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Mississippi Hosts Disaster Leadership Conference in Biloxi

JACKSON, Miss. – The Mississippi Insurance Department hosted a Disaster Leadership Conference, November 12-13, 2025, at the Beau Rivage Resort and Casino in Biloxi. The event was hosted in partnership with the Alabama Department of Insurance, the Arkansas Department of Insurance, the Louisiana Department of Insurance, the Tennessee Department of Commerce and Insurance, and the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. City and county leaders, including many Mississippi Coast mayors, attended.

“Strong partnerships and informed planning are key to recovery. This unique regional event brings together leaders from across the South to strengthen the connection between local officials, emergency managers, the insurance industry, and state and federal agencies,” said Mississippi Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to:

- Learn how to assess, plan, and prepare for disaster events using proven tools and resources
- Explore risk management strategies that increase community resilience
- Discover best practices for disaster communication that save lives and reduce damage
- Understand how damage assessments and recovery efforts can be improved through interagency collaboration
- Gain insights into programs that help build more resilient properties and communities
- Hear firsthand from officials who’ve led through disasters—and what they wish they’d known

“The threats we face today are more complex than ever. We’re no longer dealing with isolated disasters, we’re facing cascading impacts. A storm isn’t just wind and rain anymore; it’s power outages, supply chain disruptions, displaced families, and strained health systems. But when communication flows freely and trust is built before a crisis, we move faster, save more lives, and rebuild more effectively,” Chaney said.

Conference photos can be downloaded here: <https://shorturl.at/K4J4N>

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