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Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney issues statement on Firefighter Deaths

“The Mississippi firefighting community mourns the loss of valued firefighters this week.

Sumrall Volunteer Firefighters Clinton Alvin Beasley and Loretta Ann Sykes were killed and a third firefighter injured in a devastating event in Lamar County. They were killed by a hit and run driver while working a wreck.

Earlier this week Sanford Volunteer Firefighter James Mooney lost his life in an accidental fire, and yesterday Gautier Firefighter Jesse Jones died of natural causes.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the families of these brave men and women, selfless volunteer and career professionals, who dedicated their lives to putting others before themselves to protect lives and property. Our thoughts and prayers are also with the Sumrall and Sanford Volunteer Fire Departments and the Gautier Fire Department as they mourn the loss of their colleagues. Their untimely deaths serve as a tragic reminder that firefighting is one of the most dangerous professions.”

-Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney-