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## MISSISSIPPI STATE HOSPITAL THANKS SAFETY COORDINATORS

WHITFIELD—Mississippi State Hospital recently recognized National Patient Safety Awareness Week, held March 7 - 13.

During the week, the hospital thanked the 43 Building Safety Coordinators who have a responsibility of maintaining a safe environment of care for the entire campus. Safety and Investigative Services thanked those coordinators and the Environment of Care Tour Team for the work they do in maintaining a safe environment for MSH patients, residents, staff and visitors.

"The importance of safety cannot be overstated," Mississippi State Hospital Safety Coordinator Wes Pegues said. "Neither can the difficult task of ensuring the safest environment of care is provided and maintained at MSH."

"Safety and Investigative Services would like to thank all of the MSH staff members who help keep safety one of our top priorities."

National Patient Safety Awareness Week is an education and awareness campaign for improving patient safety at the local level.

Pictured are Building Safety Coordinators on Mississippi State Hospital's Whitfield campus.

MSH, a facility of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health, was founded in 1855 and facilitates improvement in the quality of life for Mississippians who are in need of mental health, chemical dependency or nursing home services, by rehabilitating to the least restrictive environment, utilizing a range of psychiatric and medical services, which reflect the accepted standard of care and are in compliance with statutory and regulatory guidelines. The hospital is accredited by the Joint Commission.

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**PHOTO ATTACHED: Building Safety Coordinators**