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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



Company officers: Apply for Officers Section!

The mission of the [Officers Section](#) of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association is to provide information, education, services and representation to both volunteer and career officers. Section membership is available to those individuals who are at the rank of Lieutenant and above and are Regular, Affiliate or Associate members of the Association.

In May 2022, the Officers Section held its first [Officer Academy: The Company Officer](#), an intense program designed specifically to develop the decision-making, time-management and leadership skills that separate good company officers from great company officers. Officer Academy dates for 2023 are to be announced.

[Tip: You will want to tune into tomorrow's [Ambassadors Program meeting for more info on 2023 Officer Academies.](#)]

[Apply for Officers Section membership.](#)

Association event

AMBASSADORS PROGRAM MEETING

Friday, July 22 at 10 a.m.



via Zoom and Facebook Live

scfirefighters.org



Monthly Ambassadors Program meetings are back after taking a brief hiatus in June for Fire-Rescue.

Your Executive Committee and staff at the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association welcome you to join us on Friday, July 22 at 10 a.m. via [Zoom](#) or [Facebook Live](#) for our **Ambassadors Program meeting**.

The Zoom meeting information is posted on the [calendar](#) of the Association website.

[Ambassadors Program](#) meetings are open to our entire membership and we encourage you to join no matter your level of engagement with the Association. The Ambassadors Program is the result of a [Leadership Institute](#) project that aims to equip as many people as possible with the knowledge of what's going on in the Association and to encourage more members to get involved.

We're excited to take the Ambassadors Program to [Facebook Live](#) for the first time. **When you see us pop up on your newsfeed, share it with your friends!**



Community events



Columbia, Greenville to host 9/11 memorial events

Columbia

The **Tunnel to Towers Foundation 5K Walk & Run** is in Columbia on **Friday, September 9, 2022** with a start time of **6 p.m.** Participants meet ahead of the 5K at the Columbia Convention Center. According to the Tunnel to Towers website, the series “was created to honor the heroic life and death of Stephen Siller, a New York City firefighter (FDNY) who lost his life on September 11, 2001 after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers.” [Register for Tunnel to Towers in Columbia.](#)

Greenville

Greenville City is hosting a National Fallen Firefighters Foundation **9/11 Memorial Stair Climb** on **Saturday, September 10 from 7 a.m.-3 p.m. at Fluor Field** on Main Street. The NFFF stair climb is “a way to honor and remember the FDNY firefighters who selflessly gave their lives so that others might live on September 11, 2001. Each participant pays tribute to a FDNY firefighter by climbing the equivalent of the 110 stories of the World Trade Center. Your individual tribute not only remembers the sacrifice of a FDNY brother, but symbolically completes their heroic journey to save others.” [Register for the Greenville City Stair Climb.](#)

Is your community hosting a 9/11 memorial event?

Have your event featured in Rattle Watch! Email brook@scfirefighters.org with details.



WANTED: Speakers for 2023 events

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 Fire Service Improvement Conference in the winter and Fire-Rescue in the summer. Applications will be accepted through **September 30, 2022**.

FCC issues PSA

The [Federal Communications Commission issued an announcement](#) to remind cell phone users that 3G technology is being phased out of service in favor of improved technology and that users with cell phones, medical alert systems, or other devices that use 3G may want to consider upgrading before 3G is unavailable.

This is important because **you can't call 911** without a carrier connection.

In its announcement, the FCC stated “mobile carriers are shutting down their 3G networks, which rely on older technology, to make room for more advanced network services, including 5G. As a result, many older cell phones will be unable to make or receive calls and texts, **including calls to 911**, or use data services.”

[Read the full statement from FCC.](#)

- [July 22 - Ambassadors Program Meeting via Facebook Live](#)



- [August 1 - 1% Regional Training: Hampton County](#)
- September 16-18 - SCFAST Clinicians Weekend
- [October 12 - Quarterly Training + Business Meeting](#)



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