

MISSISSIPPI ASSOCIATION OF SUPERVISORS

2026 Annual Convention & Expo

Exhibitor Move-In, Check-In & Expo Hall Schedule

First Response Starts Local: Working as One

Prepared for our exhibit hall partners • Updated as of May 6, 2026

EVENT DATES	VENUE	LOCATION	STATUS
June 15–18, 2026	MS Coast Convention Center	Biloxi, Mississippi	Tentative — Subject to change

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
SUNDAY, JUNE 14 • Move-In Day for Bulk Equipment		
Scheduled by CDS	Bulk Space & Large Equipment Move-In	Our partners at CDS (Convention & Display Services) will work directly with you to schedule your move-in window. Please coordinate with CDS before traveling to the venue — they will help arrange the right time so your move-in goes smoothly and the floor stays clear for everyone. We're excited to have you with us!
MONDAY, JUNE 15 • Exhibitor Check-In & Setup		
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM	Exhibitor Check-In & Booth Setup	Welcome to Biloxi! Stop by the MAS check-in table to grab your name badges and exhibitor materials, then head to your booth space to set up. Our team will be on the floor and happy to help with anything you need.
TUESDAY, JUNE 16 • Expo Hall Opens		
8:00 AM – 8:30 AM	Mandatory Exhibitor Meeting	Join us before the doors open for a quick walkthrough of the day. We'll cover the Expo Hall games and competitions — including our county engagement activity and the vendor booth competition — plus how the door prize drawings work and what to expect from the morning rush. This is also a great moment to meet the MAS team and your fellow exhibitors.
8:30 AM – 3:00 PM	Expo Hall Opens	Doors open! Please be ready in your booth as members start coming through. Morning refreshments will be served on the Expo Hall floor, so attendees have every reason to linger and connect with you.

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
9:00 AM – 10:15 AM	County Partner Showcase Sessions ★ NEW THIS YEAR	A brand-new Premier Sponsorship opportunity. A limited number of 20-minute showcase slots are available right on the Expo Hall floor, giving our partners a dedicated time to share insights that are educational and timely for our members — sales pitches aren't a fit here — think industry insights, case studies, or practical know-how county leaders can take back home. We'll work with each County Partner Showcase sponsor in advance to shape and approve the session so the focus stays on learning, not selling.
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Networking Lunch on the Expo Hall	Lunch is served — and it's served right where the connections happen. Members eat alongside exhibitors on the Expo Hall floor, so come hungry, come ready to chat, and be ready for a steady flow of conversations at your booth.
3:00 PM – 4:00 PM	Afterhours Social on the Expo Hall	Our way of saying thank you. This is a dedicated hour to celebrate our exhibitors and sponsors with food, fellowship, and door prizes — a relaxed, fun finish to day one where members can mingle with you one more time before heading out.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 17 • Final Expo Hall Day

7:30 AM – 8:45 AM	Breakfast on the Expo Hall	Start the day strong. Breakfast is served on the Expo Hall floor, drawing members to your booth bright and early.
7:30 AM – 1:00 PM	Expo Hall Open	Our final scheduled Expo Hall hours. Make the most of every conversation — this is the home stretch.
7:30 AM – 9:15 AM	Expo Hall Activity Window	Part of our Expo Hall challenges and activities! This is a focused window when members are encouraged to make the rounds, visit each booth, and earn entries toward the County Expo Hall Challenge where members are encouraged to visit each exhibitor's booth to earn entries as well as vote on the 2026 Theme Booth Challenge. Expect a great burst of foot traffic during this time, so be ready to greet, share, and make every connection count.
12:00 PM – 1:00 PM	Final Networking Lunch on the Expo Hall	One last lunch on the floor. Members will be circling back for those last conversations, last connections, and last chances to engage before the afternoon wraps.

TIME	ACTIVITY	DETAILS
2:30 PM – 3:00 PM	Exhibitor Grand Door Prize Drawings & Winner Announcements	The grand finale! Our headline drawing for exhibitor grand door prizes — and the moment we announce the winners of our Exhibitor 2026 Theme Booth Challenge and our County Expo Hall Challenge (where members are encouraged to visit each exhibitor's booth to earn entries). A high-energy close that brings everyone back together for one final celebration.
1:30 PM – 5:00 PM	Exhibitor & Bulk Space Breakdown & Move-Out	<p>All move-out must be wrapped by 5:00 PM at MCCC.</p> <p>A note for our exhibitors with large equipment: Thank you in advance for your patience! CDS will be breaking down booths in a specific sequence, and we won't be able to move equipment out until the booths in your path have come down.</p> <p>Please plan to use the designated load-out doors — using side doors can disrupt the breakdown flow and create safety concerns, so we ask everyone to follow the CDS plan. How exhibitors handle move-out is one of the things we reflect on each year as we look ahead, and your patience and cooperation is the surest way you can join us again in 2027.</p> <p>We're so grateful for every exhibitor who sticks with the plan and helps us close the week the way we opened it: working as one. Thank you for honoring the process.</p>

BOOTH LOGISTICS & COORDINATION	
TOPIC	WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW
Floor Plan & Booth Assignments	The exhibit hall floor plan is still under development. Once it's finalized, exhibitors will receive a follow-up email with a link where you can submit your top three booth location preferences (and bulk space preferences, if applicable). MAS finalizes and confirms booth assignments closer to the event.
What's Included With Your Booth	Each standard 10' × 10' booth includes 8' back drapes, 3' side dividers, one 6' skirted display table, two chairs, one wastebasket, one company ID sign, and two attendee registrations. Electricity is not included — power and any additional booth services must be ordered separately through CDS.
CDS Exhibitor Packet	CDS (Convention & Display Services) is our official exposition services contractor. After MAS confirms your booth assignment, CDS will send your exhibitor packet with order forms for electricity, additional furnishings, carpet, cleaning, freight, and shipping.

Ordering Electricity & Add-On Furnishings	All electrical and add-on services run through CDS — additional tables, chairs, high-tops, stools, carpet and padding, equipment delivery, and freight handling. CDS rental prices cover the full duration of the show.
Shipping to the Venue	All shipments must be coordinated through CDS — the Mississippi Coast Convention Center does not accept direct shipments . Freight must arrive prepaid; collect shipments will be refused.
2026 Themed Booth Challenge ★ NEW	<p>This year's booth competition is tied to our convention theme — First Response Starts Local: Working as One. We're inviting all exhibitors to bring the theme to life at your booth. Get creative with anything that speaks to you — patriotic, first responder, military, emergency response, county public works, or your own take on “Working as One.”</p> <p>How it works: decorate your booth around the theme; MAS members vote Tuesday and Wednesday for their favorite themed booths; winners are announced Wednesday afternoon during the Grand Exhibitor Door Prize Drawing.</p> <p>No entry fee, no separate sign-up, and no minimum — if your booth carries the theme, you're automatically in the running. A few touches go a long way: a flag display, a thank-you wall, photos of first responders in your community, branded gear that nods to service, or county PWD memorabilia.</p> <p>Voting details, prize info, and a few ideas to get the creative wheels turning will go out in our next pre-convention exhibitor email — keep an eye on your inbox.</p>
Your CDS Contact	Brooke Fuller • brooke@cds1958.com — Brooke handles booth services, supplies, freight, and bulk space move-in scheduling.

A NOTE FROM OUR TEAM

Sunday move-in is reserved for our bulk-space and large-equipment exhibitors who are scheduled directly by CDS. Tuesday and Wednesday Expo Hall functions are our biggest member-traffic windows, so we want every exhibitor present and ready. All move-out must be complete by 5:00 PM Wednesday. Thank you for partnering with us — we couldn't put on this convention without you.

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Based on the current MAS tentative agenda.