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## Southwestern Regional Meeting

to recognize the Galveston Model for the  
*National Blueprint for Secure Communities*

hosted by



Galveston Island Convention Center

5600 Seawall Boulevard

Galveston, Texas

Thursday, January 18, 2007

7:30 am to 1 pm





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Dear Friends,

Over five years after the attacks on 9/11, there remain great challenges in preparing America. Our nation must create a National Blueprint of on-the-ground strategies and tactics for local communities that leverage the resources of the private sector and community organizations in the wake of a terrorist attack or severe natural disaster.

Simply put, communities cannot outsource their preparedness and response capabilities for the critical first 72 hours to the federal government. Working together, we can help each other develop initiatives to prepare communities like Galveston during the early hours of crisis, making our nation safer and stronger.

We all have ideas to share, and it is our responsibility to coordinate effectively with the state and federal governments. America will not have a comprehensive plan for homeland security until we engage local leaders of business, government and community organizations with those on the front lines of emergency response. I'm very grateful that NCORP has such a strong community partner as Mayor Lyda Ann Thomas and City Council of the City of Galveston in this important endeavor to help strengthen America's homeland security.

I appreciate your dedication and look forward to working with you.

Respectfully,

James S. Gilmore, III  
Chairman  
NCORP

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Agenda

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Galveston, Texas

- 07:30 *Registration and Coffee*
- 08:30 *Welcoming Remarks*  
The Honorable Lyda Ann Thomas, Mayor, City of Galveston
- 08:40 *Pledge of Allegiance & Invocation*  
*Recognition of Co-Hosts and Local Dignitaries*  
Dr. Ben Raimer, UTMB
- 08:50 *Opening Remarks*  
Governor James S. Gilmore III, (Virginia 1998-2002),  
Chairman, NCORP
- 09:00 *NCORP Challenges, Solutions and Tools*  
Jeb Carney, President, and Jim Frierson, Program Director  
Introduction to the National Blueprint and 5-City Pilot
- 09:30 *Galveston Model of Evacuation for the National Blueprint*  
Led by Mayor Thomas and Governor Gilmore  
-City of Galveston: Steve LeBlanc  
-UTMB Evacuation: Dr. Karen Sexton  
-Galveston Housing Authority: Sharon Strain  
-Mayor's Citizen Response Teams: Stan Blazyk & Jim Hale
- 11:00 *NCORP National Blueprint Best Practice Award Ceremony*  
In recognition of Mayor Thomas and her leadership of the  
Mayor's Citizen Response Teams
- 11:30 *Galveston's "Readiness to Recover" Community Briefing*  
Led by Jim Frierson, NCORP and Antonio Oftelie, Kennedy  
School of Government at Harvard University  
-Evacuation/Transportation Planning: Judge Jim Yarbrough  
-Finance and Economics: Harris L. Kempner, Jr., and  
Jeff Sjostrom  
-Port: Steve Cernak  
-Medical: Dr. Joan Richardson
- 12:55 *Invitation to NCORP's National Congress in Washington, DC*  
David Anderson, Executive Director, NCORP
- 1:00 *Adjournment*