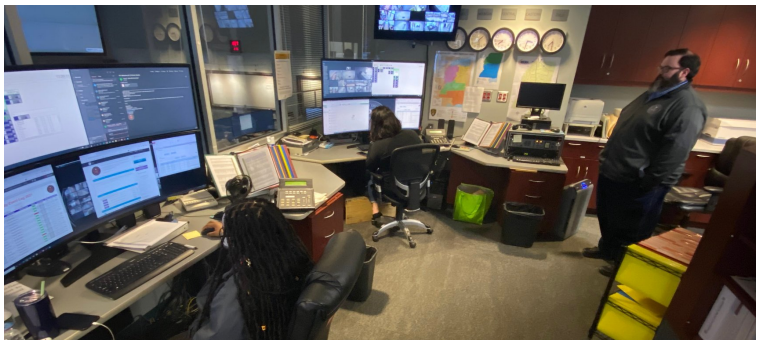
THE MEMA MINUTE

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's Monthly Newsletter

2021 IN REVIEW

Another busy calendar year is in the books for the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency! Between two federally declared disasters and the ongoing COVID-19 mission, the MEMA team has worked diligently each and every day this year, including 9,500 hours of overtime. In total, the agency responded to 24 weather events, such as the February Winter Storm, the June Flood and Hurricane Ida. Throughout those response and recovery efforts, more than 275,000 sandbags were distributed, 56 aerial damage assessments were conducted, $800,000 of DARP funding was disbursed to eleven counties for building supplies and $86 million was distributed to counties across the state for approved Public Assistance projects.



While Mother Nature did keep us busy responding to and recovering from disasters, our team remained engaged even on blue sky days. Throughout 2021, MEMA was actively preparing for future disasters by conducting training exercises, which included the successful Grand Gulf Nuclear Ingestion Pathway Exercise and the instruction of over 100 emergency management courses. MEMA's Office of Mitigation also completed 21 mitigation projects this calendar year and paid out over three million dollars to sub-recipients for an array of mitigation projects that will help our state become more resilient in the future. Thank you to the entire MEMA team for your dedication and hard work throughout this hectic year!

TIMELINE OF MAJOR EVENTS

JANUARY

Stephen McCraney appointed as MEMA Executive Director.

FEBRUARY

A State of Emergency was declared for the Winter Weather Event that resulted in multiple rounds of freezing precipitation and a prolonged stretch of sub freezing temperatures across the state.

MARCH

Clayton French named MEMA Deputy Director.

MAY

Multiple weather systems impacted the State resulting in 26 confirmed tornadoes, which was a record for the month of May.

JUNE

A life-threatening flood event occurred in the Delta where nearly fifteen inches of rain accumulated in a matter of days. Hundreds of homes were impacted, ultimately displacing many Mississippians.

AUGUST

MEMA met 93% of COVID medical staffing requests from over 60 hospitals in response to a shortage of COVID medical personnel.

AUGUST

Hurricane Ida made landfall as a Category 4 storm with winds of 150 mph. Nearly 850 homes were impacted and there was an estimated $22.5 million worth of damage to public infrastructure.

NOVEMBER

The COVID-19 State of Emergency expired on November 21. This year, MEMA coordinated the delivery of more than 21 million PPE items.

2021 BY THE NUMBERS

RESPONSE

THE AGENCY RESPONDED TO **24** WEATHER EVENTS

715 THOUSAND BOTTLES OF WATER DISTRIBUTED

93% OF ALL COVID MEDICAL STAFFING REQUESTS MET

RECOVERY

800 THOUSAND DOLLARS ALLOCATED TO COUNTIES FOR BUILDING SUPPLIES THROUGH DARP

3.2 MILLION DOLLARS OF MITIGATION GRANTS PAID TO SUB-RECIPIENTS

155 FEMA PUBLIC ASSISTANCE PROJECTS CLOSED

PREPAREDNESS

106 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COURSES TAUGHT TO **1,833** PARTICIPANTS STATEWIDE

WATCH VIDEO

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Employee of the Month

KATRINA MCLIN

Katrina is a valuable member of the Office of Preparedness and is the definition of selfless. She's always willing to help others and has an extremely giving heart. Katrina exemplifies the utmost professionalism and puts 110% into her role as a Preparedness Officer. She constantly exudes a bright, positive attitude, which is infectious to everyone around. Thank you for all that you do, Katrina! Congratulations!

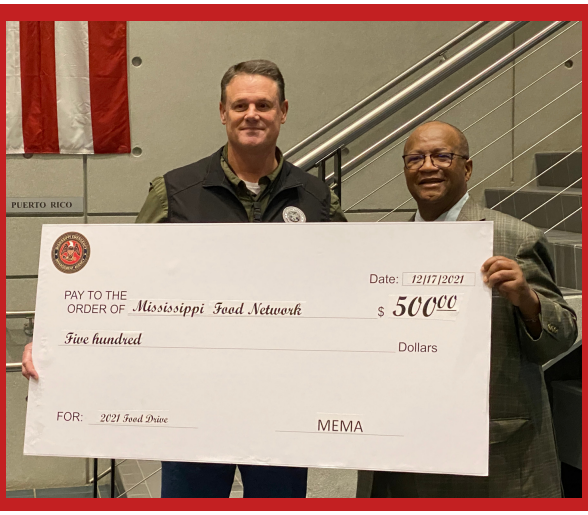
Supervisor of the Quarter

SUMAR DAVIS

Sumar has successfully led the Office of Finance and Accounting through another active year. She has worked tirelessly to finalize countless contracts and pay hundreds of purchase requests. Sumar's proactive leadership proved to be imperative especially throughout MEMA's medical staffing mission. Time and time again she exceeds expectations by tenfold! MEMA is lucky to have a leader of her caliber as part of the team. Thank you for always going above and beyond, Sumar!

Holiday Decorating Contest

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S CONTEST WINNERS, THE OFFICE OF PREPAREDNESS!



THANK YOU TO THE MISSISSIPPI FOOD NETWORK AND MR. CHARLES BEADY FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION IN MEMA'S HOLIDAY DECORATING CONTEST!