## Why Prepare?

It isn't really such a stretch to consider preparing for a terrorist attack on American soil. We have already been attacked once and the terrorists brag that they intend to attack again. While I would like to believe that our Homeland Security procedures will keep us safe, and indeed, I believe that there have been definitely success stories related to thwarted terrorist attacks, I also know that in order to continue to be successful, the national security experts must get it right every single time. A terrorist or terrorist organization only has to get it right once. As one who buys health insurance, life insurance, auto insurance and the like, it seems consistent to "buy some terrorism insurance"- so to speak. I do not count on getting sick, having a car accident or dying anytime soon, but I purchase the insurance nonetheless in order to make sure that my family is protected in case of unexpected emergencies and disasters. Having lived through the 2004 hurricane season here in Florida, I realize how quickly we can lose things that we count on everyday for our survival. Careful planning and preparation are the best antidotes to panic in emergency situations.

I realize that everyone is busy with his or her own life and, for many, this idea of preparing seems overwhelming at best. This is why we have created this Conference-- To help you focus on the things that are most necessary in the time of disaster and emergencies and to direct you to resources that can help you prepare and protect your family and loved ones if the unthinkable happens.

We do not present this Conference to spark fear- rather to provide confidence that we as a community are ready to successfully face what the future holds for us. Information, knowledge, education – these have always been the foundations for competent and successful individuals and societies. Let's prepare together and boldly walk into our future with the strength and assurance that we as Americans have always exercised in this great country.

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