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Lt. Gen. Honoré to Deliver Keynote at Gov. Conference on Emergency Management & Homeland Security Milwaukee - March 11-12, 2015

(Madison) – Retired Lt. Gen. Russel Honoré, who led recovery efforts following the destruction of Hurricane Katrina in 2005, will be the keynote speaker at the 48th Annual Governor's Conference on Emergency Management and Homeland Security. As the nation approaches the 10th anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, Honoré will not only discuss lessons learned but why communities need to commit to preparedness before the next storm.

Honoré will be one of several speakers presenting at the conference that will be held March 11-12, 2015 at the Hilton Milwaukee City Center. More than 500 people from fire, law enforcement, emergency management, and other first responder agencies are expected to attend this year's event.

Some of the other presenters include:

- Howard Price of ABC Television will discuss the importance of not only broadcast media to be prepared to respond to major storms and keep the public informed but also businesses.
- Timothy Gablehouse of Colorado Emergency Preparedness Partnership, Inc., will focus on the emergency planning for hazardous materials accidents including highlighting the emergency response and community right-to-know programs.
- Local emergency responders from Platteville and Grant County, as well as Verona and Dane County, will provide an overview of the response to the June 16, 2014 tornadoes that damaged the University of Wisconsin-Platteville campus and County View School in Verona.

The <u>agenda</u> for the conference is available online. Registration is now open for both the conference and pre-conference training. For more information, go to http://emergencymanagement.wi.gov