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CHANEY APPOINTS ABRAHAM AS STATE FIRE COORDINATOR

JACKSON, *Miss.* – The Mississippi Insurance Department (MID) is pleased to announce the appointment of Reed Abraham as the State Fire Coordinator. Abraham will oversee the readiness and capability of over 800 fire departments across Mississippi, ensuring they are well-equipped to safeguard lives and property. He will oversee the fire safety education program and will administer the Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program (RFTAAP), among other duties.

“I am delighted to appoint Reed to this crucial position within the State Fire Marshal’s Office,” said Commissioner of Insurance and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney. “Reed’s dedication to the safety and well-being of Mississippi’s communities, combined with his extensive experience, makes him an excellent choice for this leadership role.”

Abraham joined the Mississippi State Fire Marshal’s Office (SFMO) in July 2023 as the State Deputy Fire Coordinator. He succeeds Brad Smith who retired in June after more than 40 years of service. Abraham brings over 20 years of experience to the job. He began his career with the Bolivar County Volunteer Fire Department in 2000 and served until his retirement in 2023, as the County Deputy Fire Chief. He is a certified volunteer firefighter and fire instructor and is actively involved with the Mississippi Firefighters and Fire Chiefs Associations.

Before his tenure with the Fire Marshal’s Office, Abraham spent more than 15 years in higher education administration, fundraising, and marketing at both two- and four-year colleges in Mississippi. He holds both bachelor's and master's degrees in business administration from Delta State University.

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