December 27, 2000

Mr. Scott Young 8184 Oak Ridge Place Meridian, MS 39305

Dear Mr. Young:

Thank you for taking time from your schedule to meet with Governor Musgrove during his recent "One-on-One with the Governor" event. Your concern for funding for volunteer fire departments was noted.

As Governor Musgrove shared with you, he has included funds in his executive budget for rural fire departments. The Governor has recommended that the Legislature appropriate \$484,658 to the Mississippi Insurance Department for its Rural Fire Truck Acquisition Assistance Program. You are correct in your assessment of the importance of rural and volunteer fire departments to public safety. Please let your state legislative delegation hear from you in support of these funds. We are all responsive to the issues that affect our local people and economy. This is one of those issues.

Again, thank you for taking time to share your concerns with Governor Musgrove. If you have any further questions, please contact me at 359-3150.

Sincerely yours,

Kelly Riley Policy Liaison