOURCE THAT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO ON A REGULAR BASIS.

WE ARE ONE YEAR REMOVED FROM THE WORST ATTACKS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION, BUT WE ARE ALSO MORE PREPARED THAN WE HAVE EVER BEEN TO FACE ANY CHALLENGES TO THE SAFETY AND SECURITY OF THE PEOPLE OF MISSISSIPPI.

I'M RONNIE MUSGROVE, AND THIS HAS BEEN THE MISSISSIPPI MINUTE. THANKS FOR LISTENING.