

MISSISSIPPI FIRE CHIEFS ASSOCIATION

Mississippi **Fire Chief** Designation Program

Purpose

The purpose of this program is to provide an established set of standards for chiefs of fire departments in the State of Mississippi.

What It Is

Beginning January 1, 2009, the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association made available the designation of **Mississippi Fire Chief**. The opportunity to receive the designation of **Mississippi Fire Chief** shall be made available to those who demonstrate:

- their willingness to promote and support the Mississippi fire service
- the established knowledge, skills, and ability expected of a **Mississippi Fire Chief**.

The following designation levels are available:

- Level - I
- Level - II
- Level - III

All levels require a valid Mississippi driver's license, high school diploma, a minimum of 5 years of fire service experience, and current membership in the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association. All candidates must also meet ethical, moral, and professional expectations.

AVAILABLE LEVELS OF DESIGNATION

Requirement	Level-I	Level-II	Level-III
Tenure as Fire Chief	One full year	Three Years	Five Years
Basic Fire Fighter Training	Basic Fire Fighter 1001-I or Volunteer Fire Fighter – I or 10 Years of Experience Prior to 1990	Basic Fire Fighter 1001-I or Volunteer Fire Fighter NFPA 1001-Based	Candidate must meet requirements for MS Fire Chief Level II, and; Complete “Certified Chief Fire Officer” through the center for Public Safety Excellence, Inc. Follow the link below for more information. http://www.cpse.org/pr ofessional-credentialing/chief-fire-officer/application-information.aspx
Fire Officer Training	Fire Officer 1021-I or Volunteer Fire Officer - I or Fire Management 101 or Certified Rural Fire Officer	Fire Officer 1021- I & II or Volunteer Fire Officer - I & II	
Higher Education Completed	NA	Approved Executive Fire Officer Program or Associate's Degree in fire service or management field or Bachelors Degree in fire service or management field	

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Who Sponsors This Program?

This program is a consolidated effort between the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association and the Mississippi State Fire Academy. This designation is **not mandatory** but is created and endorsed by the Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association.

Who Is Eligible?

This designation is available to personnel who currently serve in the position of fire chief. Personnel who serves in positions as Director of Fire Services, County Fire Coordinator, etc. are also eligible.

What Steps are Required to Become a designated **Mississippi Fire Chief?**

1. Obtain an application
 - a. From the MFCA website
 - b. From the Mississippi State Fire Academy website
 - c. Contact the **Mississippi Fire Chief** Designation Program Coordinator @ 601-932-2444
2. Complete the application and forward it to the **Mississippi Fire Chief** Designation Program Coordinator.
 - a. All applicable documents must be included.
 - b. There is a \$25.00 fee, **Payable to Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association.**
 - c. Applications will be processed on a monthly basis.
3. Designation certificates will be presented at the annual summer conference.
4. Your designation is valid for a 2-year period and must be renewed **before** the end of the 2-year period.

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Mississippi Fire Chief Designation Application
2021
Please follow instructions carefully.

This application is also for candidates seeking re-designation

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION

Section I – General Information

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____
Official Title: _____
Fire Department or Organization Represented: _____
Contact Information:
Email address: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Street Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
Telephone Numbers: Office: _____ Cell: _____ County: _____

Section II – Standard Requirements- COPIES OF REQUIRED INFORMATION MUST BE SUBMITTED

Table with 3 columns: Question, YES, NO. Contains 5 questions regarding driver's license, education, fire service experience, association membership, and ethical standards.

Section III- Indicate the level of designation you are applying to receive

Level - I Level - II Level - III
Must include copies of applicable certificates, diplomas, degrees, etc. in application package.
Also, include document to verify the tenure based on the level you are requesting.
For candidates who are applying for re-designation only, List the expiration date: _____

Send completed packages to: Mississippi State Fire Academy
MS Fire Chief/Chief Fire Officer Designation Program
#1 Fire Academy U.S.A., Jackson, MS 39208
Send \$25 application fee to: Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association, Attn: Richard Watkins, P.O. Box 5231
Jackson, MS 39296-5231
For questions and more information, please contact: Steven Ashby, sashby@msfa.ms.gov , 601-932-2444