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Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



## A note from the writer

The South Carolina State Firefighters' Association works diligently for you every day and you deserve to be in the know. We want you to know what's going on in the fire service around the state so that you can participate in the events that interest you and trainings that challenge you.

The goal of *Rattle Watch* is simple: to see through the smoke. Put more plainly:

to inform.

There are things the Association does or offers - like discounts on closing costs - that can make your life easier. In the newsletter, we'll break down Association offerings and alert you on new discounts or benefits.

At its core, *Rattle Watch* revolves around **you**. We believe firmly in transparency and being held accountable, but neither of those things are possible without you reading this.

Now that we're on the same page... let's get started.

<u>Brook Dennis</u> Communications Coordinator

## **Upcoming events**



The South Carolina State Firefighters' Association is proud to offer fire service professionals first-class education, exhibits and networking events at the **2022 Fire-Rescue conference, June 8-11 at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center**. We hope you're as excited as we are to be back at the beach and we're looking forward to seeing you and your family.

#### Register now!

P.S. Pre-register to have your name entered into a prize giveaway worth up to \$250.



# Here's how to save on your closing costs

With <u>Princeton Mortgage</u>, members of the South Carolina Firefighters Association, along with their family and friends, are able to receive **an additional \$1,750\* off of closing costs** - on top of already low rates.

More ways to save

# Autism Awareness fundraiser with Taylor's Tins

### April was **Autism Awareness Month** and we <u>partnered with</u> <u>Taylor's Tins</u> to design three variations of helmet fronts, a key chain, and a challenge coin in support of children with autism.

April may be over, but you can still support the cause and purchase any of the items available through Taylor's Tins.



Get yours

# **News from the State House**



Each week when the legislature is in session, Association lobbyists **Stewart, Konduros, and Associates** provide an update on legislation that impacts the fire service. Today's highlighted update is the Return to Work Proviso, detailed below.

*Return to Work Proviso 108.16* - The Executive Budget recommends adding this proviso (108.16) to retain experienced Law Enforcement Officers and First Responders by eliminating the earnings limitation imposed pursuant Section 9-11-90 of the 1976 Code for retired members of the Police Officers Retirement System who retired before June 1, 2022 and returns to covered employment to enhance the state's efforts to provide quality public safety. This item was included in the Governor's Executive Budget.

More Legislative Updates.



- <u>May 16 1% Regional</u> <u>Training in Jasper County</u>
- May 16-20 Officer Academy: The Company Officer
- June 8-11 Fire-Rescue



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