

MAS' WEEKLY LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

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The 2023 Regular Legislative Session

The Thirteenth week of the 2023 Regular Legislative Session is now complete. The deadline for final adoption of conference reports on appropriations and revenue bills and for conference reports on general bills and constitutional amendments to be filed has passed. Mississippi Legislature is set to officially adjourn SINE DIE for the 2023 Regular Legislative Session this weekend.

Unfunded Mandate Language Removed from House Bill 1111

House Bill 1111 was a measure originally drafted to address county court jurisdiction for termination of parental rights when it passed the House Chamber. Yet, when it got to the Senate, this measure was amended with a committee strike all amendment and the entire body of the language addressing parental rights were removed and it was replaced with language creating a statewide county court system with unfunded mandates. **NOTE:** *The conference committee met and removed the statewide county court system unfunded mandate language.* **ADDITIONAL NOTE:** The conference report has been adopted by both chambers and will now be transmitted to the Governor for consideration.

Homestead Exemption Reimbursement Fully Funded Senate Bill 3022

Senate Bill 3022: This act is the appropriation measure for the MS State Department of Revenue. Located in Section 7 of this bill is the appropriation line item for the homestead exemption reimbursement. This legislation currently has the reimbursement being funded at \$92,000,000.00. This represents a \$1.4 million increase from last year's reimbursement. **NOTE:** The conference report has been adopted by both chambers and will now be transmitted to the Governor for consideration. *This is a MAS Proposal Item.*

\$100 Million Awarded for Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBRF) Senate Bill 3120

Senate Bill 3120: This measure makes a FY 2024 appropriation from the state Capital Expense Fund to the MS Department of Transportation (MDOT) for certain infrastructure expenses. Located in Section 4 of this measure is a line-item appropriation for the Emergency Road and Bridge Repair Fund (ERBR) to be funded at \$100 million. **NOTE:** The conference report has been adopted by both chambers and will now be transmitted to the Governor for consideration. *This is a MAS Proposal Item.*

Current 5% County Use Tax Diversion Split to address Local Systems Bridge Program and County Bridges on the State Aid System House Bill 1734

House Bill 1734: Section 1 of this measure splits the 5% use tax diversion, with 2 ½ % going to the Local Systems Bridge Repair Program and 2 ½ % going toward the Office of State Aid Road Construction for County State Aid Bridges. **NOTE:** The conference report has been adopted by both chambers and will now be transmitted to the Governor for consideration.

Legislature make Revenue Available for the Rural Fire Truck Program House Bill 1605

House Bill 1605: House Bill 1605 makes an appropriation for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the Mississippi Department of Insurance for Fiscal Year 2024. Section 13 of this measure funds the Annual Fire Fund at \$9 million (*MAS has been informed that the \$9 million can be authorized by the State Insurance Commissioner to provide funding to the Rural Fire Truck Program*). **NOTE:** Section 14 of this measure funds the Rural Fire Truck Matching Assistance Fund at \$2 million. **ADDITIONAL NOTE:** The conference report has been adopted by both chambers and will now be transmitted to the Governor for consideration. *This is a MAS Proposal Item.*

Beaver Control Assistance Program Funded Senate Bill 3013

Senate Bill 3013: Senate Bill 3013 makes an appropriation for the purpose of defraying the expenses to the State Department of Agriculture and Commerce for Fiscal Year 2024. **NOTE:** Section 4 of this measure funds the Beaver Control Assistance Program at \$1.1 million. **NOTE:** The conference report has been adopted by both chambers and will now be transmitted to the Governor for consideration.

This is a MAS Supported Item.

Mandated Payment Increase to Counties for Housing State Inmates Heads to the Governor Senate Bill 2495

Senate Bill 2495: This measure introduces an effort to expedite the removal of state inmates from county jails as early as practicable. This measure states that MDOC shall pay the county jails for housing state offenders out of any available funds. The mandate is as follows: \$25.00 per day per offender for days one through thirty, and \$32.00 per day per offender for days thirty-one or greater. **NOTE:** The conference report has been adopted by both chambers and will now be transmitted to the Governor for consideration. *This is a MAS Supported Item*

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Construction Permitting

Senate Bill 2612

Senate Bill 2612: This measure brings forward code sections concerning local permitting and State Board of Contractors licensing. Within Section 1 of this measure, the mandate requiring counties to issue permits as a condition to construction with an unincorporated area is addressed with new language. The new language states that “each county with a population under twenty thousand five hundred according to the most recent federal census may opt out of requiring such permitting by a majority vote of the board of supervisors made before December 31, 2023.” Such an opt out shall only be effective until July 1, 2028. **NOTE:** The conference report has been adopted by both chambers and will now be transmitted to the Governor for consideration.

*****Tip! Items in gold are hyperlinked and will take you to a new page*****

MAS 2023 Spring Regional PDD Visit Reminder

Next week, MAS staff and President will hit the road to begin our 10 stop regional meetings all across the state beginning with **CMPDD on Tuesday, April 4 at 10:30 am**, next is **SDPDD on Wednesday, April 5** and ending the week with **ECPDD on Thursday, April 6 at 10:30 am**. Reminder, these meetings are important; we will be holding elections for the MAS Board of Directors, Legislative and Nominating Committee. We will also be providing a legislative update and reminders for important upcoming reporting deadlines.

If you have not yet confirmed your attendance, please call Mavis Seaberry at 601.353.2741 or email her at mseaberry@massup.org

CENTRAL MS PDD REGION:

Tuesday, April 4: 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - MAS Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Hosted By: Central MS PDD

Location: CMPDD Office

Address: **1020 Centre Pointe Blvd., Pearl, MS 39208**

Phone: 601.981.1511

SOUTH DELTA PDD REGION:

Wednesday, April 5, 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - MAS Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Hosted By: South Delta PDD

Location: South Delta PDD Office

Address: **1427 South Main Street, Greenville, MS 38701**

Phone: 662.378.3831

EAST CENTRAL PDD REGION:

Thursday, April 6: 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - MAS Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Hosted By: East Central PDD

Location: ECPDD Office

Address: **280 Commercial Drive, Newton, MS 39345**

Phone: 601.683.2007

SOUTHERN MS PDD REGION:

Tuesday, April 18, 11:30 a.m.

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

12:30 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. - MAS Business Meeting

Hosted By: SMPDD

Location: **Beau Rivage Hotel in Camelia Ballroom of Convention Floor**

Address: **875 Beach Blvd, Biloxi, MS 39530**

Special Note: SMPDD Spring Regional Meeting will be held in conjunction to MS Association of PDD's (MAPDD) Annual Conference in Biloxi, MS. Meeting will begin with lunch followed by MAS Business Meeting/Elections.

Phone: 228.868.2311

NORTH CENTRAL PDD REGION:

Tuesday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - MAS Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Hosted By: North Central PDD

Location: NCPDD Office

Address: **28 Industrial Park Blvd., Winona, MS 38967**

Phone: 662.283.2675

NORTH DELTA PDD REGION:

Wednesday, May 3, 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - MAS Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Hosted By: North Delta PDD

Location: NDPDD Office

Address: **220 Power Dr., Batesville, MS 38606**

Phone: 662.561.4100

NORTHEAST PDD REGION:

Wednesday, May 3, 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - MAS Business Meeting

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Dinner

Hosted By: Northeast PDD

Location: The Gray Horse

Address: **118 West College Street, Booneville, MS 38829**

Phone: 662.728.6248

THREE RIVERS PDD REGION:

Thursday, May 4, 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - MAS Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Hosted By: Three Rivers PDD

Location: Pontotoc Community House

Address: **144 North Main Street, Pontotoc, MS 38863**

Phone: 662.489.2415

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GOLDEN TRIANGLE PDD REGION:

Thursday, May 4, 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. - MAS Business Meeting

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. - Dinner

Hosted By: Golden Triangle PDD

Location: GTPDD Office

Address: **106 Miley Drive, Starkville, MS 39759**

Phone: 662.324.7860

SOUTHWEST PDD REGION:

Tuesday, May 9, 10:30 a.m.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. - MAS Business Meeting

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. - Lunch

Hosted By: Southwest PDD

Location: Natchez Grand Hotel

Address: **111 N Broadway St, Natchez, MS 39120**

Phone: (601) 446-6044

*[Click Here to Download Dates/Locations for MAS 2023
Spring Regional Visits](#)*

MAS Update Regarding Storms that Impacted Counties

Update: The Mississippi Association of Supervisors (MAS) has been working and communicating with counties impacted by the March 24, 2023 tornado. The White House, numerous states, NACo, FEMA, MEMA, vendors/affiliate partners many Supervisors and MAS county members have reached out to MAS to offer their assistance. MAS stands by to provide any assistance within our grasp to our member counties. Our thoughts and prayers are with all our counties impacted by these storms.

Please note, any county impacted by these storms who need any additional assistance, please contact our office. We are on standby to assist and coordinate any help possible.

The MAS Disaster Relief Fund Program is also available for county employees impacted by this storm. Additional information and application is available on the MAS website.

[Please click here for link to MAS website:](#)

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2023 MASIT Law Enforcement Risk Management Conference

April 26-27, 2023

MASIT will host an inaugural Law Enforcement Risk Management Conference at the Sheraton Refuge Hotel in Flowood, MS- [April 26 - 27, 2023](#). Sessions are designed specifically for county law enforcement personnel and will address high risk areas in Mississippi and nationwide. Industry expert speakers from Law Enforcement Risk Management Group (formerly LLRMI) and OSS Academy will present, along with MASIT defense panel attorneys and the Department of Homeland Security.

Registration is open to all 82 counties. All county officials are invited including sheriffs, deputies, jailers, training officers and other law enforcement personnel. County supervisors, board attorneys, county administrators, insurance agents and other county officials may also be interested in this two-day risk management training opportunity.

Room block

We held a small block at the Sheraton Refuge Hotel in Flowood, MS. [Room block closes on April 4, 2023](#).

Scheduled Session Topics:

- No Knock Warrants
- Human Resources for County Law Enforcement
- Legal Landscape: Tort and Disappearing Immunity
- Community Events – Protecting the Public
- Human Capital - Locating and Retaining the Best Candidates
- Jail Administration: Intake and Screening
- Emerging Legal Trends
 - Policies, Procedures and Training
 - Vehicle Pursuit
 - Wrongful Incarceration
 - Stop, Arrest and Search & the Fourth Amendment
 - Search Warrant Execution – High Risk Entry
 - Mental Health in Jails

These educational sessions have been designed around law enforcement risks seen in Mississippi and nationally and will be led by industry experts. Our goal is to educate law enforcement personnel on the recent legal trends associated with these risks and to equip them with the knowledge to best protect themselves and the county from lawsuits.

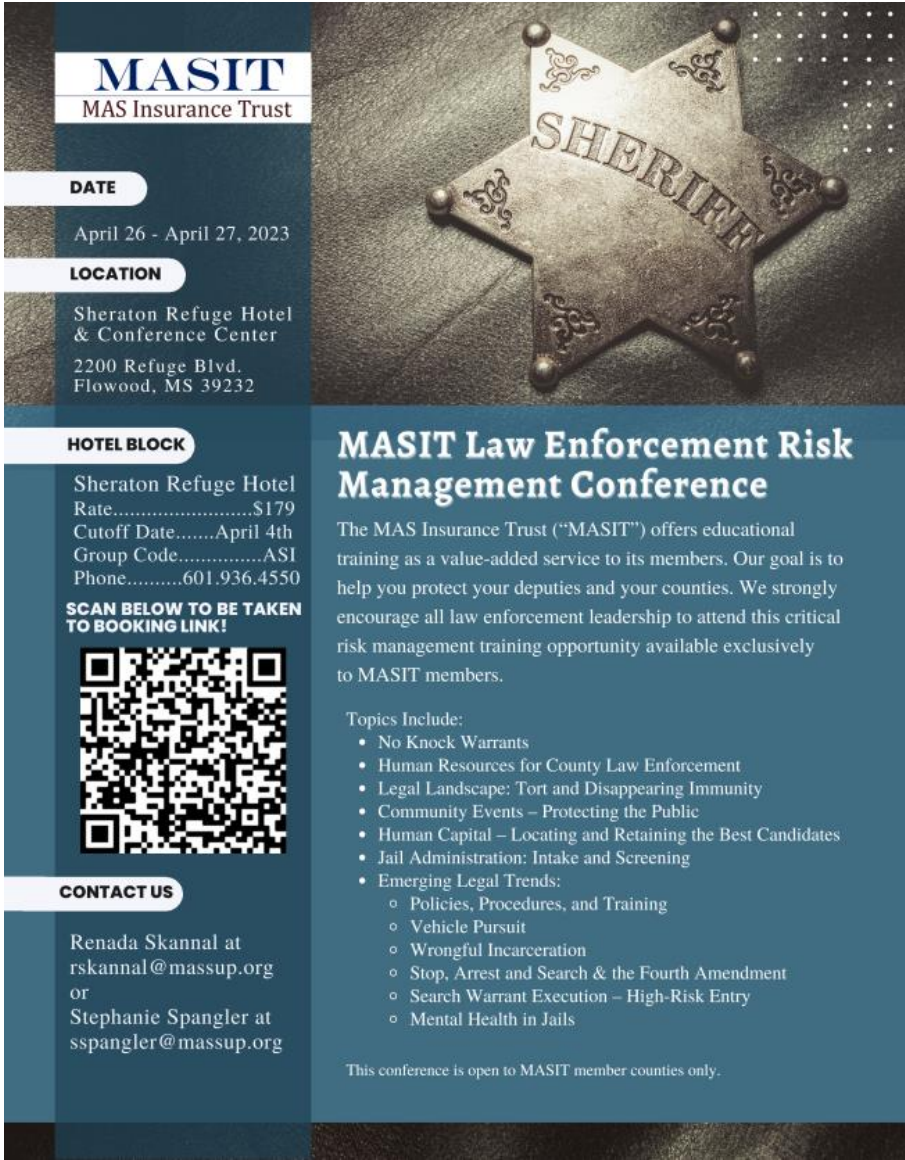
Agenda and registration form are linked below and also available on the MAS website at: <https://www.mssupervisors.org/masit-law-enforcement-risk-management-conference>.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please email Stephanie Spangler at Sspangler@massup.org or Renada Skannal at Rskannal@massup.org. Or call the MAS office at 601.353.3741.

You may fax your registration form to the MAS Office at 601.353.2749 or mail it to 793 North President Street, Jackson, MS 39202.

[Click Here to Download Registration Form](#)

[Click Here for Tentative Agenda](#)



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DATE
April 26 - April 27, 2023

LOCATION
Sheraton Refuge Hotel & Conference Center
2200 Refuge Blvd.
Flowood, MS 39232

HOTEL BLOCK
Sheraton Refuge Hotel
Rate.....\$179
Cutoff Date.....April 4th
Group Code.....ASI
Phone.....601.936.4550

SCAN BELOW TO BE TAKEN TO BOOKING LINK!



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Stephanie Spangler at sspangler@massup.org

MASIT Law Enforcement Risk Management Conference

The MAS Insurance Trust ("MASIT") offers educational training as a value-added service to its members. Our goal is to help you protect your deputies and your counties. We strongly encourage all law enforcement leadership to attend this critical risk management training opportunity available exclusively to MASIT members.

Topics Include:

- No Knock Warrants
- Human Resources for County Law Enforcement
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This conference is open to MASIT member counties only.