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Speech at 9:30 am
Conference begins at 8:00 am

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- I. Introduction
 - a. Welcome to Emmitsburg
 - i. And the National Emergency Training Center
 - b. We're glad you could make it
 - i. And be a part of this exciting conference
 - c. I'd like to thank
 - i. Steve Sharro
 - ii. Richard Callis
 - iii. Vilma Milmoe

- iv. And the entire EMI staff
- v. For the outstanding work they have done on
this conference

- 1. And all the great work they do to make
America better prepared

- vi. The staff here in Emmitsburg have made the
Emergency Management Institute the nation's
leading training organization for emergency
response personnel

- d. I'd also like to thank our partners

- i. ODP

- ii. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

- iii. Health Resource Services Administration

- e. It's a significant accomplishment to have DHS and
HHS collaborating in such an important way

- f. So thank you for your participation

II. Partnership

a. One of the key lessons over the years

i. And one of the main messages I deliver in
every speech I give

b. Is that the only way all of us will be successful is if
we work together

i. That means we need everyone

1. Law Enforcement

2. EMS

3. Fire

4. Public Health

5. Public Works

6. Emergency Managers

7. Private Sector

8. Elected Officials

ii. Working together toward a common goal

- c. That's why I'm so excited about this conference
 - i. It's the first major federally sponsored partnership conference for emergency management and health care professionals
 - ii. It's an opportunity for each of you to gain an understanding of what the other does
 - 1. Emergency Managers can learn more about health care delivery
 - 2. And health care providers can learn more about emergency management
 - 3. And all of us can learn how we fit into the new world of homeland security
- d. The conference has been structured to help the learning and sharing process move forward
 - i. You'll be able to build partnerships
 - 1. And network with colleagues

ii. You'll be able to review and comment on relevant programs

1. Policies

2. And procedures

iii. And you will learn best practices from both federal and state programs

e. I hope that each of you will be able to take a few things out of this conference

i. An understanding of what your colleagues do in

1. Homeland Security

2. Emergency Management

3. Public Health

ii. Relationships that provide a level of trust between the disciplines

iii. And as professionals

1. I hope this conference can help you transform your training and exercise programs

a. So that they are

i. More robust

ii. More effective

iii. And more inclusive of your

partners in emergency

management

III. Conclusion

a. I know that each one of you is a true professional

i. I also know that you will serve on the front

lines of any future terrorist attack or mass

casualty event

b. And that is why you are here at this conference

- i. You want to make America safer and more secure
- c. We all know there will be another terrorist attack on our soil
- d. And we all know that when the terrorists are successful
 - i. The consequences will be even worse than 9/11
- e. Most Americans will never know the commitment each of you puts into preparing for that next attack
 - i. But they are counting on all of us to prepared when the time comes
- f. This conference is a big step forward
 - i. And on behalf of Secretary Chertoff and Under Secretary Brown

- ii. I want to thank all of you for your tireless
efforts on behalf of this great Nation
- iii. Thank you and enjoy the conference