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## **Governor Musgrove Announces New National Guard Unit To Locate in DeSoto County**

(Southaven, MS) – Governor Ronnie Musgrove announced this morning that the newest unit of the Mississippi Army National Guard would be locating in DeSoto County. The 1687<sup>th</sup> Transportation Company will transport dry and refrigerated cargo, as well as bulk water and petroleum products for military units.

“This unit will play an integral role in the movement of Guard units and material, transporting cargo, and supplies to support forward area units,” said Musgrove. “The impact of this unit on the surrounding area will also benefit the larger community as well.”

The economic impact of this unit will be strong. Initially three full-time employees will serve, and the unit will have strength of 166 soldiers, both men and women, with an annual payroll of nearly \$675,000.

“The 1687<sup>th</sup> will also offer its personnel tremendous training, particularly for this area,” Musgrove said. “With 60 brand-new semi-trucks and 120 flatbed trailers, the personnel serving in this unit will gain tremendous skills that can be applied in the civilian sector in this area.”

The Desoto County and Memphis areas are well known for their commerce, particularly ground transportation moving along the I-55 corridor.

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