

MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRE ACADEMY

# Annual Report

FISCAL YEAR 2025



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Executive Director



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# From Executive Director Kelly Elliott



It is with great pleasure to present to you our FY2025 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.”

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Elliott". The signature is stylized and cursive.



## **State Fire Academy Mission Statement**

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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.



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# 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.

The Commissioner of Insurance may establish and charge reasonable fees for the training programs and other services provided by the Academy.

## **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 45-11-203:**

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, 2024-June 30, 2025

State Appropriations House Bill 1798:	\$7,017,923
Capital Expense Funding:	\$2,075,000
Capital Expense Fund Re-Appropriation:	\$485,000

## Grant Funding:

Grant Funding:	\$1,332,759
Sub Grant Funds-Passed through other State Agencies:	\$97,040
Federal Grant Funds-Direct:	\$1,235,719
<b>TOTAL Appropriations and Grant Funding:</b>	<b>\$10,910,682</b>

## Expenses:

Salaries, Wages, Fringe Benefits	\$5,043,926
Travel	48,352
Contractual Services	952,046
Commodities	646,261
Equipment Purchases	101,740
Vehicles	-0-
Resale Merchandise and Subsidies	<u>460,046</u>
<b>TOTAL Expenses:</b>	<b>\$7,252,370.92</b>



# Grant Information Fiscal Year 2025

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

The Academy was able to receive 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: \$425,000**

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

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The Academy received funding to purchase new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus. Funding through FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

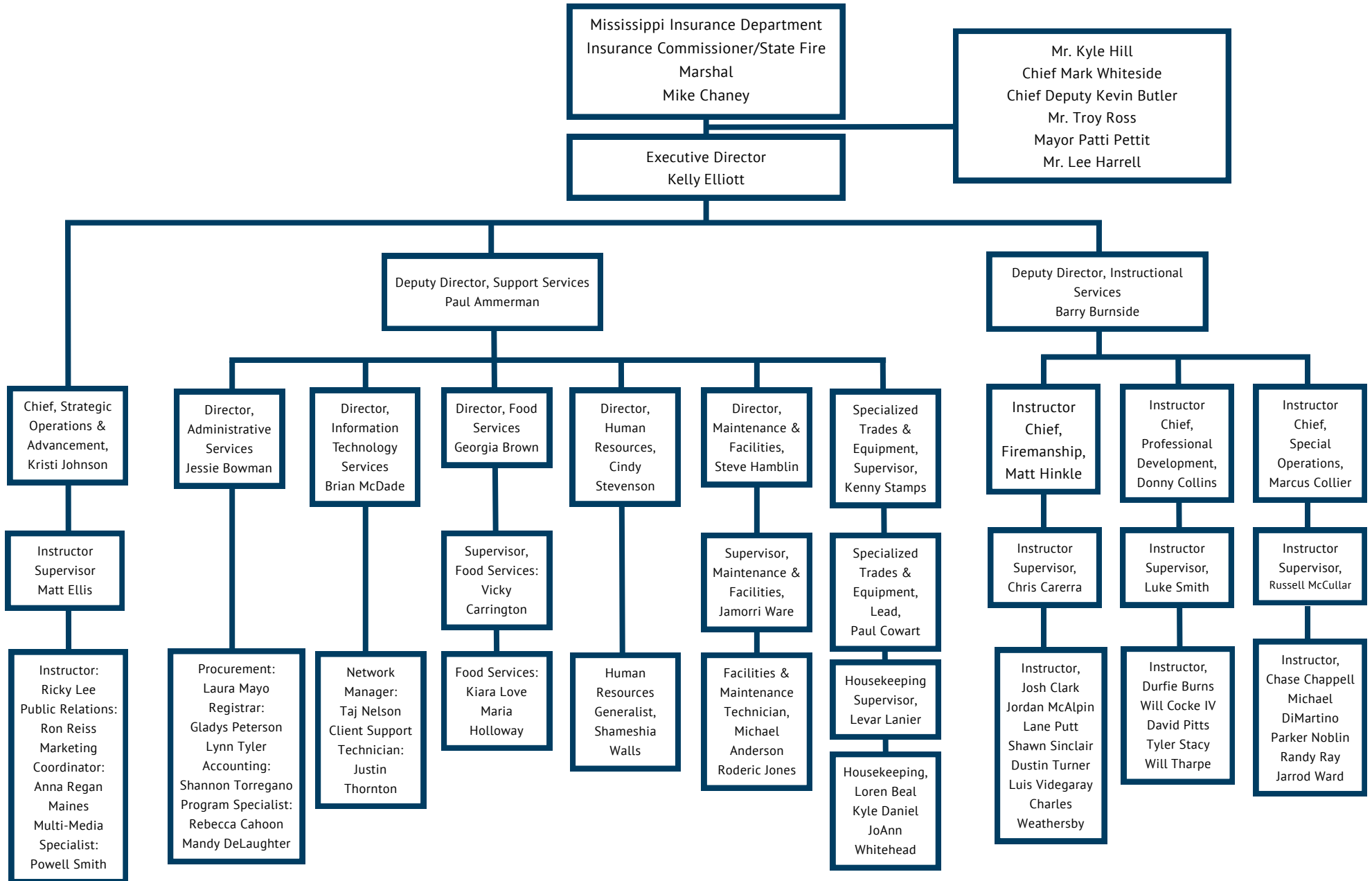
## **Grant Funds Received: \$97,040**

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 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 2023.

# Organizational Chart



# Firemanship Group

Mississippi Trainee Agility Test (MSTAT)  
Firefighter I/II NFPA 1010  
Firefighter Operations (Non-Accredited)  
Firefighter I (Non-Accredited)  
Firefighter II (Non-Accredited)  
Airport Firefighter NFPA 1010  
Airport Firefighter Refresher  
Engine Company Operations  
Truck Company Operations  
Liquefied Petroleum Gas Tactics and Live Fire Drill  
Regional Training Courses  
Driver/Operator: Pumper NFPA 1010  
Driver/Operator: Aerial NFPA 1010  
Certified Volunteer Driver/Operator



# Professional Development Group

**Fire and Emergency Services Instructor 1041 (I/II/III)**  
**Fire Officer 1021 (I/II/III, Campus/Online/Field)**  
**Fireground Leadership**  
**Fire Management 101**  
**Fire Inspector 1030**  
**First Responder Inspector**  
**Mississippi Executive Fire Officer Program**  
**Incident Safety Officer 1521**  
**Fire and Life Safety Educator (I/II/III)**  
**Fire and Life Safety Program Manager**  
**Public Information Officer**  
**Fire Service Chaplain**  
**Developing Firefighter Physical Fitness Programs**  
**Fire Investigator**  
**Mississippi County Fire Investigator**  
**Mississippi County Fire Investigator: Annual In-service**  
**Human Trafficking Awareness for First Responders**  
**National Fire Academy Programs**



# Special Operations Group

Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations  
Hazardous Materials Technician Levels I/II  
Hazardous Materials Incident Command  
Chemistry of Hazardous Materials  
Rope Rescue Awareness and Operations  
Rope Rescue Technician  
Confined Space Rescue Technician  
Trench Rescue Technician  
Firefighter Intervention Rescue Survival Techniques  
Vehicle Extrication and Rescue Technician  
Machinery Rescue Technician  
Smoke Diver  
Surface and Swiftwater Rescue Technician  
Tower Rescue Technician  
Advanced Rope Rescue Workshop: Wilderness  
Certified Advanced Rescue Specialist



# Strategic Operations & Advancement

Emergency Medical Responder (Hybrid)  
Emergency Medical Technician-Basic (Hybrid)  
Emergency Medical Technician-Advanced (Hybrid)  
EMR/EMT-B/EMT-A Refreshers  
Advanced Cardiac Life Support (ACLS) - Instructor  
Basic Life Support (BLS) for Healthcare Providers- Instructor  
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (PALS)- Instructor  
Pediatric Advanced Life Support (Provider Course)  
Tactical Combat Casualty Care  
Tactical Emergency Casualty Care  
TECC for Law Enforcement Officers  
First on the Scene  
Emergency Response to CO2 Pipelines  
Mississippi Pipeline Emergency Pipeline Response Initiative



Mississippi State Fire Academy

# MSPERI

Mississippi Pipeline Emergency Response Initiative

CONNECT + PREPARE + RESPOND

# Adjunct Instructors

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

Joseph Abercrombie  
Christopher Albrektson  
Clayton Aldridge  
Brian Armenta  
Hunter Averett  
Keith Black  
Justin Boulter  
Gerald Briggs  
Bryan Brown  
Richie Bryant  
James Bunyard  
Robert Bush  
Adam Carnes  
Jesse Clock  
Randy Coleman  
Adam Cordell  
Harry Cunningham  
Joshua Davies  
Tyler Davis  
Michael Davis  
Ronald Davis  
Adam Denson  
Marlon Dixon  
Dustin Eaves  
Dustin Ford

Evan Foresman  
Tony Garza  
Michael Gettinger  
Evan Gibens  
James (Hunter) Graves  
Patrick Graham  
Kevin Grantham  
Christian (Alex) Grimes  
Wayne Hoffman  
Michael Hogan  
John Hoggard  
Patrick Homan  
George Horn  
Kyle Horton  
Robert Hutto  
Jerry King  
Andy Lott  
Jeremiah Lovett  
Tommy Malone  
Jeremy Maxey  
Preston Mayfield  
Brian McCulloch  
Jacob McVey  
Benjamin Moore  
Vernon Seth Morris

Hayes Nix  
John Paulk  
Dustin Perry  
Brandon Potts  
Payton Price  
Steven Purvis  
Jacob Quarles  
Ronald Reynolds  
Norris Robbins  
Brian Roberts  
Marshall Robinson  
Hunter Rybolt  
Kerry Tyler Scott  
Adam Stone  
Candice Talley  
Charles Tate  
Michael Taylor  
James William Thomas  
Jason Watkins  
Christopher White  
Chris Whiteside  
Mark Whiteside  
Jim Whitfield  
Clay Willingham  
Colin Wilson



# Student Numbers

**5,971**

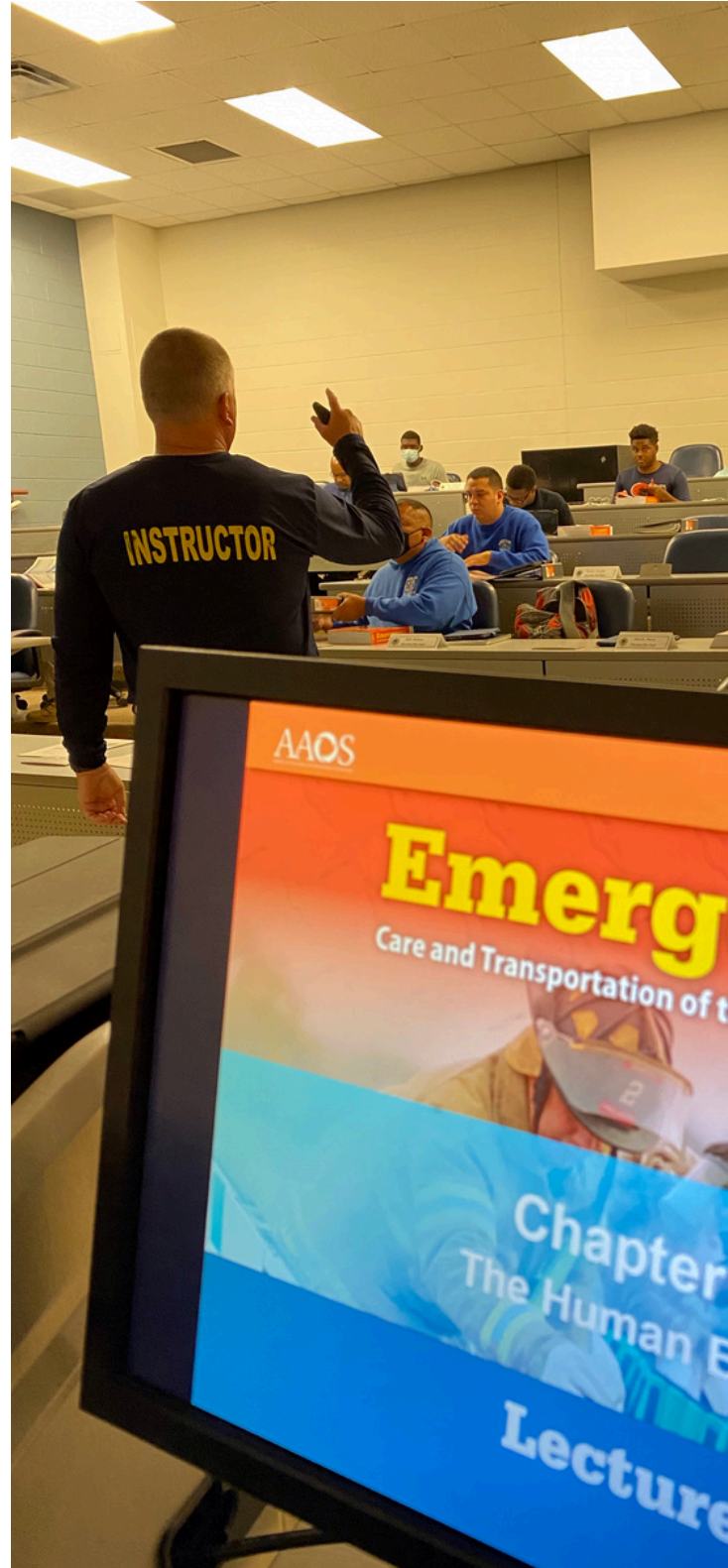
TOTAL STUDENTS ENROLLED

**441**

TOTAL COURSES DELIVERED

**231,996**

TOTAL STUDENT HOURS







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