

# Mississippi State Fire Academy

# Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2024

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Jackson, MS 39208

Kelly Elliott  
Executive Director

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# From Executive Director Kelly Elliott



It is with great pleasure to present to you our FY2024 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. Utilizing 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.”

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## **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!"*

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 consists of 4 Groups: 1) Firemanship 2) Professional Development 3) Special Operations/Industry 4) Strategic Operations & Advancement, and the Administration/Support Staff.

The Academy delivers 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, 2023-June 30, 2024

State Appropriations House Bill 1380:	\$6,228,768
Capital Expense Funding:	\$235,000
Workforce Development Funding:	\$-0-

## Grant Funding:

Sub Grant Funds-Passed through other State Agencies:	\$121,300
Federal Grant Funds-Direct:	\$885,719
<b>TOTAL Appropriations and Grant Funding:</b>	<b>\$7,235,787</b>

## Expenses:

Salaries, Wages, Fringe Benefits	\$4,577,280
Travel	52,958
Contractual Services	725,229
Commodities	590,938
Equipment Purchases	77,205
Vehicles	-0-
Resale Merchandise and Subsides	<u>42,671</u>
<b>TOTAL Expenses:</b>	<b>\$6,066,281</b>



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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.



# Grant Information Fiscal Year 2024

## **Grant Funds Received: \$365,719**

The Academy received grant funds directly from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration Grant Program. This grant will be utilized to implement new PHMSA-approved courses.

## **Grant Funds Received: \$500,000**

Academy received funding for the purchase of a new Fire Rescue Apparatus. Funding was received by the Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program..

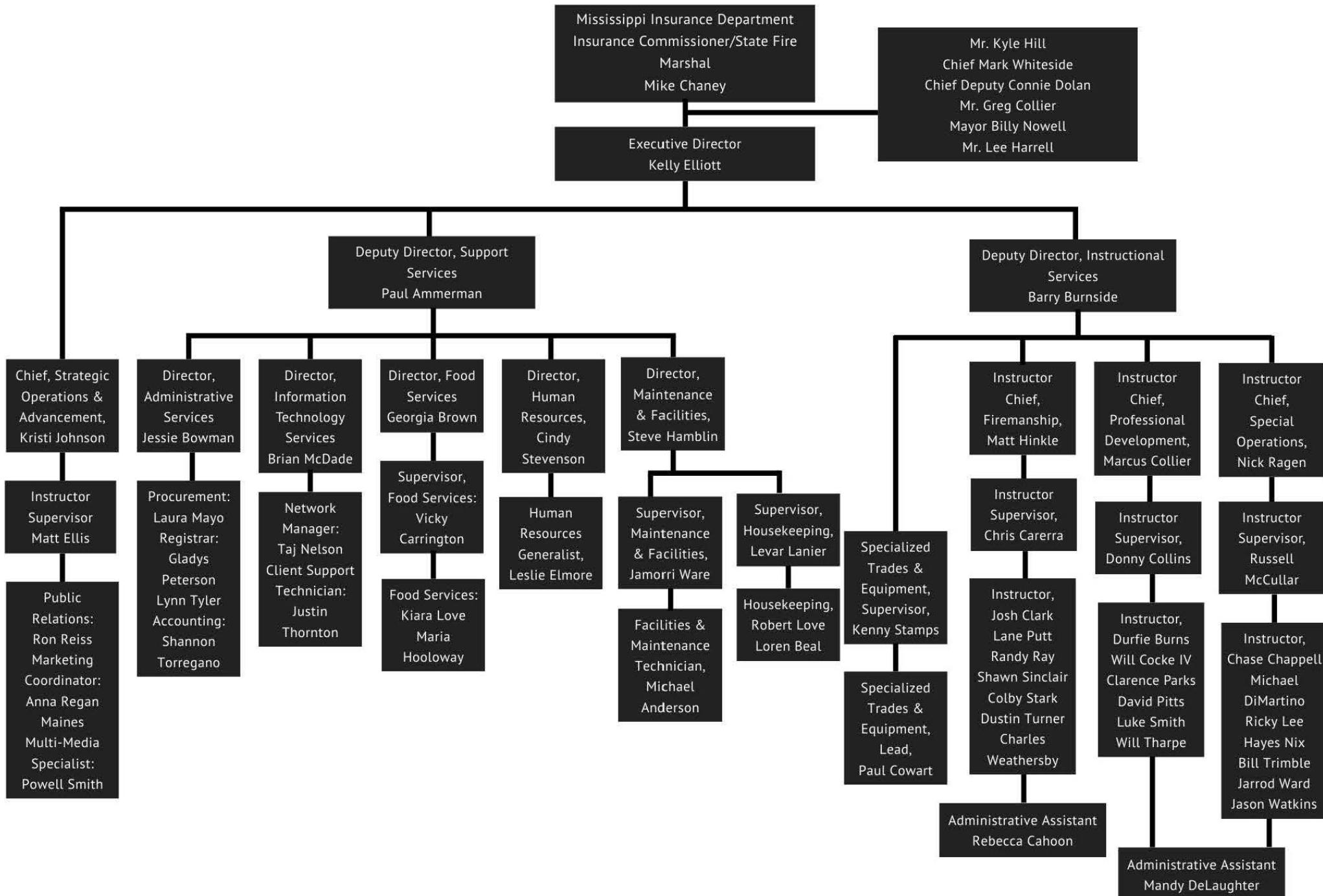
## **Grant Funds Received: \$121,300**

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency awarded grant funds from the Hazardous Materials Emergency Preparedness, under the US Department of Transportation. This grant was utilized for the delivery of Hazardous Materials Technician I, Hazardous Materials Technician II, Hazardous Materials Awareness/Operations, and Fire Chemistry.

## **Grant Funds Received: \$20,000**

The Academy received 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 2024.

# Organizational Chart



# Firemanship Group

Airport Firefighter Refresher

Airport Firefighter, NFPA 1003

Apparatus Pump Operator for Mobile Water Supply

Automobile Extrication

Basic Apparatus Pump Operator

Certified Fireground Resource Technician

Certified Volunteer Driver Operator

Driver Operator Aerial, NFPA 1002

Driver Operator Pumper, NFPA 1002

Engine Company Operations

Firefighter Essential Skills - I

Firefighter Essential Skills - II

Firefighter Essential Skills - III

Firefighter Essential Skills - IV

Firefighter Essential Skills - V

Firefighter Essential Skills - VI

Firefighter Level I / II, NFPA 1001-I-II

Fireground Skills Refresher

Initial Care Actions for First Responders

Introduction to Aircraft Rescue and Firefighting

Liquified Petroleum Gas Tactics and Live Fire Drill

Mississippi Certified Volunteer Firefighter - Module 1

Mississippi Certified Volunteer Firefighter - Module 2

Mississippi Certified Volunteer Firefighter Level II

Mississippi Trainee Agility Test

National Traffic Incident Management: Responder Training Program

Protecting Yourself from the Enemy

The Fire Apparatus Driver

Truck Company Operations

# Professional Development Group

Firefighter 1001-I-II

Fire Officer 1021-I

Fire Officer 1021-II

Fire Officer 1021-I: Online

Fire Officer 1021-II: Online

Fire Officer 1021-I: Field Delivery

Fire Officer 1021-II: Field Delivery

Mississippi Executive Fire Officer Program

Fire Inspector 1031-I

Fire Investigator 1033

Mississippi County Fire Investigator

Mississippi County Fire Investigator: Annual In-Service

Public Information Officer 1035

Fire & Life Safety Education (FLSE) - NFPA 1035-I

Fire & Life Safety Education (FLSE) - NFPA 1035-II

Fire & Life Safety Education (FLSE) - NFPA 1035-III

Fire Service Instructor 1041-I

Fire Service Instructor 1041-II

Fire Service Instructor 1041-III

Fire Service Instructor 1041-I: Online

Fire Service Instructor 1041-II: Online

Fire Service Instructor 1041-I: Field Delivery

Fire Service Instructor 1041-II: Field Delivery

Fire Department Safety Officer 1521

Fire Department Safety Officer 1521: Online

Fire Department Safety Officer 1521: Field Delivery

Human Trafficking Awareness for First Responders

National Fire Academy Programs

Fire Service Chaplain

Firefighter Physical Fitness Programs

Fireground Leadership

# Special Operations Group

Smoke Diver

Rope Rescue Awareness & Operations

Rope 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 & Rescue Technician

Tower Rescue Technician

Machinery Rescue Technician

Passenger Bus Extrication

Advanced Rope Rescue Workshop: Wilderness

Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations

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

Industrial On-Site Training Programs (Modules 1-5)

Emergency Medical Responder (Hybrid)

Emergency Medical Technician/Basic (Hybrid)

Emergency Medical Technician/Advanced (Hybrid)

EMR/ EMT-B/AEMT Field Classes

EMS Field Refresher

Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS)

Basic Life Support (BLS)

Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)

Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC)

Tactical Emergency Casualty Care (TECC)

# Adjunct Instructors

The Academy contracted with the following individuals for course deliveries during the fiscal year.

Joseph Abercrombie  
Clayton Aldridge  
F. Bryan Brown  
James Bunyard  
Robert Bush  
Jesse Clock  
Adam Cordell  
Harry Cunningham  
Adam Denson  
Joshua Davies  
Dustin Ford  
Anthony Garza  
Justin Garza  
Michael Gettinger  
Evan Gibens  
Patrick Graham  
Kevin Grantham  
Wayne Hoffman  
Michael Hogan  
Patrick Homan  
Travis Inman  
Eric Janssen  
Jerry King



Andy Lott  
Tommy Malone  
Preston Mayfield  
Justin Miller  
Benjamin Moore  
V. Seth Morris  
Parker Noblin  
Jamie Phillips  
Chad Ponder  
Brandon Potts  
Steven Purvis  
Norris Robbins  
Brian Roberts  
Marshall Robinson  
Hunter Rybolt  
Todd Shook  
Candice Talley  
Charles Tate  
Michael Taylor  
James Thomas  
Mark Whiteside  
Jim Whitfield

# Student Numbers

**7,508**

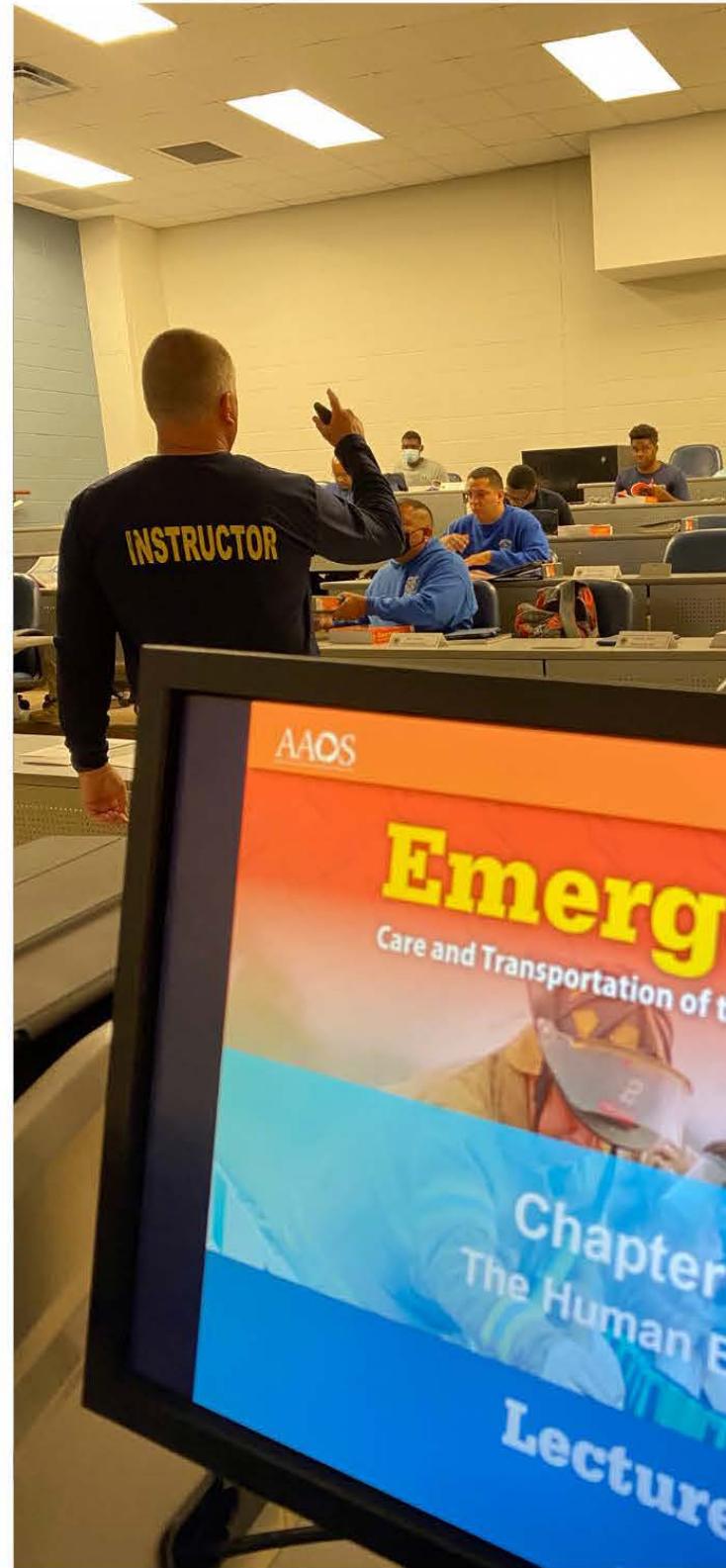
**TOTAL STUDENTS  
ENROLLED**

**536**

**TOTAL COURSES  
DELIVERED**

**276,627**

**TOTAL STUDENT HOURS**







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