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Upcoming deadline reminders

It's December 1, the beginning to the the end of the year, and you're probably wrapping up your calendar year-end financials and to-do lists. If taking a close look at your Association membership to-do list isn't on your plate yet, *go ahead and add it.*

- Dues must be paid and voting members must be selected or confirmed before **January 1, 2023**.
- Form 206 and Form 207 must be submitted no later than midnight on **January 31, 2023**.
- New this year, members of the Association will pick up their **membership cards** at Fire-Rescue, June 14-17, 2023 in Myrtle Beach. These newly issued membership cards will be your access pass to Fire-Rescue 2023 and for future Association events. Membership card information must be updated by **January 31, 2023**. The information shown on the membership cards will be pulled from the Association's database, the Member Management System. It is the members' responsibility to make sure their information is correct and up to date. You can [login](#) to the database and update your information at any time.

We're always here to help. Please email info@scfirefighters.org or call 800.277.2732 with questions or issues.

Foundation news



Foundation awarded MCA Day Grant

The **South Carolina Firefighters Foundation** was one of nine organizations selected to receive a \$9,000 grant from **Mobile Communications America** as part of its annual MCA Day Grant program.

MCA launched the [MCA Day Grant](#) program in 2021 when it awarded 8 organizations individual grants of \$8,000 a piece. The day of giving celebrates the company's founding while putting its motto - demonstrating what it means to take a service-first approach - in action.

Nearly forty nonprofits submitted applications for the MCA Grant Day. MCA charged its MCA Spartans, members of MCA workforce who go above and beyond in demonstrating a service-first mentality, with selecting the final 9 nonprofits.

Thank you, Mobile Communications America, for making a difference in the lives of South Carolina firefighters!

Association event



Train with us at FSIC

Fire Service Improvement Conference, January 26-29, 2023, is our annual hands-on-training conference and this year several FSIC classes are using acquired structures. Popular classes like Engine and Truck are already full — pick your classes and save your spot by [registering](#) today.



Community events

'Tis the season for Christmas parades

Deck the rig with boughs of holly, fa la la la—or *however the song goes*.

The holiday season is officially in full swing and departments from across the state are participating in local Christmas parades.

- GVW Fire Department — December 3 at 3 p.m. — 82 Canal St. in Graniteville
- Couchton Volunteer Fire & Rescue — December 10 at 7 p.m.
- Greenpond Fire & Rescue — December 3 at the Gray Court Christmas parade; December 7 at the Fountain Inn Christmas parade; December 10 at the Hickory Tavern Christmas parade

If your department is participating in a parade or taking Santa on rides through your district, please tag us on social media at [@scfirefighters](#) or email brook@scfirefighters.org so that we can share your goodwill towards the community.



Prepare for the holidays with CPM

It's easy to let the holiday season overwhelm you. But just because it's easy doesn't mean it has to.

Our partners at **CPM Federal Credit Union** are hosting a webinar on Dec. 6 at noon with tips to help you survive the holiday gifting season. For even more holiday help, attendees will be entered into a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card.

[Register](#) for the December 6 Holiday Survival Guide webinar with CPM.

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- [January 23, 2023 - 1% Regional Training, Oconee County](#)
- [January 26-29, 2023 - Fire Service Improvement](#)



[Conference](#)

- [February 11, 2023 - Firefighter Memorial Service](#)
- March 5-10, 2023 - Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer



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