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**Governor Fallin to Tour Homeland Security Response System at Septemberfest**

**Oklahoma City (September 9, 2011)**—Governor Mary Fallin will tour the Oklahoma Regional Response System Saturday, Sept. 10, at the annual Septemberfest event at the Governor’s Mansion located east of Lincoln Blvd. on NE 23<sup>rd</sup> St.

The response system demo is sponsored by the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security (OKOHS) which has been working to develop the statewide regional response network for the past eight years.

Oklahoma Homeland Security Director, Kim Carter, said today he believes Saturday’s demonstration for the Governor should also be of interest to the public and invites festival attendees to participate.

“With the 10 year anniversary of 9/11 approaching, it’s extremely timely to inform Oklahomans about the efforts underway since the attacks to protect our citizens and prepare our first responders to handle any type of response; be it another terrorist attack, or even the more frequent natural disaster,” said Carter.

The Oklahoma Regional Response system consists of 108 response units with response capabilities ranging from bomb squads to search and rescue, located strategically throughout the state.

“The idea in developing this system was that no matter what type of disaster occurs, no matter where in Oklahoma, local first responders will be equipped with adequate resources and training to handle it, which ultimately makes the people of this state safer,” said Carter.

**FOR THE MEDIA:**

Director Carter will host Governor Fallin on a tour of the system beginning at 10:00 am on 23<sup>rd</sup> St. Upon the conclusion of the tour, the Governor will be available for media at 10:30 am. Media are also welcome to join the Governor and Director on the tour.

Interested parties should RSVP by contacting Lacey Callahan with the OKOHS at **405-517-8543**.

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