



# MISSISSIPPI

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## INSURANCE DEPARTMENT



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**MIKE CHANEY**  
Commissioner of Insurance  
and State Fire Marshal

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## FACT SHEET

### LICENSING DIVISION

- **40** - Licensing types responsible for
- **\$5 to \$200** - Cost of licenses range
- **\$5,000** - Two special license types - Portable Electronics and Transportation Network Company
- **607,870** - total licensees, registrants & Certificate holders (YTD 12/31/19)
- **42,826** - Licenses issued (12/31/19)
- **60,629** - Qualifications issued (12/31/19)
- **137,934** - Appointments issued (12/31/19)
- **114,612** - Appointments terminated (12/31/19)

### BAIL AGENT LICENSING

- Mississippi Insurance Department Bail Bond Registry <https://www.msbondsource.com/>
- **\$780,708,050** Total outstanding liability (active agents)\*
- **\$84,760,338** Total outstanding liability (in-active agents)\*
- **\$118,280,172** Personal Surety Total Outstanding Liability (active)\*
- **\$123,100,535** Limited Surety Total Outstanding Liability (active)\*
- **\$539,327,343** Solicitor Total Outstanding Liability (active)\*
- **215,177** Count of ALL Bonds Written Since GoLIVE
- **561** Count of ALL Active Soliciting Agents BLSOI
- **88** Count of ALL Active Limited Surety Agents LIMS\*
- **99** Count of ALL Active Personal Surety Agents PERS\*  
\*as of 12/31/2019

### STATUTORY COMPLIANCE

- **383** - New companies licensed between 1/01/2008 and 12/31/19
- **18** - P&C companies licensed in 2019
- **1** - HMO Companies licensed in 2019
- **2** - Life & Health companies licensed in 2019
- **9** - Surplus Lines companies authorized in 2019

### STATE FIRE ACADEMY

- **183** - Students trained in December 2019
- **10,208** - Students trained in calendar year 2019
- **3,211** - Students trained in FY 2020

### OFFICE LOCATIONS

**Main Office – 501 North West Street - 1001 Woolfolk State Office Building - Jackson, MS 39205**

**Coast Office – Bolton State Office Building -1141 Bayview Avenue, Suite 404 -Biloxi, MS 39530**

**State Fire Marshal Office - 660 North Street - Suite 100-B - Jackson, MS 30202**



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### CONSUMER SERVICES DIVISION

- **14,064** - Complaints received (as of 12/31/19)
- **\$3,011,114.59** – payments made (as of 12/31/19)
- **2017** – Launched partnership service with MS Collision Repair Association to provide free flood damage inspections for anyone purchasing a new or used car
- **1,903** - Life Insurance Locator tool – searches since 2016
- **562** - Life Insurance Locator tool beneficiaries matched (as of 12/30/19)
- **\$6,557,586** Life Insurance Locator benefits distributed (as of 12/30/19)
- **NFIP link** launched (<http://www.mid.ms.gov/consumers/homeowners-insurance.aspx#fi>) – contains latest information and tips on flooding and for anyone considering flood insurance
- **62,380** flood policies in force in Mississippi (as of 9/11/19)

### HEALTHCARE INSURANCE

- **98,000** – Mississippi Federally Facilitated Marketplace enrollment \*as of 1/3/2020
- Health insurance rate review (<http://www.healthrates.mid.ms.gov/>)
- Negotiated agreement with providers lifted age cap for Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA)
- **Autism Hotline (1-833-488-6472)** Helps consumers with issues re: health insurance benefits for screening, diagnosis, and treatment
- **Autism Insurance Resources website** helps consumers with issues related to claiming health insurance benefits for screening, diagnosis, and treatment (<http://www.mid.ms.gov/autism>)

### ELEVATOR AND BUILDING SAFETY

- **35** – Elevator inspectors currently licensed
- **233** – Elevator mechanics currently licensed
- **24** – Elevator contractors currently licensed
- **15** – Limited Elevator Mechanics
- **7** – Elevator Inspection Contractors

### STATE FIRE MARSHAL OFFICE (SFMO)

- Office includes the promotion or regulation of : **Fire Investigations, Fire Code/Enforcement, Factory-Built Homes, Mississippi Electronic Protection, Public Fire Safety Education, Fire Services Development and Liquefied Compressed Gas**
- **80** - Unintentional residential structure fire deaths in 2018
- **64** - Unintentional residential structure fire deaths investigated by SFMO (as of 12/31/19)
- **75** - Number of unintentional residential structure fire deaths investigated by State Fire Marshal this time 2018
- **34** - Fire deaths in which smoke alarms were not present or non-working (as of 12/31/19)
- 64% of the fire deaths in 2019 investigated by SFMO had no working smoke alarms

# Chief Ricky Davis

State Chief Deputy Fire Marshal



# Brad Smith

State Fire Coordinator



## Rebate \$ for FY 2019

These are the totals including the \$250K in code funds which puts us slightly ahead of last year's disbursements, also shown below.

- Municipal (FY2019) \$ 8,823,146.76
- County (FY2019) \$ 8,823,146.78
  
- Municipal (FY2018) \$8,522,029.04
- County (FY2018) \$8,480,645.83

(This is about \$ 5.95 per person)

## **OVERVIEW:**

- In the 1995, 1996 sessions of the Mississippi Legislature funds totaling \$8.2 million were appropriated to begin a new state program to assist counties in the purchase in of new fire trucks for rural fire protection.
- The amount was enough to fund two rounds of grants for two trucks for each county for up to \$50,000 per grant.
- At this time truck suiting the needs of rural departments could be purchased for approximately \$100,000.
- Subsequent rounds were authorized due to the escalating cost of fire trucks.

## **OVERVIEW:**

- Additional appropriations have been made most sessions since 1996 based on the number of applications on hand and availability of funds.
- During 2019 session, a thirteenth round was designated with grant funding at \$90,000.
- To date, 904 trucks have been purchased with the assistance of RFTAAP.



## RFTAAP – Quick Facts

- RFTAAP has saved policy holders approximately \$1.6 Billion since it's inception
- The above savings represent a 3:1 return on investment
- Fire department Public Protection Classifications have consistently improved since the program began in 1995

Good to see people have a basic understanding of how railroads work....  
*(Let me know when you stop laughing!)*



# State Fire Marshal's Office Factory Built Home Division

Tim Fagerburg  
Deputy Supervisor



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**Responsible for the  
Licensing and Training of**

**Manufacturers  
Retailers  
Installer/Transporters**

# State Fire Marshal's Office Factory Built Home Division

**Responsible for the Inspections of  
All Factory Built Homes  
Installed in the State of Mississippi**

- Anchoring and Tie Down Straps**
- Support Pier Construction**
- Site Preparation for Proper Drainage**

# State Fire Marshal's Office Factory Built Home Division

**Number of Factory Built Home Inspections  
Performed in 2019**

**4,359**

# B.J. Malley

Fire Marshal Supervisor, Deputy





# MS Fire Prevention Code

The State Fire Marshal's Office is tasked with administering and enforcing the MS Fire Prevention Code( MS Code 45-11-101- 45-11-111)

The division employs 4 Fire Inspectors and 1 supervisor

- Within the MS Fire Prevention Code, The State Fire Marshals Office inspects all state owned properties, reviews all plans for construction of state owned property, and responds to reports of eminent fire safety concerns from any concerned party
- Keep up with all adopted codes for counties and municipalities
- The State Fire Marshal's Office inspects and assists in the inspection of over 3,000 structures annually
- Assist local jurisdictions with building code adoption and inspections as requested

# Terry Wages

Executive Director  
State Fire Academy







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