



MISSISSIPPI STATE FIRE MARSHAL

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State Fire Marshal Assumes

Arson Investigating Duties for Forest Fires

Jackson – Effective immediately, Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal, Mike Chaney, has instructed all of his Deputy Fire Marshals to investigate any forest fire at the request of parties in interest, including government entities, local authorities and landowners.

Chaney said he will work with Fire Chiefs, Sheriff's Departments and other law enforcement authorities.

A reduction in force by the Mississippi State Forestry Commission has resulted in the loss of four certified arson investigators. Chaney said that his agency will help to fill the void and be able to handle the requests, which average around two hundred per year, with minimum additional cost.

Interested parties may contact the State Fire Marshal's Office for assistance by calling 1-888-648-0877.