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Greater Houston Transportation and Emergency Management Center

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HOUSTON TRANSTAR AND WASHINGTON, D.C. BASED OPERATION RESPOND INSTITUTE ESTABLISH HIGH TECH PARTNERSHIP TO INSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL DRIVERS ON HOUSTON AREA FREEWAYS

“The O.R.E.I.S system will allow emergency response personnel to quickly access information concerning hazardous materials being carried by trucks on Houston’s freeway system”

(Houston, Texas) ----- On Friday, September 7, 2001 starting at 10:00 a.m., Houston TranStar, the Transportation and Emergency Management center for the greater Houston region and Washington, D.C. based Operation Respond Institute, will hold a news conference to announce the use of the O.R.E.I.S system to improve the safety of all drivers on Houston area freeways.

Participants in the news conference include Mayor Lee P. Brown, USDOT Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration – State of Texas Director David Martin, Houston Fire Department Assistant Chief for Special Operations Dannie Smith, W.W. Rowland - Founder, President & CEO of W.W. Rowland Trucking Company and Dale Everitt - Operation Respond Institute.

The (O.R.E.I.S) Operation Respond Emergency Information System available in Spanish and English works in conjunction with rail and truck carriers to access hazardous materials by container number, trailer number and carrier name. Houston TranStar’s use of O.R.E.I.S system will afford Houston area emergency response personnel the opportunity to quickly access information concerning hazardous loads traveling on Houston’s freeway system. This ensures that in the event of an accident, responding emergency personnel will be able to quickly identify the materials at hand, the safety precautions they must employ and the correct methods to contain the situation.

For more information on the partnership or the use of the O.R.E.I.S. system, contact Artee T. Jones, Executive Public Information Officer for Houston TranStar at 713-881-3244 or Dale Everitt with the Operation Respond Institute at 713-977-3747.

WHAT:

Houston TranStar / Operation Respond Institute Announcement News Conference

WHERE:

Houston TranStar
6922 Old Katy Road

WHEN:

Friday, September 7, 2001 at 10:00a.m.

WHO:

Mayor Lee P. Brown, Charles A. Horan, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Houston Fire Department Assistant Chief Dannie Smith, W.W. Rowland – Founder, President & CEO W.W. Rowland Trucking Company and Dale Everitt – Operation Respond Institute