

# MISSISSIPPI FORESTRY COMMISSION



- 1,916 **wildfires** suppressed
- 31,370 acres burned
- 2,073 structures saved
- 19.8 **million acres** of forestland in MS

## Community Involvement

- 62 VFA grants with a total value of \$279,000 distributed to local **Volunteer Fire Departments**.
- \$62,800 distributed through the **Urban & Community Forestry** Challenge Grant Program.
- 80,609 people reached through community **outreach** education programs.
- 136% return on investment (ROI) yielded for every dollar appropriated to the MFC. Funds benefit Mississippi's **school children** and **volunteer firefighters**.\*

\*ROI calculated by combining School Trust Land timber sale revenue (directly invested into local school districts) & the acquisition cost of volunteer firefighting equipment (issued to local Volunteer Fire Departments) statewide.

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR STATE (by the numbers)

**\$19.4**  
million

School Trust Land timber sale revenue - directly invested into local school districts.

**\$12.79**  
billion

Forest Industry's Economic Impact in the state of Mississippi.

**\$2.27**  
million

Cost-share funding distributed to private forest landowners.



**\$7.72** million  
in **wildland firefighting equipment** issued to local Volunteer Fire Departments.

almost  
**70,000**  
**full & part-time jobs** in Mississippi are forestry-related.