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EMERGENCY RESPONDERS RECEIVE TRAINING

CHARLESTON, W. Va. – Local and State emergency responders will receive training September 25-27th at the statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee and State Emergency Response Commission’s annual conference at the Charleston Marriott. The Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management sponsors this conference in an effort to enhance responder training and to provide them an opportunity to network with partnering agencies.

Gov. Manchin will begin the conference as the keynote speaker during a luncheon on Monday, September 25, 2006. Secretary Jim Spears of the WV Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety will also speak, along with Charleston’s Mayor Danny Jones and Walter Graham and Mikal Shabazz from the US Environmental Protection Agency.

“The conference provides an opportunity for responders from all levels of government to come together, get to know each other and learn from each other the best practices in emergency management,” said Jimmy Gianato, director, West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Around 200 responders will attend the conference and learn about school safety, rapid response, interoperable radios and more.

Media are invited to attend the conference from noon -1 p.m. on Monday, September 25, 2006 at the Charleston Marriott.

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