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From Executive Director Terry Wages

It is with great pleasure to present to you our FY2021 Annual Report of the Mississippi State Fire Academy. As we continue to adapt to this ever-changing environment, this year, we stayed true to our commitment to excellence and our dedication to our state fire service.

Not uncommon to transitional education, our methods of course delivery require new and innovative ways that connect to students and provide an educational experience conducive to meeting the responsibilities of public safety, while maintaining consistency in standards of training. This is ever more evident with adjustments necessary as we continue to navigate through the COVID-19 pandemic. Technology through online course delivery and application of hybrid programs, MSFA continues to offer a firm development platform that ensures adequate standards of training throughout our state.

The Mississippi State Fire Academy remains committed to providing training and educational excellence that is certain to “make a difference when it matters the most.”

Executive Director
State Fire Academy Mission Statement
To serve the Mississippi Fire Service Community and the World by providing quality education and training in fundamental and advanced skills to save lives and property.  
“Making A Difference When It Matters The Most!”

Philosophy
The State Fire Academy is committed and responsible for the training and education of personnel engaged in municipal, county, and industrial fire protection. This student body consists of career, volunteer, and industrial fire personnel. The Academy has three training areas, which are 1) Certification Services 2) Extension Services and 3) Industrial and Special Services, which all focus on the Academy’s only function, which is training. All other areas support the staff and students of these training areas.

The Academy’s philosophy is to deliver quality training and instruction to the fire service/emergency response personnel of the State, while adhering to high ethical standards, promoting cooperation among staff with efficiency and integrity in their work while representing the Academy in a professional, courteous, and helpful manner at all times, and safeguarding the assets of the State. The Academy is committed to providing excellent service to its customers by providing training based on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards as well as specialized courses not addressed by NFPA.

Statewide Goal and Benchmark
Public Safety and Order
To protect the public’s safety-by providing training to first responders/emergency responders.

The training students receive from the Academy provides them the skills necessary to save lives and property, which will in turn, lower the insurance fire rating which determines the premium rates on business and homeowner’s insurance.
Enabling Legislation
MS Code Annotated Section 45-11-7:
The State Fire Academy was created for the purpose of training and education of persons engaged in municipal, county, and industrial fire protection.

The Academy is officially designated as the agency of this state to conduct training for fire personnel on a statewide basis to all duly constituted fire departments.

MS Code Annotated Section 45-11-5:
Creation of a separate account known as the “State Fire Academy Fund” for the deposit of a tax of one-half of one percent (1/2 of 1%) of the gross premium receipts of fire insurance policies levied in the state.

Senate Bill 2362 of the 2016 Regular Legislative Session:
The above legislation changed the direction of the funding received by the Fire Academy to go to the state general fund effective July 1, 2016, in addition to diverting all cash in the account to the state general fund.

MS Code Annotated Section 45-11-7:
The Academy is designated as a division (sub-agency) of the Insurance Department.

MS Code Annotated Section 45-11-203:
Within one year of employment, all paid full-time firefighters shall be certified as completing the mandatory training requirements administered by the State Fire Academy.

MS Code Annotated Section 83-1-39:
Requires one member of the sheriff's department to be the county fire investigator and to attend training at the State Fire Academy in arson investigation.
Fund Balance
Financial Statement
July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

State Appropriations House Bill 1699: $4,968,718

Grant Funding:
Sub Grant Funds-Passed through other State Agencies, and Federal Grant Funds-Direct $1,776,644
TOTAL Appropriations and Grant Funding: $6,745,362

Expenses:
Salaries, Wages, Fringe Benefits $3,853,593
Travel $ 29,255
Contractual Services $ 430,704
Commodities $ 441,332
Equipment Purchases $ 735,715
Vehicles $ -0-
Resale Merchandise and Subsides $ 18,826
TOTAL Expenses: $5,509,425

Unused General Funding as of June 30, 2020: $118,638
Unused Federal Grant Funding as of June 30, 2020: $1,117,299
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The Commissioner of Insurance may establish and charge reasonable fees for the training programs and other services provided by the Academy.
The Academy was able to receive grant funds directly from the Federal Aviation Administration. This grant will be utilized to pay for a brand new Airport Rescue Firefighter Crash Truck. Purchase is expected to be completed in FY 2022.

**Grant Funds Received: $760,000**

The Academy was able to receive grant funds directly from the Assistance to Firefighter Grants to rebuild burn building in FY2021. This grant was utilized to purchase a gas-fueled live fire training prop system with fully independent fireplaces. Purchase and renovation were completed in FY 2022.

**Grant Funds Received: $434,756**

The Academy was able to receive grant funds directly from the Assistance to Firefighter Grants. This grant will be utilized to purchase a breathing air compressor with two filling stations and a cascade system gas-fueled live fire training prop system with fully independent fireplaces. Purchase is expected to be completed in FY 2022.

**Grant Funds Received: $107,228**

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security under the MS Department of Public Safety awarded grant funds from the State Homeland Security Program. This grant was utilized for on-campus and field delivery programs that have been approved through the Office of Domestic Preparedness. This grant was utilized for the delivery of Rope Rescue, Confined Space Rescue, Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations, Hazardous Materials Technician, Trench Rescue, and NIMS courses.

**Grant Funds Received: $250,000**

**Deliveries Offered: 19**

**Students Participating: 277**


**Grant Funds Received: $204,660**

**Deliveries Offered: 9**

**Students Participating: 127**
The Academy was able to receive grant funds directly from the National Fire Academy State Fire Training Grant Program. This grant procures funding for courses approved by the U.S. Fire Administration’s National Fire Academy to be administered on a statewide basis to fire service and emergency response personnel. Courses administered during FY 2021.

Grant Funds Received: $20,000
Deliveries Offered: 4
Students Participating: 67
Mississippi Trainer Agility Test (MSTAT)
  Firefighter 1001-I-II
  Firefighter 1001-I-II: Field Course
  Firefighter 1001-I-II: Hybrid
  Fire Officer 1021-I-II
  Fire Officer 1021-I-II: Online
  Fire Officer 1021-II: Online
  Fire Officer 1021-I-II: Field Course
  Mississippi Executive Fire Officer Program
  Fire Service Instructor 1041-I-II
  Fire Service Instructor 1041-III
  Fire Service Instructor 1041-I-II: Online
  Fire Department Safety Officer 1521: Online
  Fire Department Safety Officer 1521: Field Delivery
  Fire Inspector 1031-I
  Fire Inspector 1031-II
  Fire Service Chaplain

How To Develop and Assist In Firefighter Physical Fitness Programs
  Truck Company Operations
  Engine Company Operations

Guidelines for Certification Field Courses and Online Delivery
Emergency Medical Responder (Hybrid)
Emergency Medical Technician/Basic (Hybrid)
Emergency Medical Technician/Advanced (Hybrid)
EMR/ EMT-B/AEMT Field Classes
Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) - Instructor
Advanced Cardiac Life Support – ACLS Provider Course
Basic Life Support (BLS) For Healthcare Providers- Instructor
Basic Life Support (BLS) For Healthcare Providers
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)- Instructor
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (Provider Course)
Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC)
Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)
Driver/Operator NFPA 1002: Pumper Apparatus
Driver/Operator NFPA 1002: Pumper Apparatus Field Evaluation
Driver/Operator NFPA1002: Aerial Apparatus Field Evaluation
Airport Fire Fighter NFPA - 1003
Aircraft Rescue & Fire Fighter Refresher
Fire Investigator 1033
Mississippi County Fire Investigator
Mississippi County Fire Investigator: annual in-service
Public Information Officer 1035
Human Trafficking Awareness for First Responders
Fire & Life Safety Education (FLSE) - NFPA 1035 (I-III)
Fireground Skills Refresher
Liquefied Petroleum Gas Tactics & Live Fire Drill
Industrial On-site Training Programs (Modules I-V)
Mississippi Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter Program (Modules I & II)
Mississippi Certified Volunteer Fire Fighter II
Certified Fireground Resource Technician Program
Certified Volunteer Driver Operator: I
Certified Volunteer Driver Operator: II
Mississippi Volunteer Fire Officer-I
Mississippi Volunteer Fire Officer-II
Fire Fighter Field Day
Managing The Rural Emergency Incident
Passenger Bus Rescue & Incident Management
National Fire Academy Programs
Regional Training Courses
Mississippi Fire Chief Designation Program (MFCD)
Mississippi Chief Fire Officer Designation Program (MCFOD)
Special Operations/Industry Bureau

- Fireground Leadership
- Fire Service Management - 101
- Smoke Diver
- Rope Rescue Awareness & Operations (Rope Level I)
- Rescue Technician (Rope Level II)
- Tower Rescue Technician
- Rope Rescue Awareness & Operations-Field Delivery: Modules 1-4
- Confined Space Rescue Technician
- Confined Space Rescue Field Delivery: Modules 1-4
- Trench Rescue Technician
- Surface Water & Swiftwater Rescue Technician
- Firefighter Intervention Rescue Survival Techniques (FIRST)
- Certified Advanced Rescue Specialist (CARS)
- Vehicle Extraction & Rescue Technician
- Advanced Rope Rescue Workshop: Wilderness
- Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations: Online
- Hazardous Materials Technician - I
- Hazardous Materials Technician - II
- Incident Management of Hazardous Materials
- Hazardous Materials Technician Field Delivery
- NFA Chemistry of Hazardous Materials: Fire Chem I
Our Team are contributing members of the following affiliations:
- International Association of Fire Chiefs
- International Code Council
- International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC)
- Mississippi Administrative Assistants Professional Association
- Mississippi Association of Governmental Purchasing and Property Agents
- Mississippi Association of Personnel Administrators
- Mississippi Association of Public Fire Safety Educators
- Mississippi Fire Chiefs Association
- Mississippi Fire Fighters Association
- Mississippi Fire Service Instructors Association
- National Association of Fire Investigators
- National Fire Protection Association
The Academy contracted with the following individuals for course deliveries during the fiscal year.

Abercrombie, Joseph
Adams, David
Briggs, David
Brown, Finley
Brown, Charles
Bryant, Richard
Bunyard, James
Bush, Robert
Collins, Barry
Culver, Jermaine
Cummings, Phillip
Davies, Joshua
Devore, Calvin
Dillard, Tommy
Dubuisson, Scott
Ford, Dustin
Garza, Juan
Gettinger, Michael
Gibens, Ricky
Grimes, John
Homan, Patrick
Horn, George
Keys, Cody
Kramer, Robert
Laney, Christopher
Marbury, Curtiss
Malone, Tommy
Miller, Justin
Mills, Jerry
Morris, Vernon
Parker, Robert
Parks, Clarence
Queen, Joseph
Reed, Leland
Rivera, Nicholas
Robbins, Norris
Rutherford, Michael
Sanchez, Savanna
Sanko, Scott
Shook, Charles
Smith, Longnacio
Stone, Adams
Tate, Charles
Taylor, Michael
Thomas, Steven
Vanhorn, Karl
Watts, Michael
Whirley, Jerry
Whiteside, Mark
Winchester, Samuel
Wood, Steven
Yarbrough, Charles
Due to the COVID19 pandemic, the Mississippi State Fire Academy did not contract with any outside entities. The Academy usually contracts with several specialized instructors to teach fire-related deliveries. However, with the limited schedule of FY 2021, these courses were not delivered.
Student Numbers

4,470
TOTAL STUDENTS

341
TOTAL COURSES DELIVERED

126,966
TOTAL STUDENT HOURS

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