

Quarterly Newsletter



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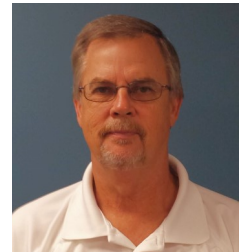
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From the Desk of the Director

Hinds County Emergency Management will be hosting a **STORM SPOTTER CLASS**, it will be presented by the National Weather Service - Jackson. Class is open to Hinds County employees, first responders and the public.

Date: October 24, 2019 Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: Hinds County EOC, 300 N. State St., Jackson, MS 39201
(corner of State & Mississippi in the basement of the Eudora Welty Library)



Ricky Moore, Director

SKYWARN is the National Weather Service (NWS) program of trained volunteer weather spotters. Storm spotters come from many walks of life, including fire fighters, law enforcement, and amateur radio operators. SKYWARN spotters coordinate with local emergency management officials and send reports of weather based phenomena to the NWS.

In addition to serving as a community's first line of defense against dangerous storms, spotters provide important information to warning forecasters who make critical warning decisions. SKYWARN storm spotters play a critical role of giving the NWS vital ground truth data, which helps the NWS perform our primary mission, to save lives and property.

The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Jackson maintains communications with area emergency managers, law enforcement and spotters who report via amateur radio during severe or adverse weather events.

(Source: <https://www.weather.gov/jan/spotter>)

Seating is limited so contact the office at 601.960.1476 to be added to the roster.

Sincerely,



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**MISSISSIPPI
FALL SEVERE
WEATHER
PREPAREDNESS
WEEK
OCTOBER 21-25, 2019**

Fall Severe Weather Preparedness Week for the State of Mississippi will occur between October 21-25, 2019. There will be a state-wide Tornado Drill on Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 9:15 a.m. If there is severe weather on that day, it will be postponed to the next clear weather day. Please plan to participate in the drill at your homes, schools and places of business. This is a great time to create or update your family disaster plan and disaster kit. For suggestions go to www.ready.gov

There will be daily topics that will be shared via our social media pages during the week at www.facebook.com/HindsEOC and also at www.twitter.com/HindsEOC.

Get Ready to Shake Out.



October 17, 10:17 a.m.

**Shake
Out™**

Register at www.ShakeOut.org

- ◆ Register to participate at: <https://www.shakeout.org/register/>
- ◆ Day of drill: **DROP** to ground, take **COVER** under a table or desk, **HOLD ON** to it as if a major earthquake were happening (stay down for at least 60 seconds). Practice now and often so that you will automatically know what to do in the case of an actual earthquake.

New Fire Trucks for Volunteer Fire Departments

Hinds County received two new pumper tankers last week from Ferrara Fire Apparatus. The trucks will be assigned to the Bolton Volunteer Fire Department and the Pocahontas Volunteer Fire Department.

The trucks cost \$287,490 each and carry 2000 gallons of water and have a 1000 gallon per minute (GPM) pump. They are also equipped with a host of other tools and equipment needed for fire suppression. These trucks were acquired through the Mississippi Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program Round 12 and 12 Supplemental.



Volunteer Firefighter Training



Sixteen Volunteer Firefighters from Hinds County completed the Mississippi Certified Volunteer Firefighter Level I course at the Mississippi State Fire Academy on September 14, 2019. These students worked hard the previous three months spending a total of 80 hours in the classroom doing bookwork and skills. They all completed their skills checkoff at the Fire Academy. The firefighters represented the following departments: Josh Hayes – Byram VFD, Edgar Bradshaw – Bench VFD, Vernon Adams – Learned VFD, Jimmy Pace – Terry VFD, Justin Stepp – Terry VFD, Daniel Pace – Terry VFD, Lee Ward – Byram VFD, Josh Raggio – Raymond VFD, Bubba Cable – Pocahontas VFD, Lisa Wilbourn – Byram VFD, Shawn Olsen – Pocahontas VFD, Taylor Flynt – Pocahontas VFD, Luke Keith – Pocahontas VFD, Colby Blount – Raymond VFD, Jonathan Woodard – Crossroads VFD, Byron Braden – Raymond VFD.



Twenty-two Volunteer Firefighters attended the 14th Annual Northwest Florida Volunteer Firefighter's Weekend September 20-22 in Niceville Florida. There the firefighters trained with other firefighters from across the Southeast on various topics including: Firefighter Cancer Awareness and Decontamination, Pump Operations, Emergency Incident Rehabilitation, Vehicle Extrication, Animal First Aid, Electrical Safety, Natural Gas Response, Explosive Awareness and Recognition, Lost Person Behavior, Solar Farm Safety and a host of other topics.

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.



who wants to
BE A VOLUNTEER?

Hinds County Volunteer Fire Services
601.960.1476

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





HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS



WALK SAFELY

1. Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
2. Look left, right and left again when crossing and keep looking as you cross.
3. Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
4. Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
5. Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible.
6. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
7. Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

TRICK OR TREAT WITH AN ADULT

Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, they should stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups.

KEEP COSTUMES BOTH CREATIVE AND SAFE

1. Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
2. Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
3. Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
4. When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

DRIVE SAFELY ON HALLOWEEN

1. Slow down and be alert in residential neighborhoods. Excited children may move in unpredictable ways.
2. Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
3. Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
4. Eliminate distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
5. Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day.
6. Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 to 9:30 pm so be especially alert for kids during those hours

Source: www.safekids.org



Mississippi State Fair: October 2—14, 2019

Safety Tips:

- Pay attention to weather forecasts and prepare appropriately. Use sunscreen.
- Drink plenty of water to stay hydrated.
- Wear closed toes shoes, not flip flops, to protect your feet.
- Be aware of your surroundings and know where to go if you need to seek shelter from unexpected weather.
- Read all instructions when viewing animals. Some should not be touched.
- Remember “If you see something, say something.” If you see people or activities that seem suspicious, report it to the Hinds County Sheriff’s Department Command Center located on the fairgrounds. If danger is imminent, dial 911!
- Teach kids to stay calm and stay put if separated from parents or caregivers.
- Have an established plan of a location where you will meet if separated.
- If you can’t count on a child to stay seated with hands and feet inside, don’t let them ride.
- Obey minimum height, age and weight restrictions. Never sneak children onto rides if they are too small or too young. A smaller/younger child may not be physically or developmentally able to stay safely seated.
- Remain in the ride until it comes to a complete stop at the unloading point. If a ride stops temporarily due to mechanical failure or other reasons, stay seated and wait for an operator to give you further instructions.
- Know your physical conditions and limitations. If you suspect that your health could be at risk for any reason, or you could aggravate a pre-existing condition of any kind, do not ride. ·

Have a safe and memorable time at the Mississippi State Fair and always keep safety as your #1 priority!!

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