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# Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



## Submit your Leadership Institute application

Are you a passionate South Carolina firefighter who's eager to learn about ins and outs of the statewide fire service? We've got just the program for you.

Leadership Institute is a year-long leadership development and educational program is set in an executive-level environment with an emphasis on open communication and group project-based skills. The program is offered to individuals to improve and develop fire service leadership at the state level through networking and education pertaining to the many facets of the fire service profession.

Greenville City Deputy Chief [David Hindman](#) is a 2014 graduate of the Leadership Institute and says the program exposed him to how the Association supports its members, regardless of department size or resources available.

"Leadership Institute gave us the opportunity to see the Association and the fire service in South Carolina is trying to work together for a common goal," Hindman said. "You realize very quickly how fortunate some areas of the state are with what they have as opposed to other areas of the state and you recognize that the Association is trying to overcome those gaps and provide resources for everybody in the state and opportunities for everybody in the state."

[Learn more about Leadership Institute](#) and [apply for the 2023-2024 class](#).

## Save on your cellphone bill



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## Community events



## Office closed in observance of July 4

The South Carolina State Firefighters' Association will be **closed** on Monday, July 4, in observance of the national holiday. Normal office hours resume on Tuesday, July 5.

As you and your families celebrate, *please make safety your top priority!* The National Fire Prevention Association (NFPA) has [fireworks safety tips and graphics](#) you can post on your department's social media to spread awareness in your community. The organization also has shareable information on [grill safety](#) and the risks of [electric shock](#).



## Teach at an Association event



Are you a dynamic speaker with a passion for the past, present, and future of the fire service? Please complete our [speaker application form](#) to be considered to present at an Association event or training. Speaking opportunities include Quarterly in the fall, Fire Service Improvement Conference in the winter, and Fire-Rescue in the summer. Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2022.

## Origins of “Rattle Watch”



*Rattle Watch* is the Association's newest method of communicating

important deadlines, event information, exclusive member discounts, and general fire-service related news to its membership and beyond. Thank you for reading and subscribing!

You've probably wondered where 'rattle watch' came from and why it's the name of this newsletter.

The term 'rattle watch' dates back to Colonial America and refers to a group of volunteers who would patrol the streets at night carrying large wooden rattles. If a fire was seen, the men spun the rattles, then directed the responding citizens to form bucket brigades. ***In other words, this 'rattle watch' communicated important information to the community it served.*** The Association's goal with the newsletter falls in line with the duties this group and, thus, was dubbed Rattle Watch.



- [July 14 - 1% Regional Training: Richland County](#)
- [July 22 - Ambassadors Program Meeting via Facebook Live](#)
- [August 1 - 1% Regional Training: Hampton County](#)
- September 16-18 - SCFAST Clinicians Weekend



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