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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



Save the Date: Fire Service Improvement Conference—January 26-29, 2023

When firefighters from around the state come together to train, share experiences, network, and fellowship, *amazing things happen*.

Our goal for [Fire Service Improvement Conference](#) is to facilitate the growth – both at the technical and mental levels – of our members so that they may serve their communities safely, efficiently, and effectively.

Nearly everyone has heard “**you can’t train enough for a job that can kill you**” and it’s true. The time and effort you put into training for the different scenarios you face can save a life. The hands-on-training offered at FSIC helps prepare you for those situations.

Because of our partnerships with local agencies, several FSIC classes are using **acquired structures** throughout the Midlands area, a real-world simulation that allows for real-world training.

Kick off the new year with us at **Fire Service Improvement Conference in Columbia, January 26-29, 2023**. *Schedule and registration coming soon!*



Association event

AMBASSADORS PROGRAM MEETING

Friday, September 23 at 6 p.m.



via Zoom and Facebook Live
scfirefighters.org



September Ambassadors meeting: New start time

Our monthly Ambassadors Program Meeting is next **Friday, September 23 at 6 p.m.** via [Zoom](#) and [Facebook Live](#). Note that the meeting time is at 6 p.m. instead of our regularly scheduled 10 a.m. We hope the evening timeslot will allow you to watch and participate! On this month's agenda: [Officers Section](#) (with an update on the **Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer**); [Quarterly Training](#); and preparing for [Fire Prevention Month](#) with State Fire.

Watch the [August Ambassadors Program](#) meeting with special guest [Corley Moore](#).

Community event

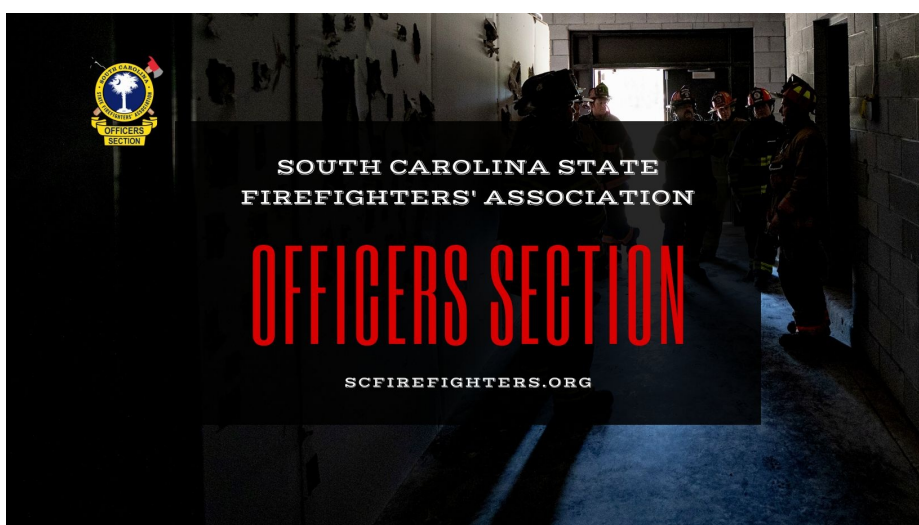


September 19-25 is Rail Safety Week

Every 3 hours in the U.S., a person or vehicle is hit by a train. Many of you respond to these calls and know first-hand the consequences of unsafe behavior around the railroad.

#RailSafetyWeek is next week, **September 19-25**, and **Amtrak Police Department** and **Operation Lifesaver, Inc. (OLI)** have partnered together to provide resources on the importance of rail safety to empower the citizens of your community to make safe choices around railroad tracks and trains.

[Register](#) to receive rail safety cards, complete social content calendar, media advisory template, + list of assets to share throughout the year.



Company Officers: Officers Section is for you

As a company officer, it is your responsibility to ensure your firefighters have the equipment, training, knowledge, and direction they need so they

can be the public servants they swore to be.

The [Officers Section](#) is your community. It's where you'll find resources, connections, and support to find answers to the questions that don't seem to have a 'right' answer.

Be a part of the community — join the Officers Section [today](#).



SC FAST hosting clinicians academy

SC FAST is hosting its first-ever clinicians training September 16-18 in Walterboro at Colleton County Fire-Rescue. [A Mile in Our Boots Clinicians Academy](#) aims to assist clinicians in recognizing stressors of first responders in both their personal lives and during emergency responses.

"Since our inception in 2011, we have been working to understand, improve and break stigmas around first responder mental health. The team that 'serves servants' continues to grow, learn and change the emergency services culture to produce and retain healthier, more resilient first responders," stated SC FAST Director **Patti Graham**. "A Mile in Our Boots Clinician Academy is one more way we are changing the culture by developing the relationships between first responders and mental health clinicians."

The weekend will be full of *interactive education* – including wearing gear, hearing mayday tones, and more of the sensory aspects of public safety – that will allow our clinicians a realistic glimpse into the world of a first responder. Clinicians will be grouped into "squads" to participate in different activities that offer unique experiences through experiential learning. The clinicians will be challenged while creating new memories and experiences that will be able to be utilized in their practice to best serve public servants.

Read more about [A Mile in Our Boots](#).



- September 16-18 - SCFAST Clinicians Weekend
- [September 23 - Ambassadors Program Meeting via FB Live](#)
- [September 19 - 1% Regional Training, Williamsburg County](#)
- [October 12 - Quarterly Training + Business Meeting](#)
- [January 26-29, 2023 - Fire Service Improvement Conference](#)



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