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# Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



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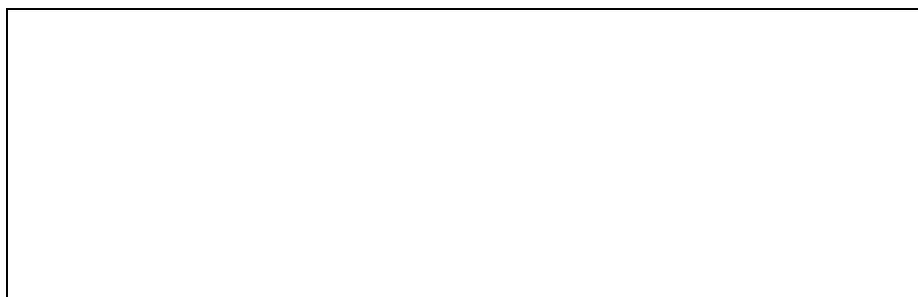
Members of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association will pick up their new [membership cards](#) at [Fire-Rescue](#), June 14-17, 2023 in Myrtle Beach.

**It is the members' responsibility to make sure their information is correct and up to date.**

The information shown on the membership cards will be pulled from the Association's database, the Member Management System. You can login to the database and update your information at any time.

Membership card information must be updated by January 31, 2023. Any changes made to your information after that date will not be reflect on your membership card.

[Login](#) to update your information.





# FEMA

## **AFG application period open + workshops available**

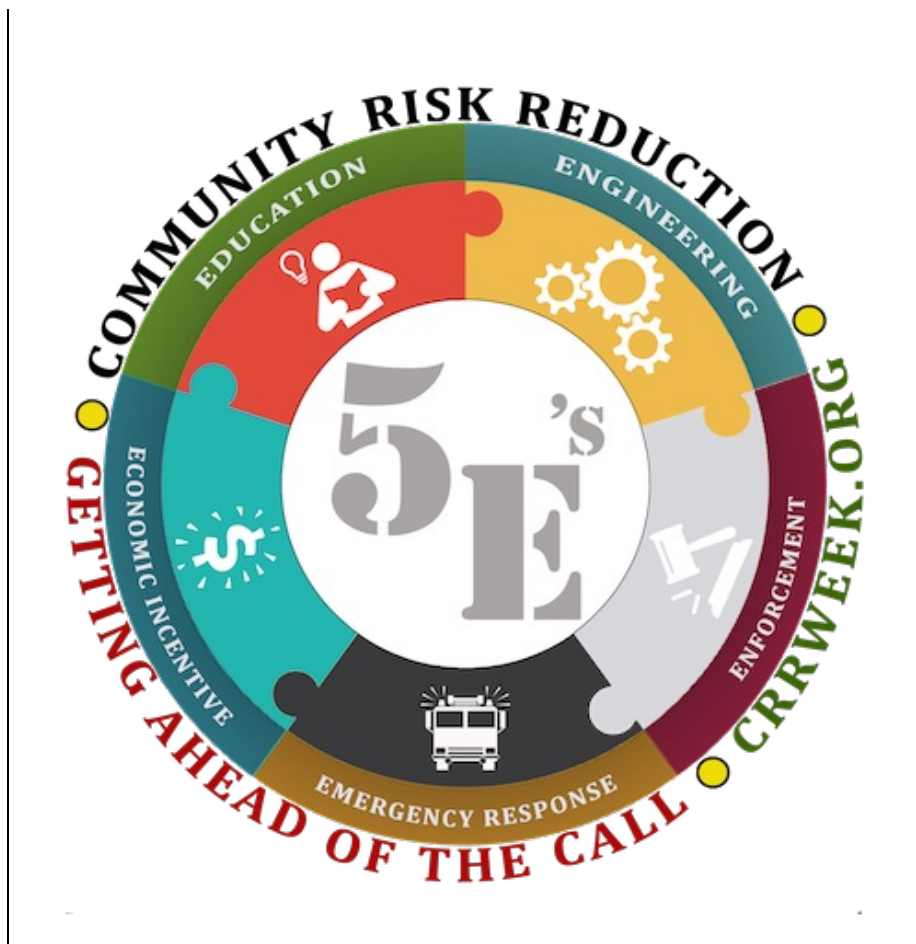
The application period for [Assistance to Firefighters Grants](#) (AFG) opened on January 9, 2023.

The AFG program since 2001 has helped firefighters and other first responders purchase critically necessary equipment, PPE, apparatus and emergency vehicles, training and other resources for protecting citizens and personnel from fire and fire-related hazards.

If you have questions on the application or need a refresher, FEMA is offering several [AFG development application workshops](#) this month.



## **Community event**



## CRR Week is January 16-22

South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster [proclaimed](#) January 16-22, 2023 as Community Risk Reduction Week in the state to encourage South Carolinians to learn more about the grassroots initiative to raise awareness of the importance of CRR in making our communities safer places to live and work.

The Community Risk Reduction Week [website](#) describes the initiative as “a grass-roots effort by an informal group of fire safety professionals from across the nation. The idea is to help promote the awareness of Community Risk Reduction within the fire service by having a week where everyone can do CRR programs and demonstrate its importance to the fire service.”

South Carolina State Fire Marshal CRR Section Chief Josh Fulbright sits on the Executive Committee of CRR Week. Chief Fulbright’s work in fire and life safety through [FireSafe South Carolina](#) has saved the lives of countless South Carolinians and the program’s impacts are garnering international recognition.

Departments interested in participating in CRR Week can access resources on the CRR Week [website](#).

## Association event



## Volunteers needed for #SCFR23

It takes a village to host [Fire-Rescue](#). Every detail is important—from the registration experience to the accuracy of the number of people in a class. With a small staff, we couldn't do it all without the tremendous support of our volunteers.

We need volunteers to assist with logistics support, access control, exhibitor move in/out, and registration support at Fire-Rescue, June 14-17, 2023 in Myrtle Beach. Volunteers are needed from 7 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; and from 7 a.m.-7:30 p.m. on Thursday.

[Let us know you're interested in volunteering at Fire-Rescue.](#)

Please note that just because you sign up does not mean you will be used. Someone from our staff will contact you if you are selected. If selected, we will provide you lunch each day and a conference t-shirt.

Thanks for volunteering your time with us!



## Together with Truist

Successfully plan for your future in the upcoming *Credit* webinar with Truist. With 2 time slots to choose from, this 30-minute presentation is built to help you learn the difference between your credit report and your credit score, understand the best way to pull your credit report and free tools that provide your credit score, and gain knowledge on why credit scores play such an important role in your financial life.

- [Attend the Credit session on March 8, 2023 at 11 a.m.](#)
- [Attend the Credit session on March 8, 2023 at 1:30 p.m.](#)

This opportunity is exclusively for South Carolina State Firefighters' Association members.

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- [January 23, 2023 - 1% Regional Training, Oconee County](#)
- [January 26-29, 2023 - Fire Service Improvement Conference](#)
- [February 4, 2023 - 1% Regional Training, Abbeville County](#)
- [February 11, 2023 - Firefighter Memorial Service](#)
- March 5-10, 2023 - Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer



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