

Law Enforcement, Prosecutors, and Firefighters Honored at Mississippi Governor's Public Safety Awards Ceremony



Every day, public safety leaders across the state selflessly serve to protect us all. And they do not get nearly the recognition they deserve. Today, we want to show our appreciation to these heroes by celebrating them. I am so grateful for their service and dedication to seeking justice and making Mississippi a safer place for everyone.

Lynn Fitch

(Flowood, Mississippi) Today at the [4th annual Mississippi Public Safety Summit](#), co-hosted by Attorney General Lynn Fitch and Public Safety Commissioner Sean Tindell, five public safety leaders were honored for going above and beyond to answer the call of duty:

- Law Enforcement Officer of the Year: Captain William Kendrick, Jackson Police Department
- Firefighter of the Year: Captain John Clark, Belzoni Fire Department
- Prosecutor of the Year: District Attorney Angel Myers McIlrath, 19th Circuit Court District of Mississippi
- First Responders of the Year: Officer Brian Drieling and Officer Wyatt Webb, Mississippi Department of Marine Resources

“It takes more than skills and education to be an exceptional prosecutor. It requires empathy for the victims whose voices you represent,” **said Attorney General Lynn Fitch.** “Angel exemplifies the compassion, integrity, and thoughtfulness that define true public service. She approaches prosecution not simply as a profession, but as a calling, and our State is fortunate to have her.”

“I am proud to recognize Captain William Kendrick as Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, and officers Wyatt Webb and Brian Drieling as First Responders of the Year. These individuals went far above the call of duty, putting the lives and safety of others before their own. Their courage, selflessness, and commitment to serving others represent the very best of public safety,” **said Department of Public Safety Commissioner Sean Tindell.** “Congratulations to all of the award recipients today. We are grateful for their sacrifice, their leadership, and their unwavering dedication. Thank you all.”

“John Clark’s outstanding leadership and selfless dedication at the Belzoni Fire Department and serving as the Humphreys County Fire Coordinator has made a lasting impact on the community he serves. We proudly commend him for his tireless efforts and commitment to protecting others,” **said Mississippi Department of Insurance Commissioner and State Fire Marshal Mike Chaney.**

Awardees were nominated by their peers.

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