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# Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



## Applications are open for Leadership Institute

As a South Carolina firefighter, it is important to stay updated on the latest developments in the fire service industry. **Leadership Institute** is designed to provide you with the knowledge and skills needed to excel in your department and community.

- LI covers a wide range of topics related to the fire service and exposes you to the issues facing departments of all sizes.
- You will have the opportunity to interact with other firefighters from across the state, sharing best practices and learning from each other's experiences.
- The program is tailored specifically for South Carolina firefighters, taking into account the unique challenges and opportunities faced in the state.
- By participating in LI, you will not only enhance your own skills and knowledge, but also contribute to the overall improvement of the fire service industry in South Carolina.

[Applications are due August 31.](#)

**Association event**



## **Deadline to apply for OA 23-02 is June 30**

The deadline to apply for Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer class 23-02 is Friday, June 30 at midnight. This is an intense weeks-long program not designed for the complacent.

**The applicant pool is growing and the program is limited to 25 students. Do not wait to submit your information to be considered!**

Note that an application is required, including a resume, cover letter, and letter from the applicant's Chief. Applicants do not need to be a member of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association Officers Section but membership with the Officers Section is preferred. Applications will be vetted prior to being accepted into the program and will be sent pre-course assignments to be completed prior to final selection.

[Submit your application.](#)



## **We're hiring!**

We are seeking a highly motivated individual to serve as the fundraising **Foundation Development Administrator** to support the outreach mission and goals as set by the Foundation Directors. The Development Administrator will work under limited supervision to establish and implement funding strategies, campaigns, and processes to support the Foundations' mission. Compensation will be salary-commission and is DOQ. [Read the full job description.](#)

We are also hiring an **Administrative Assistant**. This position provides highly responsible administrative, secretarial, and clerical assistance in support of efficient and effective Association daily operations, ensuring effective and efficient administrative support; represents the Association to the public and provides professional, courteous customer service at all times; and performs related duties as assigned. The incumbent works within a general outline of work to be performed and develops work

methods and sequences under general supervision. The position is full-time and pay range is \$30,000-\$45,000 DOQ. [Read the full job description.](#)



## Gary Rogers retires as Association Chaplain

Reverend **Gary Rogers** retired as Chaplain of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association at the conclusion of Fire-Rescue on June 17. Chaplain Rogers served the state for 13 years in the chaplain role and has played an instrumental role in advancing the role of chaplaincy in the South Carolina fire service. Chaplain Rogers was inducted into the Hall of Fame for his efforts over the last decade plus.

"We spend a lot of time in the fire service looking for the ideal leader...we've got that, in my mind, in Gary Rogers," Association Executive Director **Joe Palmer** said.

"I have been tremendously honored," Chaplain Rogers stated. "I have been the most surprised person in the state of South Carolina that I got chosen to be the chaplain for the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association, to get to do what I have been able to do... and I just want to say thank you for trusting me in this role and allowing me to do what I get to do."

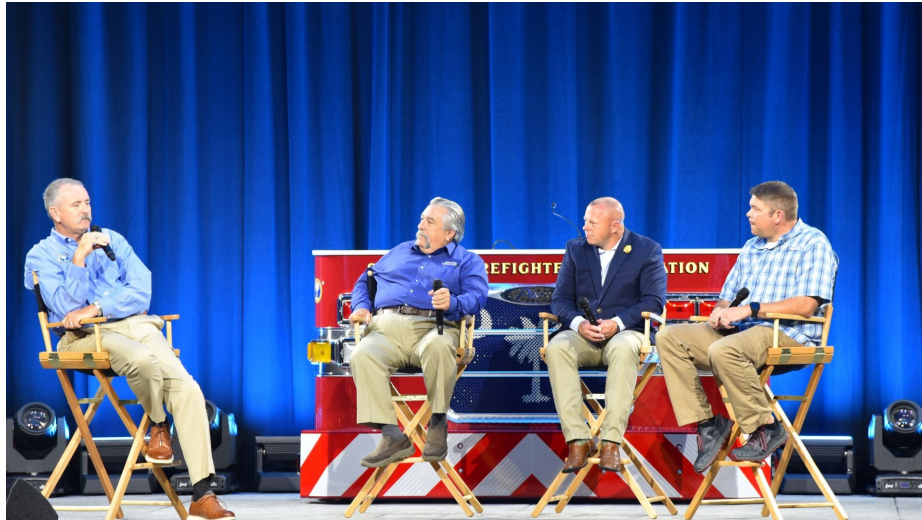
Watch the [Hall of Fame induction video](#) for Chaplain Rogers and see him accept the award during the [Fire-Rescue Opening Ceremonies and Business Meeting](#).



**Last call on Fire-Rescue t-shirts**



Our friends at **Emerald Ink & Stitches** have extended t-shirt sales for Fire-Rescue 2023 in the garnet and red colors! [Order yours](#) and get free shipping before July 21.



## Watch the Fire Service Roundtable from Fire-Rescue

Association Executive Director **Joe Palmer** during Fire-Rescue moderated a roundtable discussion between Executive Director of National Fall Firefighters Chief **Ron Siarnicki**, Columbia County (GA) Lieutenant **David Bullard**, and State Fire Marshal Chief **Jonathan Jones**. The quartet talked side gigs, the importance of data, and the retention and recruitment topics plaguing the fire service. [Watch the conversation on our YouTube.](#)

## Community event



## Save the Date for New Holland & Monetta Fire Fest

Aiken County residents, **New Holland Fire** and **Monetta Fire** are hosting Fire Fest on Saturday, October 7 at Daniel's Seed and Feed in Batesburg. The event features food trucks, pony rides, talent contests, firefighter demonstrations, and more for you and your family to enjoy. If you'd like to participate in the brisket cook-off or enter as a vendor, please email [Nhvdfirefest@gmail.com](mailto:Nhvdfirefest@gmail.com).

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- [July 18 - 1% Regional Training Class: Lexington County](#)
- [August 24 - 1% Regional Training Class: Beaufort County](#)
- [October 1-6 - Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer class 23-02](#)
- [October 17 - 1% Regional Training Class: York County](#)
- June 12-15, 2024 - Fire-Rescue



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