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## MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL POLICE OFFICERS



*Pictured left to right: Officer Billy Reed, Officer Jadarius Collins, Officer Minnie Hawthorne, Officer Joshua McCuiston, Sergeant Ken McCoy, Assistant Chief Nathan Craft, Chief Jeff Luckey, Lieutenant Derrick Berry, Lieutenant Gary Roberts, Officer William Vaughn, Forensic Officer Michael Wallace, Sergeant William R. Kornegay, Lieutenant Darryle Burton*

*By: Julie Cox*

In 2006, MSH entered into an agreement with the Mississippi Department of Public Safety, which allows us to hire new officer trainees, pay their salary and benefits while they go through training at Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy (MLEOTA), and then receive reimbursement for their training fees. Officers have one year to complete their 12-week law enforcement training. In return, each officer enters into a contract and agrees to serve at least two years with MSH upon completion of graduation from MLEOTA. MSH currently has fifteen certified officers on campus, along with six contract (or part time) officers.

During their time at MLEOTA, officers spend Sunday through Thursday at the academy. They complete academic courses and receive training on firearms, emergency vehicle driving, physical fitness, and how to handle themselves in real world situations. With a wide array of certified instructors/trainers on staff at MSH, our MLEOTA candidates are

mentally and physically prepared on day one for the strenuous training they will receive at the academy.

MSH Police Officers have a wide range of duties, including operating the front and back gates, campus patrol, new admissions, searches, and de-escalating situations. They enforce state and local laws on campus and can issue uniform traffic tickets, which are processed through Rankin County Justice Court. They are also trained to write reports and handle missing property, vehicle accidents, and property damage. In addition, they provide medical transport after-hours, weekends, and holidays. They transport patients and residents to off-campus appointments and pick up anyone off-campus on a pass should their pass be revoked for any reason. The police force has a dedicated officer assigned to the Forensics unit. That officer handles off-campus appointments and investigates any issues for that unit. The police force also coordinates with other

law enforcement agencies to lock down the campus and conduct searches when needed.

At the academy, officers are trained in all areas of law enforcement, but our officers must take that training and incorporate the guidelines and procedures of the Vulnerable Adult Laws that apply to patients and residents at MSH.

In addition to their law enforcement duties, the MSH Police Officers also make up the MSH Fire Brigade. They are cross-trained by the Mississippi State Fire Academy in fire management. The MSH fire truck is certified annually by the MS Fire Academy. Police Chief Jeff Luckey oversees the daily operations of the Fire Safety Department.

On the fun side of things, some members of the police department are also members of the cooking/grilling team. They can usually be depended on to assist with Friends of MSH events, such as the annual golf tournament.



Assistant Chief Nathan Craft &amp; Chief Jeff Luckey



Officer Jadarius Collins, Officer Minnie Hawthorne, Chief Jeff Luckey, Officer Billy Reed, Officer William Vaughn, Forensic Officer Michael Wallace, Officer Joshua McCuiston



Sergeant Roy Nichols



Lieutenant Marcell Burns



Sergeant Ken McCoy, Lieutenant Gary Roberts, Assistant Chief Nathan Craft, Chief Jeff Luckey, Lieutenant Derrick Berry, Lieutenant Darryle Burton, Sergeant William R. Kornegay

## Dixon Joins Safety Team

By: Julie Cox

Robert Dixon recently joined the Risk Management and Safety and Investigative Services Department as the new Safety Inspector II. However, Dixon is no stranger on campus. He has been employed at MSH for 22.5 years, most recently as the Coordinator of Unit Operations (CUO) at WMSH, where he served for nine years in that position and nine years as Staffing Coordinator/RSPS, for a total of 18 years at WMSH. In his new position, Dixon will assist our Safety Officer, Ms. Angela Tanner, with environment of care, safety, and emergency preparedness activities on campus.

Mr. Dixon is a resident of Mendenhall and attended Mendenhall High School. He studied Business Administration at Copiah-Lincoln

Community College in Wesson and the University of Southern Mississippi in Hattiesburg. He is the youngest child in his family of six. He enjoys a variety of sports, both college and professional teams. He played tennis in high school and continues to play for the enjoyment of the game. In his spare time, he enjoys shopping, watching movies, reading, and traveling to Atlanta to shop!

He loves working at MSH and especially enjoys meeting a lot of different people here. He decided to pursue the Safety Inspector position to branch out and explore more safety aspects within the organization. He prides himself on being a team player and likes to help others. He enjoys learning new things and is adamant about making sure things are done right the first time.

## McCuiston Graduates from MLEOTA



By: Julie Cox

The mission of the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy (MLEOTA) is "to protect the domestic tranquility and the public safety of the people of Mississippi by sufficiently training law enforcement officers on the state and local levels. By ensuring a documented, well-trained law enforcement community, the

citizens of the state of Mississippi will have their safety, morals, and general welfare protected."

Here at MSH, our police officers train alongside police and sheriff's departments across the state at MLEOTA. Currently, MSH has fifteen certified officers on campus, along with six contract (or part time) officers.

Officer Joshua McCuiston recently completed 12 weeks of training at the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy and participated in the Basic Class #268 Graduation on Thursday, August 25, 2022. With a GPA of 96.75, McCuiston received academic recognition, as the top five in the class were recognized during the graduation ceremony.

Officer McCuiston is originally from North Mississippi, but moved to the Jackson area in 2014. He attended the Mississippi School for Mathematics and Science and Mississippi State University, where he studied Civil Engineering. He's always had an interest in becoming a first responder and worked in security before joining the MSH Police Force on April 5, 2021, just two days after he got married! He and his wife, Mandy, have one son, Kaleb.

MLEOTA is 12-weeks of rigorous training and includes academic courses, as well as, firearms and physical training. Officer McCuiston stated that, "It's the hardest thing I've ever done." His favorite part of the training was EVOC, which is the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course. He shared, "This is typically most everyone's favorite part of the training." His biggest challenge of the training was being sprayed with pepper spray. He said, "It was tough at first, but once we started running the obstacle course afterwards, I had something to focus on and it wasn't too bad." He also received Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training (ALERRT) and learned advanced de-escalation methods. Going into the graduation ceremony, he didn't know his academic score was in the top five, so that was an honor to be recognized. He also scored in the 90s on his firearms course.

At MSH, we strive "to help the individuals we serve achieve mental wellness by encouraging hope, promoting safety, and supporting recovery while utilizing resources efficiently" and having certified police officers on campus helps ensure the safety of everyone.

## Collins is Newest Certified Officer on the MSH Police Force



By: Julie Cox

On Thursday, December 8, 2022, Officer Jadarius Collins completed all requirements and graduated from the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy (MLEOTA), becoming the newest certified officer on the MSH Police Force.

Growing up in the Presidential Hills neighborhood in North Jackson, Collins has always known he wanted to work in law enforcement. His childhood was filled with experiences of community law enforcement officers mentoring neighborhood children by playing basketball with them or just hanging out and being positive role models. Collins also has fond memories of accompanying those same officers to check on and visit with the elderly in his neighborhood. Collins shared, "My position here at MSH provides me with the best of both of those worlds. I get to talk to the youth here and mentor them, and I get to visit with the nursing home residents and keep them safe."

Collins joined the MSH Police Department in 2021 and entered MLEOTA in September 2022. Before coming to MSH, he worked at the Hinds County Juvenile Detention Center for two years. Like all MSH officers, he participated in the MSH Law Enforcement Training Academy Readiness Program created by Chief Jeff Luckey in 2007. He acknowledges that program was good preparation for the MLEOTA physical fitness requirement. As with many MLEOTA

candidates, the Emergency Vehicle Operator Course (EVOC) was Collins' favorite part of the training, he also considers that area one of his strengths. Being a former Criminal Justice major at Jackson State University, it's no surprise that Collins was very interested in the classroom aspect of learning laws and understanding the wording of the laws. He feels this will help him a great deal here at MSH.

In participating in the MLEOTA graduation ceremony, Collins shared, "It was encouraging to see the crowd there to honor and support the law enforcement graduates. It is a good community to be a part of; at the academy the competition kept us all on our toes and helped us perform our best."

Collins is the second of four children, he has two sisters and one brother. He still resides in the Presidential Hills neighborhood, staying close to his family. He grew up playing football and drums at Callaway High School and attended Jackson State University on a scholarship, which he earned playing the tympani drum. In his free time, Collins enjoys football, fishing, and playing the drums. He is not married...yet.

## 2022 JNH Family Council Meets



By: Julie Cox

After a two-year hiatus due to Covid, the Jaquith Nursing Home Family Council met on Saturday, November 5, 2022 to catch up on the activities their family members have engaged in during the past few years and to enjoy first-hand the games that are planned as part of each building's visit to The Christmas House. They also received a preview tour of The Christmas House decorations in Building 71. Building 71 has hosted The Christmas House for many years, but since Covid added so many restrictions on buildings, Public Relations staff has expanded its Christmas decorations to create a winter wonderland from one end of the building to the other. During the month of December, JNH residents will visit The Christmas House to view all of the decorations, play winter-themed games, and create a personalized stocking.

Mr. Lee Varner, Nursing Home Director at JNH, welcomed family members and offered the invocation. He then introduced JNH staff members who were present, which included: Sherelda Jones, NHA for Jefferson Inn B33 and B31, Bridget Amos, NHA Madison Inn B34 and B28, Daniel

Ratliff, AIT for Jaquith Inn, Kathy Peacock, JNH Nurse Administrator, Cintarrio Green, JNH Recreation Supervisor, Dr. Michael Gordan, JNH Behavioral Health Specialist Supervisor, and Rena Rideout, JNH Social Services Supervisor.

Family members then viewed video presentations showcasing the 2021 Christmas Parade, 2021 Santa Day, and a 2021/2022 Special Activities slideshow, which included photos from the Fall Carnivals, Represent Your Inn Day, and the Plush/Robotic Pet Therapy program.

After the presentation, they participated in a few games that their JNH relatives will enjoy during their visit to The Christmas House. Games included Roll a Snowman, Basketball, Snowball Toss, and Reel Racing. Winners were awarded plush animal prizes. Ms. Rideout had one more treat for family members – door prizes! Mr. Varner provided closing remarks and answered a few questions from those in attendance. He also reminded everyone of upcoming Christmas activities, including The Christmas House Opening, December 1, MSH Christmas Parade, December 2, and Santa Day, December 21. Everyone

was then invited to enjoy refreshments and tour The Christmas House to enjoy the decorations. Several guests commented on how much fun the games were and how beautiful the decorations are.

After the meeting, Mr. Varner and Ms. Rideout were pleased to accept a donation to Friends of Mississippi State Hospital from Ms. Candace Crane, who also joined Friends of MSH. We are so thankful that Ms. Crane and Mr. Henry Stuckey signed up to participate in the MSH Christmas Parade.



## Jaquith Nursing Home – Fall Carnival 2022

By: Julie Cox

On Wednesday, October 19, residents of Jaquith Nursing Home gathered outside to enjoy the gorgeous weather and an afternoon of games and food. Kare-In-Home Health Services representatives helped serve lunch and recreation staff led fun games like Pick-a-Pop, Mini Cornhole, Greenhouse Bingo, Pick-a-Cup, Putt Putt Golf, and Bowling. Katrinna Miller with Mississippi Therapy Animals was on hand with therapy animals for residents to enjoy. Mississippi Therapy Animals is a non-profit organization that aims to improve mental health and well-being through the use of specially-trained animals. Residents enjoyed petting the alpacas, Spaghetti Noodle and Kuzto, and holding the kangaroo, Twix. Spirit, the horse, was a little intimidating to some, but many residents rubbed his beautiful mane.



## Service Awards Recipients for Oct/Nov 2022



Front Row: Christine Dixon, Toni Johnson, Ruth Gilliam, Quintina Curtis, Verlène Gillon. Back Row: James Byrd, Wanda Walker, Shonnett Wilson, Brian Cooley, Marvin Armstrong, Dolly Hawkins



Front Row: Katrina Fields, Mary Fairchild, LaQuandaline Wright, Cindy Goode. Back Row: Denise Rogers, Laura Brown, Nicholas Jones, Beth Ann Killary

## 2023 Oct/Nov 20+ Years of Service Recognition

### October



**CHRISTINE DIXON**  
CUSTODIAN  
BUILDING 79, A-SHIFT

Christine Dixon of Hazlehurst, MS was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Dixon attended Hazlehurst High School. She enjoys working in the laundry area at MSH. In her free time, she enjoys shopping, walking, singing, and fishing. She is a Custodian in Housekeeping and has been employed at MSH since 2002.



**JAMES JEROME BYRD**  
ADMIN SUPPORT ASSISTANT III  
BUILDING 36, A-SHIFT

James Byrd of Harrisville, MS was recognized for providing 35 years of service to the hospital. Mr. Byrd attended West Union High School, Copiah-Lincoln Community College, and the University of Southern Mississippi. He enjoys meeting and helping people here at MSH. In his free time, he enjoys working out at the gym. He is an Admin Support Assistant III in Clinical Services and has been employed at MSH since 1987.



**SHONNETT JACKSON WILSON**  
THERAPEUTIC THERAPIST III  
BUILDING 33, A-SHIFT

Shonnett Wilson of Terry, MS was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Wilson attended Provine High School and received her B.A. in Health and Recreation from Tougaloo College. She enjoys "putting a smile on someone's face" here at MSH. In her free time, she enjoys resting. She is a Therapeutic Therapist III at Jaquith Nursing Home and has been employed at MSH since 1997.



**DOLLY A. HAWKINS**  
HUMAN RESOURCES GENERALIST II  
BUILDING 61, A-SHIFT

Dolly Hawkins of Canton, MS was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Hawkins attended Velma Jackson High School. She enjoys helping people here at MSH. In her free time, she enjoys refinishing old furniture. She is a Human Resources Generalist II in Personnel and has been employed at MSH since 1997.



**VERLENE GILLON**  
RECORDS SPECIALIST  
BUILDING 21, A-SHIFT

Verlene Gillon of Brandon, MS was recognized for providing 30 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Gillon attended Magee High School. She enjoys spending time with co-workers here at MSH. In her free time, she enjoys baking. She is a Records Specialist in Health Records and has been employed at MSH since 1992.

**TAMMY F. CARR**  
FOOD SERVICE WORKER I  
BUILDING 33, B-SHIFT

Tammy Carr was recognized for providing 30 years of service to the hospital. She is a Food Service Worker I at Jaquith Nursing Home and has been employed at MSH since 1992.

**PRESTON A. WARE**  
AUDIT TEAM LEAD  
BUILDING 21, A-SHIFT

Preston Ware was recognized for providing 20 years of service to the hospital. He is an Audit Team Lead in the Internal Audit Department and has been employed at MSH since 2002.

**MABLE L. BUTLER**  
SUPPORT CARE PROFESSIONAL III  
BUILDING 81, C-SHIFT

Mable Butler was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital. She is a Support Care Professional III in Nursing Services and has been employed at MSH since 1997.

### November



**DENISE ROGERS**  
SOCIAL SERVICES SPECIALIST III  
BUILDING 33, A-SHIFT

Denise Rogers of Jackson, MS was recognized for providing 30 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Rogers attended Coahoma Agricultural High School in Clarksdale, MS and Jackson State University. She likes working with the geriatric population here at MSH and enjoys helping them with their needs and communicating with their families. She is a Social Services Specialist III at Jaquith Nursing Home and has been employed at MSH since 1992.



**LAURA JENEAN BROWN**  
ADMIN SUPPORT ASSISTANT III  
BUILDING 36, A-SHIFT

Laura Brown of Edwards, MS was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital. Ms. Brown attended Hinds County Agricultural High School in Utica, MS. She enjoys serving the residents here at MSH. In her free time, she enjoys going to movies, going out to dinner, and spending time with family. She is an Admin Support Assistant III in Clinical Services and has been employed at MSH since 1997.



**BETH ANN KILLARY**  
PSYCHOLOGIST I  
BUILDING 51, A-SHIFT

Beth Ann Killary was recognized for providing 25 years of service to the hospital. She is a Psychologist in Behavioral Health Services and has been employed at MSH since 1997.

## MSH October Employees of Month



**DIRECT CARE**  
**LATASHA MYLES-MCNUTT**  
**BUILDING 51, A-SHIFT**

LaTasha Myles-McNutt has been named Mississippi State Hospital's October Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

Born in Jackson, Ms. Myles-McNutt now lives in Pearl. She attended Wingfield High School and Jackson State University where she earned a B.S. in Psychology, a M.A. in Sociology, and a M.S. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. She is currently working on her Doctorate in Professional Counseling at Mississippi College. She serves as a Behavioral Health Specialist II in BHS and has been employed at MSH since 2016.

"LaTasha's work with BHS on the male Substance Use Services has been instrumental in helping men find sobriety and begin their journey of recovery," said Donna Frank, who nominated Myles-McNutt. "LaTasha has worked hard to serve our patients and provide direction for newly hired staff members. Whether LaTasha has been asked to provide individual therapy, facilitate groups, case manage, or take on the challenge of discharge planning, she has consistently shown up and given her best effort. We are fortunate to have LaTasha on our team and her value cannot be overstated."



**CLINICAL SERVICE**  
**BELINDA DILLE**  
**BUILDING 78, A-SHIFT**

Belinda Dille has been named Mississippi State Hospital's October Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Ms. Dille was born in Jackson, MS and attended Murray High School, Hinds Community College, and Jackson State University. She serves as a Licensed Practical Nurse at JNH and has been employed at MSH since 2005.

"Ms. Dille goes above and beyond her call of duty. She is dedicated and committed. She does not take a lunch break and works from the time she clocks in until she clocks out. She is always willing to help others and she never complains about helping people in need," said Tracey Triplett, who nominated Dille.



**SUPPORT SERVICES**  
**KEYSHA MASON**  
**BUILDING 35, A-SHIFT**

Keysha Mason has been named Mississippi State Hospital's October Employee of the Month for Support Services.

Born in New Orleans, LA, Ms. Mason attended Mendenhall High School, Jackson State University, and Antonelli College. She serves as a Support Care Worker I in Transportation and has been employed at MSH since 2018.

"Due to staffing shortages, Keysha serves the dual role of Administrative Assistant and Dispatcher. Keysha comes in early and stays late whenever needed," said Barry Barnes, who nominated Mason. "She answers every call in a professional and kind manner. She has the unique ability to make every caller feel as if their call is the most important one she has received. Keysha also serves as timekeeper for the department. Her greatest strength is her ability to multitask."

## MSH November Employees of Month



**DIRECT CARE**  
**LAQUANDALINE WRIGHT**  
**BUILDING 81, A-SHIFT**

LaQuandaline Wright has been named Mississippi State Hospital's November Employee of the Month for Direct Care.

Originally from Puckett, Ms. Wright now lives in Pearl. She attended Pearl High School and Hinds Community College. She serves as a Mental Health Technician and has been employed at MSH since 2021.

"It is a privilege to work alongside LaQuandaline Wright," said Hollie Vanderford, who nominated LaQuandaline. "Recently, she stayed to work B Shift to ensure that one of our disabled patients was able to get a shower and get her hair washed because she had the best rapport with that patient. She has a good attitude and tends to make the best out of difficult situations. Not only is she a hard worker, she also keeps us laughing! LaQuandaline's strong work ethic, willingness to support her team, and compassionate caregiving skills are definitely worthy of recognition."



**CLINICAL SERVICE**  
**KESHA WATERMAN**  
**BUILDING 78, A-SHIFT**

Kesha Waterman has been named Mississippi State Hospital's November Employee of the Month for Clinical Service.

Originally from Canton, Ms. Waterman now lives in Byram. She attended Forest Hill High School and Tougaloo College, where she received her Bachelor of Arts. Waterman completed her Masters of Education in Community Counseling at Delta State University. She serves as a Licensed Professional Counselor in Behavior Health Services and has been employed at MSH since 2003.

"Ms. Waterman is a great employee. She is an excellent clinician and is the model of what a good clinician should be. She provides good clinical decision-making skills and treatment for the residents of Building 78," said Michael Gordon, who nominated Waterman.



**SUPPORT SERVICES**  
**DREW LONG**  
**BUILDING 87, A-SHIFT**

Drew Long has been named Mississippi State Hospital's November Employee of the Month for Support Services.

Mr. Long grew up in Richland but now lives in Pearl. He attended Richland High School, Chamberlain Hunt Academy, and Hinds Community College. He serves as a Forensic Projects Coordinator in Substance Use Services and has been employed at MSH since 2008.

"Drew always has a positive attitude and demonstrates kindness, respect, and enthusiasm towards helping patients and staff alike," said Dr. Laila Moussi, who nominated Long. "He also seeks feedback regarding his clinical work, demonstrating not just a desire to learn and grow as a provider, but professional humility. Drew is an asset to the substance use service treatment."

# Brashier Named Director of Health Information Management



By: Julie Cox

Ms. Heather Brashier, RHIA, began her MSH career in 2009 working in Health Records and now she leads the department as the new Director of Health Information Management. She briefly left MSH in 2012 to work at Jackson Oncology but came back in 2016 as a Medical Coder in Coding and Compliance.

Heather was born and raised and still resides in Sebastopol, MS. In fact, she lives in the house in which she grew up. She graduated from Sebastopol High School, then enrolled in a Health Information Management Program where she completed the first few years of coursework at East Central Community College, and then transferred to the University of Mississippi in Jackson, MS to earn her degree in Health Information Management. She then completed testing to earn her credentials as a Registered Health Information Administrator (RHIA).

Taking the reins as Director of MSH's Health Records Department, Heather has jumped right in to ensure MSH's health records are in compliance and is looking forward to the upcoming task of implementing a new electronic health records system. Heather says becoming an administrator has always been her goal and that she enjoys the atmosphere at MSH and the problem-solving aspect of her new position, so it was a perfect fit.

In her spare time, Heather enjoys painting. She is a self-taught artist in watercolors and acrylics and plans to learn oil painting in the near future. She likes painting landscapes and birds. Heather also enjoys gardening. Heather has one daughter that recently got married and will graduate from Mississippi State University in May with a degree in Aerospace Engineering. She hopes to eventually work for NASA in Huntsville, AL.

# Davis Named Director of Nursing for JNH - Jefferson Inn



Jaquith Nursing Home is pleased to announce our new Director of Nursing, Cynthia Davis, RN for Jefferson Inn. Ms. Davis served as an LPN beginning in 1980 at UMC, and continued her career here at MSH, having worked over the years on Buildings 35, 77, 32, 63, 60, 83, and 36.

In 1990, Ms. Davis went back to school and in 1992 received her RN licensure. In 2014 Ms. Davis graduated from JSU with a BS in Professional Interdisciplinary Studies in the School of Education.

Having retired in 2021, Ms. Davis decided she needed to come back "home" again at MSH serving as a Contract Nurse. She then was selected as the Director of Nurses on Buildings 31/33 in September of 2022.

Ms. Davis brings excellent clinical, organizational, and managerial skills to Mississippi State Hospital as well as a kind heart and a compassionate nature. We welcome Ms. Davis and look forward to a long and rewarding partnership.

# MSH Public Relations Employee Wins Maggie Award!



Printshop Manager Jerry Johnson

By: Julie Cox

The Mississippi State Hospital (MSH) Public Relations Department brought home a Maggie Award from the Mississippi Hospital Association's Public Relations & Marketing Annual Awards Ceremony on December 1. The 2022 digital illustration for the Friends of MSH legislative notecards, created by graphic artist Jerry Johnson, won the Maggie in the Photography/Illustration category. The winning design features the state wildflower and bird in personalized notecards for our state legislators.

Johnson is the Print Shop Manager in the Public Relations Division. He has been employed with MSH since 2013. He holds degrees in Drafting & Design from Hinds

Community College and Graphic Design from Delta State University. Johnson shared, "I love being creative and having an outlet to pursue my passions. Graphic Design has been my career path from the moment I learned of this field. I like the feeling of bringing an idea from concept to reality." Johnson added, "As a child, I loved video games, art, music, and sports. I was fascinated with the art in gaming magazines, which inspired me to spend more time drawing my favorite game characters while listening to my favorite hip hop artists."

Kathy Denton, Public Relations Director at MSH boasted, "I am continually amazed at Jerry's talent and artistry. He gives every project the same attention to detail and creativity making every single event and assignment stand out. We are blessed to have him as part of our Public Relations team."

Each year, the Mississippi Hospital Association (MHA) Society for Healthcare Marketing & Public Relations recognizes excellence statewide in healthcare marketing and public relations. Entries cover a wide range of categories including publications, digital communications, special events, writing, advertising, campaigns, and creative arts. One Maggie winner is selected in each category. Entries are open to all 100+ MHA member hospitals. All entries are judged by Public Relations professionals in hospital associations in other states.

Congratulations Jerry and thank you for the work you do every day at MSH!



# MSH SERVICE AWARDS

## OCTOBER

NAME	YRS
BRIAN TERRELL COOLEY	1
EMILY MAREE BOYD	1
WILLARD JOSEPH CASTLE	1
SANDRA KAY STRITTMAN	1
SHANNON NICOLE JENNINGS	1
RUTH MILES GILLIAM	5
JERMANE JOSEPH TAYLOR	5
SHERITA MONIQUE LENARD	5
CHRISTOPHER LASHAWN MACKLIN	5
KENNETH EVAN DRESSLER	5
NAJLA JAI PURRY	5
MARCELL ANTOINE BURNS	10
KATHERINE DIANE HENDERSON	10
MARVIN LENN ARMSTRONG	10
JESSICA VICTORIA HARRELL	10
TARA MARIE SYMON	15
QUINTINA D. CURTIS	15
CHRISTINE DIXON	20
PRESTON A. WARE	20
SHONNETT JACKSON WILSON	25
MABLE L. BUTLER	25
DOLLY A. HAWKINS	25
VERLENE GILLON	30
TAMMY F. CARR	30
JAMES JEROME BYRD	35

## NOVEMBER

NAME	YRS
KATRINA FIELDS	1
CARL DARNELL GASTON	1
NICHOLAS DMARIUS JONES	1
KAMESHIA S BLACKWELL	1
LAQUANDALINE NIESHAQUANTE WRIGHT	1
CINDY RENEE GOODE	1
ELAINE TATE SENDELWECK	1
MARY ELIZABETH FAIRCHILDS	1
LORI A LOWRY	5
LEXUS B TAYLOR	5
TENESHIA S WILLIAMS	5
NANCY BINGHAM	5
JAMES CARROLL QUINN	10
NOEL R. TURNER	15
LAURA JENEAN BROWN	25
BETH ANN KILLARY	25
DENISE ROGERS	30

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# Chief Jeff Luckey – A MSH Career

By: Julie Cox

Police Chief Jeff Luckey has seen a lot during his nearly 25 years of service to MSH. He's spent his entire law enforcement career serving the patients, residents, and employees of MSH. Luckey joined MSH in April 1998 and completed the Mississippi Law Enforcement Officers' Training Academy (MLEOTA) in June 2000.

In his role as Chief of Police, he oversees the daily operations of the Campus Police Department, supervises one Assistant Chief, four Lieutenants, three Sergeants, fifteen Officers, and six contract workers. He is also responsible for the daily operations of the Fire Safety Department. He serves as a State and Local Fire Inspector for the State Fire Marshal's Office.

Over the years, Chief Luckey has been trained and certified in many areas of law enforcement, as well as fire and healthcare related matters. Many of those certifications come in handy when preparing new officer trainees for MLEOTA, such as NRA Firearms Instructor Certification, Defensive Driving 1 and 2 Certification, and Rapid Response to Law Enforcement Situations Certification. In carrying out his daily duties and when the situation arises, his certifications in Urban Search and Rescue, Basic and Advanced Special Response Team, and Defense Tactics Instructor are extremely valuable.

Compiling his law enforcement training and experience, in 2007 Luckey put together the MSH Law Enforcement Training Academy Readiness Program that has been utilized to prepare police officer trainees for the strenuous physical entry test required by MLEOTA. Components of the test include flexibility, agility run, push-ups, and 1 ½ mile run. The weekly program sessions also include additional training opportunities. Luckey's readiness program has helped nearly 100 candidates from MSH enter, complete, and graduate MLEOTA.

In addition, Luckey serves as MSH's Fire Chief and is a Certified Hazardous Materials



Technician. He is also a Certified Healthcare Safety Professional. His certification and experience in Basic Telecommunications, Report Writing, and courtroom testimony are an asset in all areas of his duties.

In 2007, Luckey was selected as MSH's Employee of the Year. As Chief Luckey reflects on his long career at MSH, he views it as, "an opportunity to pass along information and train other officers while watching them grow in their careers." He added, "there are good people here at MSH and

that has been beneficial throughout my career."

Chief Luckey and his wife, Julie, have been married for 24 years. They have one daughter, Bella, who will graduate from the Mississippi University for Women in May with a degree in Speech Pathology. When she was younger, he enjoyed coaching his daughter's fast-pitch softball team. When Luckey is not performing his many duties here at MSH, he enjoys working on his 180 acre farm in Simpson County and hunting.