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THE MEMA MINUTE

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency's Monthly Newsletter

Long-Term Recovery Committees

How MEMA can help if there is no Federal disaster declaration

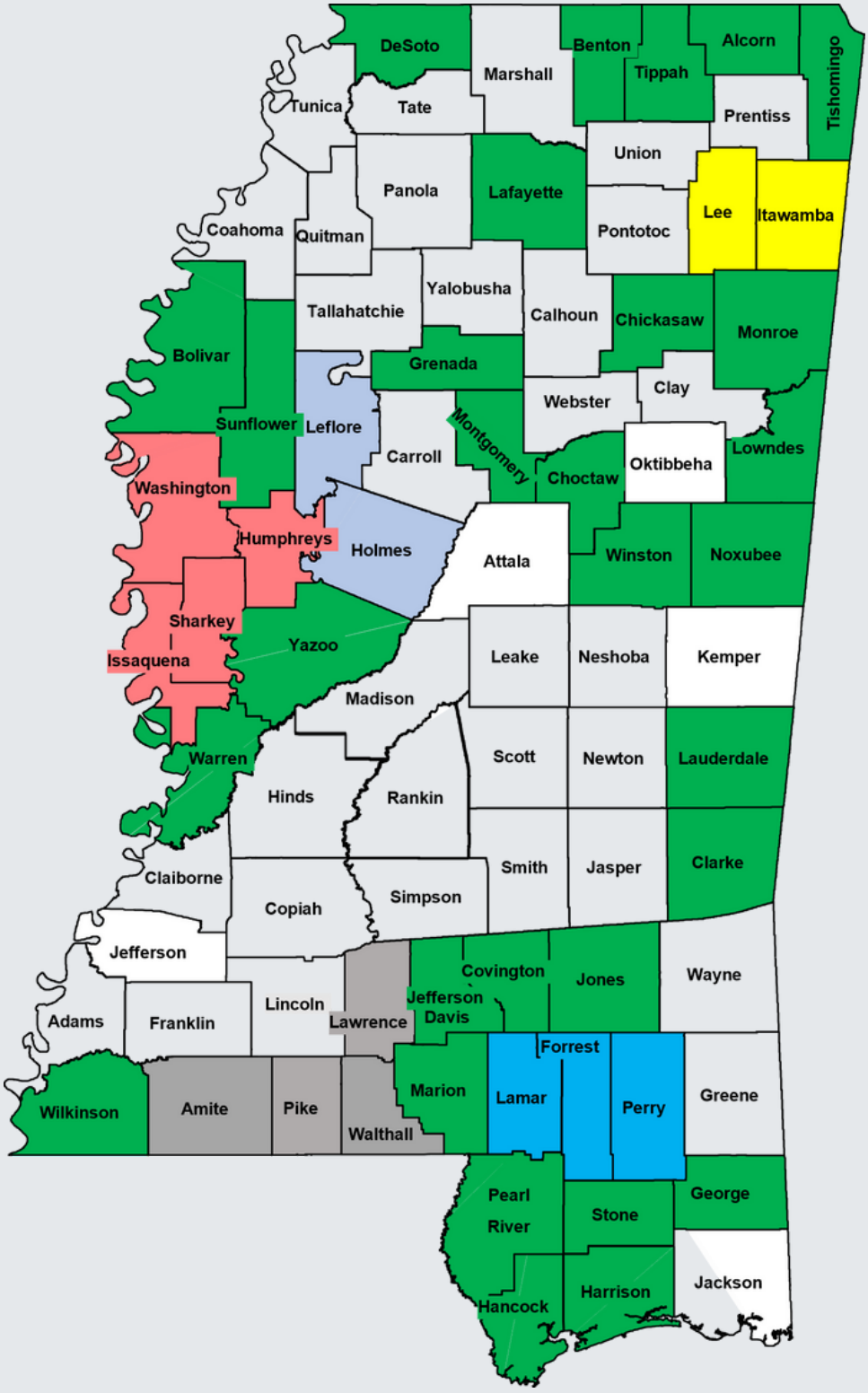
Severe Weather events in November and December caused destruction around the state. Multiple homes and businesses were damaged. If those events do not qualify for federal assistance, MEMA can still help by providing funds for building materials only to Long Term Recovery Committees (LTRC) across the state. LTRCs are composed of representatives from their local community. They can include faith-based organizations, local businesses, and other non-profit groups working to assist individuals and families as they recover from a disaster. Each LTRC is unique and reflects local needs, available resources, cultural diversity, leadership style, and community support. The goal of an LTRC is to help disaster-stricken communities. MEMA encourages all counties to form an LTRC. The first step is to create a mission statement that includes the overall goal for recovery and provides a framework for decision-making. After the committee is formed, it identifies a 501c3 non-profit organization to handle state grant money and donations. These committees are then provided building materials through the State's Disaster Assistance Repair Program (DARP) to assist in recovery.

Lowndes County 11-29-22

Sharkey County 12-13-22

There are currently 45 counties with LTRCs across the state. Several of these counties operate LTRCs together, but others operate independently.

For questions regarding LTRC contact: Denise Gray-Hunt, Individual Assistance Bureau Director, dhunt1@mema.ms.gov



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Keisha Luckett

Keisha acts as a subject matter expert for the EMPG sub-recipient program. Keisha routinely advises 82 EMPG sub-recipients on allowable and non-allowable expenditures, assists peers with validating allowable expenditures, and thoroughly reviews all reimbursement requests prior to submitting them for payment. She is a team player amongst her peers and always maintains a positive attitude while at work in her department.

Keisha has been a loyal employee of MEMA for over 16 years, and her diligence and dependability has not waned.

HAPPENING AT MEMA

The G400 Advanced ICS Command and General Staff- Complex Incidents course was taught to participants at the State Emergency Operations Center. This course is designed to provide overall incident management skills rather than tactical expertise. Additional courses are available on developing and implementing incident tactics.

The Public Assistance Office (Office of Recovery) hosted a holiday party to get MEMA employees in the holiday spirit. They provided snacks, punch, and holiday cheer!

MEMA's Forklift Rodeo was held at the SELOC in Byram. The event is meant to test operators' skills in a friendly competition. Congratulations to Lamar Frederick, who earned the title of overall winner at the MEMA Forklift Rodeo.

MEMA's PA Team held a Christmas Party in "Whoville". Employees were treated to Grinch cupcakes, candy, and punch.

MEMA ON THE MOVE

Members of MEMA's External Affairs delivered over 600 MEMA Coloring Books to Pearl Upper Elementary School students.

MEMA hosted the second of five courses needed to complete The National Emergency Management Basic Academy at The Pearl Community Center. The National Emergency Management Basic Academy is designed for emergency managers with less than three years of experience from the state, local, and federal agencies, private sector offices, and volunteer organizations.

A MESSAGE FROM MEMA'S SAFETY OFFICERS

MEMA's Evacuation Rally Points

- Each office is assigned a colored light pole
- All personnel and visitors MUST assemble at their designated light pole
- Remember your office rally point

Rally Point Color	Assigned Office and Staff
RED	• Visitors • Non-MEMA Staff • Office of Response • JIC Staff
BLUE	• Executive Staff • MITS
YELLOW	• Office of Preparedness • Office of Logistics • Janitorial Staff
GREEN	• Office of Finance and Accounting • Office of Human Resource
BLACK	• Office of Public Assistance • FEMA Staff
ORANGE	• MS State Department of Health
PURPLE	• Office of Homeland Security • MS Analysis and Information Center

Jarrett Watkins
Safety Officer
Office of
Preparedness

Erica Hibbler
Safety Officer
Office of
External Affairs

2023 JANUARY

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 Offices Closed	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

January Training Courses

DATE		COURSE	LOCATION	
1/5/2023	G 402	ICS Overview for Executives and Senior Leaders	Jefferson Davis	County
1/9-13/2023	G 300/ 400	Combination Course	Hinds (JSU)	County
1/10/2023		Damage Assessment/Crisis Track Training	Panola	County
1/10-11/2023	G 775	EOC Management and Operations	Lafayette	County
1/11/2023		Damage Assessment/Crisis Track Training	Lee	County
1/11/2023	G 191	ICS/EOC Interface	Neshoba	County
1/11-12/2023	G 108	Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance	Lee	County
1/11-12/2023	G 775	EOC Management and Operations	Lincoln	County
1/12/2023	G 367	Multi-Hazard and Emergency Planning for Campus Executives	Pike	County
1/18/2023	G 557	Rapid Needs Assessments	Panola	County
1/18-19/2023	G 108	Community Mass Care and Emergency Assistance	Carroll	County
1/18-19/2023	G 364	Multi-Hazard Emergency Planning for Schools	Oktibbeha	County
1/24/2023	G 191	ICS/EOC Interface	Hancock	County
1/25/2023		Damage Assessment/Crisis Track Training	Leflore	County
1/25-26/2023	G 205	Recovery from Disaster	Panola	County
1/25-26-2023	G 272	Warning Coordination	Jefferson Davis	County
1/25-26/2023	G 775	EOC Management and Operations	Caliborne	County
1/26/2023		Damage Assessment/Crisis Track Training	Oktibbeha	County
1/26/2023	G 557	Rapid Needs Assessment	Lafayette	County

To register for these courses, visit https://my.msema.org or contact the Office of Preparedness at 601-933-6887.
All course instruction is from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. unless otherwise noted.