

MEMA NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER 2020



MEMA SPOTLIGHT

LOGISTICS, it's a branch that always plays an integral role in the response to a natural or man-made disaster. However, with COVID-19 it's morphed into a lifeline of our pandemic response for the state of Mississippi. In March, Logistics Section Chief Don Wilson and his team took the helm in leading our state for procuring, packaging, delivering, storing and documenting PPE in the state. Since then, they've worked around the clock.



With the assistance of the Mississippi State Department of Health and the Mississippi National Guard, MEMA has delivered to 470 hospitals and long-term care facilities, all 82 counties and the Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians. Our teams have traveled more than 250,000 miles across Mississippi roads and interstates. The Logistics team found themselves in competition with the entire world to procure PPE. Thanks to Don, his team and our leadership, MEMA's PPE stockpile is growing and our procurement avenues are solid.



COMING SOON

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

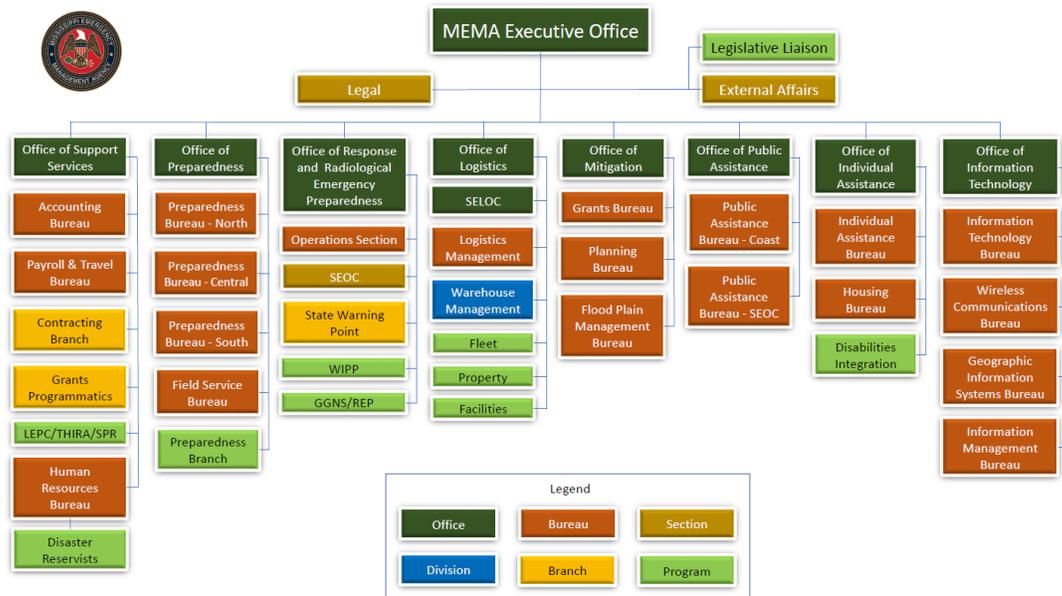


HOW TO NOMINATE A COWORKER WHO DESERVES TO BE RECOGNIZED AS EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH:

1. [CLICK HERE](#) to download the 'Employee of the Month' nomination form.
2. Complete the nomination form on the second page.
3. Once complete, hit the 'submit' button at the bottom of the page to email the form to Jennifer Boler.

LEADERSHIP UPDATE

We're excited to announce a few changes within the Executive Office! Clayton French is the new Chief Recovery Officer and Crystal Thompson is the new Chief Financial Officer. As Chief Recovery Officer, Mr. French will now oversee the Office of Mitigation, Public Assistance and Individual Assistance. In addition to leading the Office of Support Services, Mrs. Thompson will also oversee the Human Resources Bureau.



THE LATEST FROM THE OFFICE OF MITIGATION

- The State NFIP Coordinator has launched a new email address: ms-floods@mema.ms.gov
 - This new email will be used to announce floodplain management trainings and for special announcements. Additionally, it will be monitored to answer direct floodplain questions.
 - Please add this new email address to your contacts!
- Virtual floodplain management training is coming soon
 - Training will be submitted for CECs for CFM (1 to 2.5 CECs per training)

WELCOME

TO THE MEMA TEAM:

John Michael Siler
Recovery – Director of Public Assistance

LaJessica Gatlin
Support Services

Ali Dedeaux
Recovery - Coast

Michael Toche
Recovery - Coast

Robert Hobson
Operations

Brandi Hughes
Operations

Jania Logan
Operations

Ramses Sandifer
Mitigation – Mapping Lead for MEMA Floodplain

Ty Alderman
Logistics

John 'Eric' Bullard
External Affairs

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 FOOTBALL FRIDAY	5
6	7 LABOR DAY Offices Closed	8	9 VIRTUAL G400 COURSE	10 VIRTUAL G400 COURSE	11 FOOTBALL FRIDAY	12
13	14	15	16	17	18 FOOTBALL FRIDAY	19
20	21	22	23	24	25 FOOTBALL FRIDAY	26
27	28	29	30			

***FOOTBALL FRIDAY - WEAR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS AND COLLEGE GEAR**