

# **Team Two – 2016 MS Drought/Arson**

## **Background**

A deepening drought expanding into most of the Southern Area of the United States has created critical fuels and fire behavior conditions in Mississippi. Above average levels of wildfire activity combined with higher than normal mobilization of firefighting resources prompted fire managers in Mississippi to order a National Fire Prevention Education Team (NFPET) to address unwanted human caused fires.

An order is placed through the Geographic Area Coordination Center (GACC) and filled by the National Geographic Area Coordination Center in coordination with the National Fire Prevention Team Coordinator and Geographic Area Team Coordinator.

A National Fire Prevention Education Team Leader (PETL) is selected and they assemble their team with a based on the nature of the assignment and their team roster. The standard minimum configuration for a team is:

- 1 Team Leader
- 1 Team Member
- 1 Public information Officer

Each member of the group will have an opportunity to experience the duties, tasks, roles and responsibilities of these positions. Individuals will naturally have different strengths and interests that will help dictate how they contribute to the overall success of the team.

Class exercises will be done in either a class or group setting.