

# **MISSISSIPPI FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION**

## **POLICY STATEMENT**

### **CODE OF ETHICS**

**ONE PRIMARY GOAL OF THE MISSISSIPPI FIRE CHIEF'S ASSOCIATION IS TO PROMOTE AND SUPPORT THE ADVANCEMENT OF THE FIRE SERVICE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE AND ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR CITIZENS. AS RECIPIENTS OF THE PUBLIC TRUST, MEMBERS SHOULD AT ALL TIMES REPRESENT THOSE ETHICAL PRINCIPLES CONSISTENT WITH PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT.**

#### **WE MUST:**

- **ALWAYS REMEMBER THAT WE OPERATE IN A POSITION OF PUBLIC TRUST.**
- **USE PUBLICLY OWNED RESOURCES IN AN APPROPRIATE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER.**
- **SEEK NO FAVOR OR PERSONAL AWARD FOR OFFICIAL ACTIONS.**
- **COMPLY WITH ALL LOCAL AND STATE LAWS AND ORDINANCES.**
- **REFRAIN FROM ENDORSING PRODUCTS FOR PERSONAL GAIN.**
- **NOT ENGAGE IN OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT INCONSISTENT WITH THE ETHICAL VIEWS OF THE FIRE SERVICE OR WHICH MAY IMPAIR OUR PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY AS FIRE OFFICERS.**

- **HANDLE ALL PERSONNEL MATTERS ON THE BASIS OF MERIT.**

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