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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.

The Jive
hosted by Will Vaigneur and Chris Kip
with **Sabrina Yaw and Amanda Moore**

The Jive is tonight with Sabrina Yaw and Amanda Moore

We are proud to offer a [firefighter family track](#) on Friday, June 16 during [Fire-Rescue](#). A first of its kind for the Association, the Training & Education Committee took special care to include several classes applicable to families and spouses.

The track kicks off the morning of June 16 with **Chris** and **Renee Elrod** presenting "[The Two Thirds](#)," followed by "[Preventing a Flashover: Surviving a Firefighter Relationship](#)" from **Sabrina Yaw**. **Amanda Moore** wraps things up in the afternoon with "'[Back to the Table](#),' a mindset for [fostering healthy relationships](#)."

We're excited to have Sabrina and Amanda join us on Thursday at 7:30 p.m. on [Facebook Live](#) for the first-ever public edition of The Jive! Hosts **Chris Kip** and **Will Vaigneur** will be talking with the ladies about their upcoming Fire-Rescue classes and their experiences as fire wives and how firefighting isn't just a job—it is a lifestyle that impacts the entire family unit.

Fire-Rescue event



Hang out with us + SCFIS at Beach Bash

Four words: **free food and drinks**. Oh, and the chance to win a few giveaways.

What could be better?

South Carolina Firefighters Insurance Services is excited to host **Beach Bash** on Wednesday, June 14 starting at 5 p.m. at **Crocodile Rocks at Broadway at the Beach**. Thanks to sponsors, food, drinks, and entertainment are on the house.

Bring the family!



Community event



Recap of the Cleveland School seminar

The Cleveland School fire historical seminar held on the evening of Tuesday, May 16 at the Revolutionary War Visitor Center in Camden

detailed the events of the tragic fire, how the event changed fire and life safety in South Carolina and across the nation, and featured several family members of those impacted by the fire.

South Carolina State Fire Marshal **Jonathan Jones** was the master of ceremonies for the event and greeted the crowd with a thanks to the families for allowing us to remember their loved ones. Speakers included Chief **Carter Jones**, Captain **Chris Jones**, Chief **John Bowers**, Chief **Will Glover**, Chief **Joe Palmer**, Deputy Chief **Eddie Gardner** (descendant of survivor), **Jeanette McCaa** (community member), **Rusty Major** (descendant of survivor), and **Ann Segars** (descendant of survivor). Several statewide and national guests were in attendance, including Senators **Thomas McElveen** and **Penry Gustafson**, Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator **Tonya Hoover**, National Fire Sprinkler Association President **Shane Ray**, and National Fire Sprinkler Association Vice President **Vickie Pritchett**.

Thank you to Camden Fire Department, Lugoff Fire Department, Kershaw County Fire Service, and Beulah Church for the educational and moving seminar and discussion. The [livestream](#) is available and [pictures](#) from the night are online.



Recap of the 100th anniversary of the Cleveland School fire

The victims and descendants of those impacted by the Cleveland School fire on May 17, 1923 were recognized yesterday during a somber memorial ceremony at the school site and the mass grave at the Beulah Church. The ceremony was made possible by a joint effort between Camden Fire Department, Lugoff Fire Department, Kershaw County Fire Service, and Beulah Church.

State Fire Marshal **Jonathan Jones** repeated his role as master of ceremonies for the morning memorial. In addition to descendants of survivors, community members, and fire service personnel, those in attendance included Kershaw County Council Chairwoman **Katie Guinn**, Camden Mayor **Alfred Mae Drakeford**, Kershaw County School District Superintendent **Harrison Goodwin**, Lugoff Fire Chief **Chris Spitzer**, Senators **Thomas McElveen** and **Penry Gustafson**, Deputy U.S. Fire Administrator **Tonya Hoover**, National Fire Sprinkler Association President **Shane Ray**, National Fire Sprinkler Association Vice President **Vickie Pritchett**, National Fire Protection Association Southeast Region Director **Robby Dawson**, LLR Director **Emily Farr**, and Governor **Henry McMaster**.

Many thanks to the Charlotte Thompson community, Cleveland School Fire 100th Anniversary Committee, Beulah Church, and every fire service organization who assisted in organizing and preparing for the events of the week. To the descendants of survivors, thank you for sharing your families' stories and allowing the South Carolina fire service to commemorate your loved ones' legacies.

Photos from the memorial service are [available](#).



Help researchers understand the health + wellness of retired firefighters

The Retired Firefighters Health and Wellness Research Project is a collaborative project between researchers at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and Utah State University. The overall objective of this project is to examine the overall health of retired career firefighters to help identify the current needs of retirees, and inform strategies to improve the health and safety of current active firefighters.

Find more [information](#) about the study and participate in the survey.

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- [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](#)



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