

*Remarks for Lee Ann Mayo
Noxapater Fire station Groundbreaking Ceremony
August 14, 2003*

- Thank you Mayor Gardner for that introduction.
- Good afternoon, and on behalf of Governor Ronnie Musgrove, I'm honored to be with you here today.
- I want to take a moment and recognize Mayor Gardner, members of the board of aldermen, supervisors and others here who worked with Governor Musgrove and the Mississippi Development Authority.

- We are happy to be here today to break ground for the new fire station for Noxapater.
- This fire station is about more than this building. It's about building for the future.
- For the men and women who work to keep Noxapater safe, this new fire station will enhance their mission.
- I have had the honor to work with two men who have made taking care of all Mississippians a priority.

- First, I had the opportunity to work for Congressman G.V. Sonny Montgomery, Mr. Veteran, and as I call him, Mr. Chairman. Sonny Montgomery taught me that all requests are important, no matter how big or how small.
- Then, I was given the opportunity to work for the Governor of Mississippi, Ronnie Musgrove, a man who follows the same mold.
- Governor Musgrove believes that the most important thing we can do is to provide a strong foundation for every community.

- The fabric of a community is found in the people and the priorities they establish, and the fabric of Noxapater is strong
- Governor Musgrove has worked with you to help make that happen, through efforts to make education a priority and create quality jobs
- Those efforts have also included support for a strong infrastructure and public safety programs, such as this fire station we're breaking ground for today
- It's been said that without a sense of caring, there can be no sense of community

- Noxapater is a strong community
because it cares about its citizens, about
their way of life and their safety

- On behalf of Governor Musgrove, thank you
for the work you are doing to make
Mississippi a state of community