

## **Workforce Development - Facing Future Workforce Needs Today**



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## **Moderator**



Ms. Melody C. Bell
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## **Keynote**



**Dr. Jeff McCord**Commissioner
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Workforce development is a growing concern among almost every sector in the Tennessee Valley region. The "Silver Tsunami" that will occur within the next several years will result in a significant percentage of experienced workers leaving the workforce. Technology is changing, requiring workers to equip themselves with new skills. Competition among industries for trained, skilled workers is growing exponentially.

These and other workforce development challenges will be discussed at Safety Fest TN's kick-off Community Safety Forum. The Tennessee Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development will set the stage with a keynote address, followed by a distinguished panel of community educators and employers discussing immediate and future workforce challenges and programs underway to meet those challenges. The panel session will adjourn promptly so that attendees may attend the CNS-sponsored community lunch and the opening of the Safety Expo.