

Quarterly Newsletter



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Hinds County Board of Supervisors

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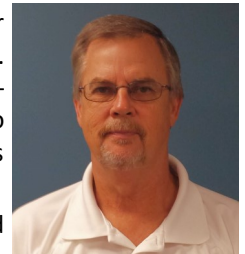
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From the Desk of the Director

The 2018 Atlantic Hurricane Season began on June 1, 2018. Preparing for severe storms is an important part of ushering in the hot summer days. The Atlantic Hurricane Season runs from June 1 – November 30. A near-average season is expected this year, however it only takes one storm to make it a bad season. Below is a list of tropical terms and a list of names that will be used during this season.



Ricky Moore, Director

- **Tropical Depression:** A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 38 mph (33 knots) or less.
- **Tropical Storm:** A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 39 to 73 mph (34 to 63 knots).
- **Hurricane:** A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 74 mph (64 knots) or higher. In other basins they are called typhoons, cyclones, etc.
- **Major Hurricane:** A tropical cyclone with maximum sustained winds of 111 mph (96 knots) or higher, corresponding to a Category 3, 4 or 5 on the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale.



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Hurricane Names 2018:

Alberto	Beryl	Chris	Debby	Ernesto
Florence	Gordon	Helene	Isaac	Joyce
Kirk	Leslie	Michael	Nadine	Oscar
Patty	Rafael	Sara	Tony	Valerie
William				

First step for being prepared is to write a Family Emergency Plan and create a Family Disaster Kit. Before an emergency happens, sit down with your family and decide how you will get in contact with each other, where you will go and what you will do in an emergency. Keep a copy of this plan in your emergency supplies kit or another safe place where you can access it in the event of a disaster. You can find more detailed information regarding Hurricane Preparedness at: www.ready.gov/Hurricanes



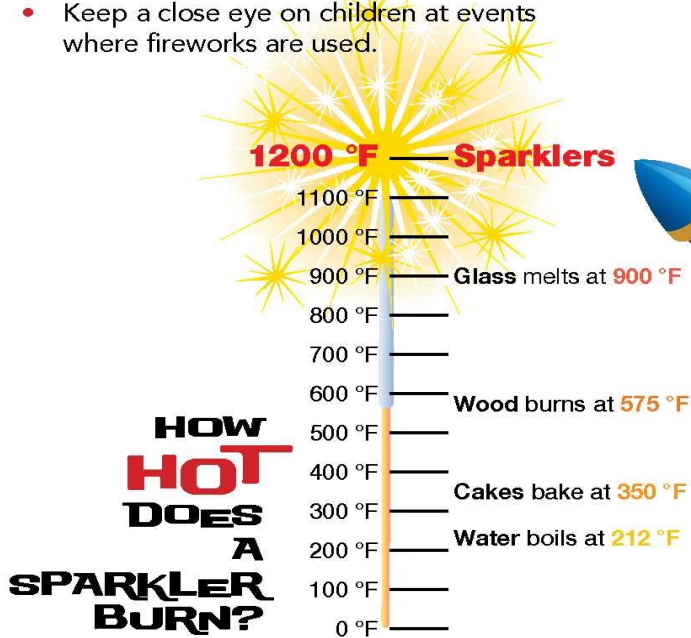
Fireworks are often used to mark special events and holidays. However, they are not safe in the hands of consumers. Fireworks cause thousands of burns and eye injuries each year. People can enjoy fireworks safely if they follow a few simple safety tips:

BE CAREFUL!

- Be safe. If you want to see fireworks, go to a public show put on by experts.
- Do not use consumer fireworks.
- Keep a close eye on children at events where fireworks are used.

CONSUMER FIREWORKS

NFPA is opposed to consumer use of fireworks. This includes sparklers and firecrackers. Even sparklers burn hot enough to cause third-degree burns.



FACTS

- ! Fireworks cause an average of almost 18,500 reported fires per year.
- ! Sparklers account for roughly one-quarter of emergency room fireworks injuries.



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Fire Services Vehicles Acquired

The Hinds County Board of Supervisors approved the installation of three new rescue vehicles for the Hinds County Department of Emergency Management. These vehicles were showcased on Monday, May 21st from 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM, for local media to tour. The vehicles were parked in front of the Hinds County Chancery Court Building at 316 South President St., Jackson, MS 39201.

This vehicle is a **2004 Oshkosh T-1500 Airport Fire Truck**. It contains 1500 gallons of water, 250 gallons of foam, dry chemical extinguishing system roof and bumper mounted turrets, ground sweep nozzles and was acquired through the Mississippi Forestry Commission Firefighter's Program for \$100. This vehicle is valued new at \$700k and will be used at John Bell Williams Airport in Raymond.



The **Ladder Truck 992 E-One Hurricane 75 Foot** vehicle is equipped with the following elements; 300 gallons of water, 1500 gallons per minute pump, a diesel generator, pre-piped elevated waterway with master stream device, as well as tools and equipment. The ladder truck can accommodate up to six firefighters. The vehicle was purchased from the City of Jackson for \$15,000 and refurbished by the Hinds County Central Repair Division. This vehicle will be very valuable to central Hinds County, the Town of Raymond, multiple multi-story buildings at Hinds Community College, Riggs Manor Retirement Home, and several county schools. This acquisition allows the County to run two ladder trucks to better serve the citizens and visitors.



The **2007 International Special Operations Rescue Unit** carries equipment for hazmat, rope rescue, confined space, dive rescue, overland search, saws, power and hand tools, generators, trash pumps, air compressors, SCBA's, scene lights, etc. The vehicle was purchased as an old propane bottle delivery vehicle. It was custom modeled by Central Repair to meet the needs of Hinds County Emergency Management and cost 1/10th of what a new truck would cost to purchase. This vehicle is equipped to respond to emergencies countywide and consolidates equipment into one vehicle instead of being spread between several trailers.



Volunteers NEEDED for Hinds County Fire Services

The fire and rescue service is one of the most diverse and challenging professions today. It is the diversity that inspires most men and women to enter the service -both as volunteers and career employees. Imagine having to train to prepare yourself to cope with situations which range from building fires to childbirth to hazardous chemical spills to heart attacks, and almost any imaginable emergency situation in between. This diversity is coupled with the fact that these skills may be needed at any time of the day, seven days a week, in any kind of weather and very often under potentially stressful and emotional circumstances. These challenges contribute to our profession being personally rewarding.

As volunteers, we are here for two basic purposes. The first is to prevent fires or medical emergencies from occurring. This is achieved through fire prevention, health maintenance education, inspections, fire safety education, and code enforcement programs. Secondly, we are here to prepare ourselves to control fire or medical emergencies, should prevention fail. This is done through education, training, pre-incident planning, more training, state-of-the-art equipment, and more training. We are a paramilitary profession working in a "hurry up and wait" environment.

This business is not for everyone. You need more than just a desire to help people. You need courage and dedication, assertiveness, and a willingness to learn new skills and face new challenges. And you need to have the time for training sessions, meetings, emergency calls, maintenance of equipment, and other duties. The fire and rescue service is not for the meek or timid or for those who lose control during times of crises. Our service is one which calls on its members to perform hot, sweaty, dirty, and strenuous work, often in uncertain and hazardous environments.

The personal rewards and satisfaction received from the fire and rescue service are often beyond description. There is a sense of accomplishment after controlling a building fire, joy and elation when a child is born, compassion for accident victims, and fulfillment in teaching fire safety. This list goes on and on. The bottom line in our business is measured by the loss of life, pain and suffering and property damage we have prevented or reduced. We are here and prepared for one reason, and that is to provide service to the people." Passage was taken from FEMA's Retention and Recruitment manual titled "The Nature of the Business – A Picture of What It's Like to Volunteer in the Fire Service".

There are twelve volunteer fire departments within Hinds County which ensures that there is one near you. Maybe you have a desire to leave a legacy of service for your children and grandchildren. Maybe you are the grandchild of somebody who has served in fire service for their entire life and you want to be a part of that legacy. Maybe you have had a medical emergency or a fire at your home and volunteer fire personnel responded and you are so thankful that you want to give back to your community in the same way. Then this article was written just for you.

There are many roles to fill within Hinds County Fire Services. Everybody has a skill that can be used in one of our departments. Whether you are a nurse, EMT, paramedic or would like to fight fires there is a place for you. If you have administrative skills, are comfortable with maintenance, checking equipment regularly or cleaning up around the station there is a place for you.

If you believe you have what it takes to become a member of the Hinds County Volunteer Fire Services and you live in the rural areas of Hinds County contact our office at 601.960.1476 for an application. You may also apply on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/HindsEOC

After you return your completed application we will provide your information to the appropriate volunteer fire chief.





Below is a list of departments looking for dedicated volunteers to join their ranks:

Bench Volunteer Fire Department
7460 Old Port Gibson Rd.
Utica, MS 39175

Bolton Volunteer Fire Department
117 W. Madison St.
Bolton, MS 39041

Brownsville Volunteer Fire Department
Station 1: 8057 Bolton Brownsville Rd.
Bolton, MS 39041

Station 2: 4675 Farr Rd.
Edwards, MS 39066

Byram Volunteer Fire Department
2571 Davis Rd.
Terry, MS 39170

Crossroads Volunteer Fire Department
3660 Dry Grove Rd.
Terry, MS 39170

Learned Volunteer Fire Department
323 Front St.
Raymond, MS 39154

Maclean Volunteer Fire Department
1367 Ross Circle
Jackson, MS 39209

Pocahontas Volunteer Fire Department
1140 FOA Road, Jackson, MS 39209

Raymond Volunteer Fire Department
109 Court St.
Raymond, MS 39154

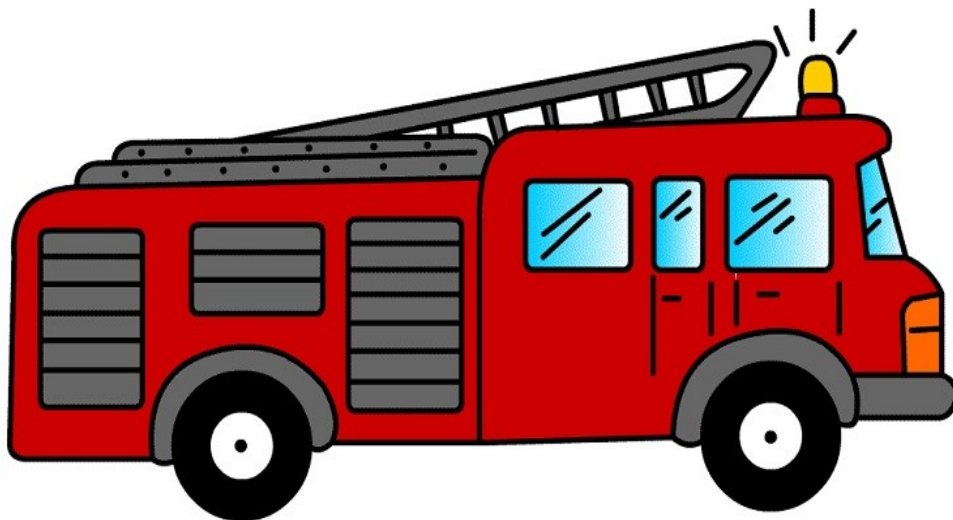
Terry Volunteer Fire Department
Station 1: 2001 Tank Rd.
Terry, MS 39170

Station 2: 129 Railroad Ave.
Terry, MS 39170

Utica Volunteer Fire Department
Station 1: 105 Depot St.
Utica, MS 39175

Station 2: 111 School St.
Utica, MS 39175

West Hinds Volunteer Fire Department
203 Main St..
Edwards, MS 39066





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