COMMO PLAYS A VITAL PART AT MEMA

MEMA’s State Warning Point is part of the Office of Response and is comprised of two sections: Watch Desk and Telecommunications. The Office of Response staff ensures that the state is monitored 24/7, 365. The State Warning Point is responsible for alerting state and local officials across Mississippi to all types of disasters. These types of alerts can include severe thunderstorms, tornadoes, hurricanes, earthquakes, flooding, and hazardous materials incidents. In addition to alerting stakeholders across the state whenever an incident occurs, they are also a vital part of the response phase directly following a disaster.

As information rushes into the SEOC, they are the ones responsible for gathering this vital information and disseminating it through operational and weather summaries. The operational summary highlights the key information ranging from resource requests made by the counties to deaths/injuries and a range of damage reports. Examples of additional duties include monitoring radio communications, monitoring radiological shipments, and processing damage reports. Beginning July 1st, 2022, MEMA’s Telecommunicators will be reclassified as Emergency Management Officers. They will be able to take on a wider range of duties and augment SEOC staffing where needed.
**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

*May 1 - 7 Hurricane Preparedness Week!*

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THE 2022 NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM MANAGERS MEETING PROVIDED SHARING AND CAPACITY BUILDING OPPORTUNITIES TO STATE, FEDERAL, NONPROFIT, AND PRIVATE SECTOR MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL EARTHQUAKE HAZARD REDUCTION PROGRAM. MISSISSIPPI’S EARTHQUAKE PROGRAM MANAGER JASMINE JOHNSON-DIVINITY WAS ABLE TO CATCH THE AUDIENCE’S ATTENTION BY BRIEFING ABOUT MISSISSIPPI’S INITIATIVE IN FILLING GAPS TO UPDATE THE NEW MADRID SEISMIC ZONE PLAN.

THE SOUTH JACKSON AREA IS MUCH BETTER PREPARED FOR FUTURE STORMS AS MEMA SHARED STORM PREPARATION TIPS WITH THE COMMUNITY WHEN THEY ATTENDED THE SOUTH JACKSON PROUD FESTIVAL ON APRIL 9TH. MEMA MADE CONNECTIONS WITH SCHOOL CHILDREN, PARENTS, AND CITY/COUNTY LEADERS.

UZBEK VISIT

Members from the Uzbekistan Military visited the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency on April 26th to learn valuable skills and practices of emergency management.

National Hurricane Conference

The National Hurricane Conference was held in Orlando, Florida during the week of April 11-14, 2022. Several employees and staff from MEMA attended to share best practices and learn ways MEMA can improve during this upcoming hurricane season.
Stacey served as the State NFIP Coordinator for MEMA and was nationally recognized for excellency in floodplain management. He’s a proud MSU graduate and Bulldog fan. He began his career with the agency in May 2006. His leadership, passion to help others and friendship will be missed.