

# MEMA NEWSLETTER

## OCTOBER 2020



### NEW STATE EMERGENCY LOGISTICAL OPERATIONS CENTER

MEMA has officially purchased the facility that will serve as the new State Emergency Logistical Operations Center. The building sits on 16 acres and consists of 103,000 square feet of climate-controlled warehouse space as well as 8,800 square feet of administrative office space.

Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, MEMA has been storing all COVID supplies in six different facilities throughout the Jackson Metro. The new SELOC will be a game changer for the agency's COVID-19 operations, because it will provide a central location for our PPE stockpile and all logistical, procurement and allocation efforts.

We're excited to announce that John Cox has been named the Director of the SELOC and will oversee the facility's operations on a day to day basis.



This new logistical operations center is just one more asset that MEMA will have to better serve Mississippians in times of disasters.

"While the facility will be an immense asset to the state's COVID-19 response, our vision for the SELOC extends past the pandemic. Overall, this new facility will help support MEMA's future growth in all aspects of the agency's operations," says MEMA Executive Director Greg Michel.

The official opening of MEMA's State Emergency Logistical Operations Center will be some time in November.

To view drone video footage of the new SELOC, [click here](#).





## EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH



## DOROTHY MCGEE

Dorothy is a valuable member of the Office of Support Services. She goes above and beyond in all aspects of her work and is committed to completing every task with a level of excellence. Her positive outlook and infectious personality promotes teamwork within the office. Congratulations and thank you for all your hard work, Dorothy!

## THE GREAT SHAKEOUT EARTHQUAKE DRILL

Although the number of earthquakes centered within Mississippi is small, our state has been affected by numerous shocks originating in neighboring states. This is why earthquake preparedness is important! We want to encourage everyone to participate in the 'Great ShakeOut' earthquake drill on Thursday, October 15 at 10:15 AM. For more information about the Great ShakeOut, visit their website: [www.shakeout.org/](http://www.shakeout.org/)



**WATCH MEMA'S EARTHQUAKE  
PREPAREDNESS VIDEO [HERE](#)**

## FALL SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK

Featured Topics:

Monday, October 19 – *Warning Reception Methods*  
Tuesday, October 20 – *Severe Thunderstorms*  
Wednesday, October 21 – *Tornado Safety*  
Thursday, October 22 – *Flash Flooding*  
Friday, October 23 – *Snow, Ice and Extreme Cold*



# WELCOME

# TO THE MEMA TEAM:


Tammera Catchings  
Mitigation

Andrew Robinson  
Mitigation

Vicki Payne  
Support Services/Human Resources

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

**OPEN ENROLLMENT FOR HEALTH INSURANCE: OCT. 1-31**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> OPEN ENROLLMENT BEGINS	<b>2</b> FOOTBALL FRIDAY	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> FOOTBALL FRIDAY	<b>10</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> COLUMBUS DAY	<b>13</b> FLU/PNEUMONIA VACCINATIONS AT MEMA	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> THE GREAT SHAKEOUT	<b>16</b> FOOTBALL FRIDAY	<b>17</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>FALL SEVERE WEATHER PREPAREDNESS WEEK</b> 						
<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> FOOTBALL FRIDAY	<b>31</b> OPEN ENROLLMENT ENDS

**REMINDER**

### HOW TO SUBMIT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH NOMINATIONS:

1 [Click here](#) to download the 'Employee of the Month' nomination form

2. Complete the nomination form on the second page

3. Hit the 'submit' button at the bottom of the page to email form to Jennifer Boler (jboler@mema.ms.gov)