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**California's Homeland Security Advisor Releases Statement on 9/11 Anniversary**

**SACRAMENTO** – Today marks the 13th anniversary of the attacks on the World Trade Center in New York, United Airlines Flight 93 and the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. It also marks the second anniversary of the terrorist attack on the U.S. Embassy diplomatic compound in Benghazi, Libya. In conjunction with those anniversaries, these attacks are stark reminders that terrorism remains a threat to our nation.

Today especially, our hearts and thoughts are with those who lost their lives and those whose lives have been forever changed by such acts. We will never forget them or the brave actions of the first responders who died while trying to rescue victims of those horrendous acts.

In the last 13 years, California has done much to reduce the state's vulnerability to terrorism, including the establishment of the State Threat Assessment Center, which serves as the centerpiece of our information sharing environment, and the administration of more than \$2.8 billion in federal grants awarded to help make our state safer and better prepared at the local, regional and state levels.

Recently, Cal OES successfully hosted the Department of Homeland Security's Building Communities of Trust roundtable to deepen the relationships of three critical partners: the community, local law enforcement and the fusion centers to improve information sharing and protect our local communities. Manmade threats such as terrorist activity, gangs, trafficking of persons and narcotics must also be addressed when we talk about prevention of criminal activity and building communities of trust. In many instances, suspicious activity relating to crime and terrorism is observed by members of the communities in which that activity occurs.

As we mark the anniversaries of the attacks on the World Trade Center, UA Flight 93, the Pentagon, and the U.S. diplomatic compound in Benghazi, please remember to keep vigilant on your individual responsibilities to report any unusual or suspicious activity."