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SUMMARY

- Thirty-plus years in public safety, emergency management, emergency response
- Experienced in a variety of multiple local, state and federal disaster responses

EXPERIENCE

Mississippi State Fire Academy, May 2024-Present
Adjunct Instructor

Indianola First Methodist Church, January 2022 - Present
Director of Safety (volunteer staff position)

Sunflower County Emergency Management Agency, July 2021-Present
Deputy Fire Coordinator (volunteer position)

- Providing operational and planning support to the County Fire Coordinator for nine fire districts; Public Information Officer for Fire Coordinator's office.
- Conduct training for firefighters and emergency medical responders in Sunflower County

Sunflower County Rescue Co. 1, 2004-Present
Emergency Medical Technician

- Emergency Medical Technician and captain, providing first response medical and trauma care for a city of 10,000 population, and the surrounding rural areas. Also serve collateral duties as Medical & Hazmat Training Officer for Sunflower County. Rescue Co. 1 responds to 300+ medical and trauma emergencies annually.

Indianola Volunteer Fire Department, 2014-Present
Firefighter/EMT (volunteer position)

- Volunteer Firefighter/EMT/Hazmat Technician, providing on-scene firefighting operations, operational support, safety officer, and hazmat consulting.

HALO-67 Tactical Medical Group, 2016-Present
Founding Member & Team Leader

- Team leader for a 12-member all-volunteer tactical medical group providing medical support to high-risk law enforcement operations. Responsible for development of team medical protocols, operating guidelines, annual training program, and supervision during team deployments. Team has provided medical support for local, state and federal officers.

Mississippi State Department of Health
Office of Emergency Planning & Response, 2004-2021 (Retired)
Emergency Response Coordinator

- Provide technical assistance to local officials for planning, training, responding to and recovering from emergencies and disasters that have the potential to affect public health, with a special focus on chemical, radiological, and biological incidents
- Collaborate with district emergency preparedness nurse, and district emergency planner to coordinate planning efforts for a wide variety of public health preparedness efforts

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- Work closely with county emergency managers, hospital, long term care facilities, EMS agencies and others to support local public health preparedness and response
- Multiple disaster responses, including hurricanes Ivan, Katrina, Gustav, and others; Yazoo City tornado (2010), Mississippi River Floods (2011 & 2019), YANKY-72 US Marine Corps C-130 Crash (2017), COVID-19 (2020-2021)

Mississippi Delta Community College, 2009-2020

Adjunct Instructor, Emergency Medical Technician program

- Adjunct instructor responsible for delivering numerous aspects of emergency medical technician training

Sunflower County, Mississippi, 1996-2004

Emergency Management Director, County Fire Coordinator

- Responsible for a range of county emergency preparedness and response efforts, including development of county emergency medical response teams, planning for and coordinating fire response efforts, and overseeing county emergency management program

Bolivar County Emergency Operations Center 1991-1996

Communications Officer & Public Information Officer (volunteer position)

- Responsible for emergency operations center communications planning and response, which supported search & rescue teams, storm spotters, and county disaster teams, as well as coordinated the EOC's public information.

EDUCATION

Delta State University, 1989-1994

Criminal Justice (note, did not finish degree work, which is a lingering regret)

Mississippi Delta Community College

Emergency Medical Technician, 2005

Carroll Academy, 1977-1989

CERTIFICATIONS

Mississippi Certified Volunteer Firefighter I-II (NFPA 1001 Based)

Mississippi Certified Rural Fire Officer

Fire Service Instructor NFPA 1041-I-II

Mississippi Certified Emergency Manager

Hazardous Materials Technician I-II

Radiation Hazardous Materials Specialist

Radiation Safety Officer

WMD Hazardous Materials Technician

Nationally Registered Emergency Medical Technician

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Certified Healthcare Emergency Professional (exp 12/2018)

Certified Emergency Disaster Professional (exp 12/2018)

TRAINING

(full training record available on request, below are agencies I have taken numerous courses from)

Mississippi Emergency Management Agency

Mississippi State Fire Academy

Federal Emergency Management Agency

U.S. Department of Commerce

National Wildfire Coordinating Group

New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology

Texas A & M Engineering Extension Service

U.S. Department of Energy

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Louisiana State University – National Center for Biomedical Research & Training

U.S. Department of Homeland Security – Center for Domestic Preparedness

U.S. Centers for Disease Control & Prevention

International Critical Incident Stress Foundation

American Medical Association – National Disaster Life Support Foundation