

REMARKS: THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE DISASTER BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH CONFERENCE – 31 JULY 09 – AS PREPARED – MIKE PERINI, NISSSC

THANKS.

ON BEHALF OF THE CHANCELLOR, WELCOME TO THE FRONT RANGE.

WE APPRECIATE ALL THE SUPPORT FROM THE SPONSORS AND FROM DR. BENIGHT, THHC, AND HIS TEAM, FOR PUTTING ON THE CONFERENCE.

HAVING HAD EXPERIENCE PLANNING AND EXECUTING CONFERENCES, I KNOW THIS IS NOT AN EASY TASK. SO, AGAIN, THANKS.

AND, THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR ATTENDING!!! YEAR 3!!

AS YOU KNOW, THIS EVENT PROMOTES THE CREATION OF EXCITING, INNOVATIVE PARTNERSHIPS THAT IMPROVE INTERVENTIONS FOLLOWING A DISASTER, TERRORIST EVENTS, OR PANDEMIC OUTBREAK.

I HAVE MORE THAN 36 YEARS OF PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE IN THE HOMELAND SECURITY/DEFENSE FIELD AND KNOW FROM THE “SCARES” JUST HOW IMPORTANT YOUR WORK IS TO OUR CITIZENS, COMMUNITIES, OUR STATES, AND OUR NATION.

I APPLAUD YOU FOR COMING TOGETHER IN ORDER TO INFUSE ONE ANOTHER’S WORK WITH NEW IDEAS AND UNDERSTANDING THAT WILL SPARK INNOVATION IN PRACTICE AND IN SCIENCE.

YOUR WORK TODAY MIRRORS WHAT WE ARE DOING AT UCCS AND AT NISSSC (www.nisssc.org) – UNLOCKING THE POTENTIAL FOR COLLABORATION IN A VARIETY OF DISCIPLINES. PLEASE CONTINUE TO NETWORK.

THOSE BRIDGES YOU ARE BUILDING ARE KEY FOR KEEPING OUR NATION SAFE, FOR ENHANCING THE BEHAVIOR HEALTH COMMUNITY, AND ADVANCING YOUR PROFESSION. KEEP CONNECTING.

AGAIN, THANKS, AND OUR HOPE IS TO SEE YOU ALL BACK NEXT YEAR FOR ANOTHER ROUND OF NETWORKING, DISCUSSIONS AND SOLUTIONS.