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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.

A graphic with a light blue grid background. In the center is a white archway containing the South Carolina Firefighters Association logo. Above the logo, the text "Scholarship Application" is written in a blue, curved font. Below the logo, the text "Now accepting scholarship applications" is written in a small, dark font. At the bottom of the archway is a red button with the white text "scfirefighters.org/foundation".

Foundation scholarship applications due April 30

The **South Carolina Firefighters Foundation** sponsors five scholarships—Chief Larry Williams Scholarship, Sam Carbis Scholarship, Chief Carter Jones Leadership Scholarship, Chief Jim Stone Scholarship and Chief Louis Behrens Scholarship—for members of the Association who are in good standing with their agency and the Association.

The annual scholarships are meant to help ease the financial burden of South Carolina firefighters who are either joining the fire service or improving their skillset.

The deadline for scholarship applications is **April 30**. Submit your [application](#).

Association event



Fire-Rescue 2023: Beach Bash with SCFIS

[Fire-Rescue](#) is right around the corner and there's no better way to welcome you your family to conference than with a **Beach Bash** sponsored by **South Carolina Firefighters Insurance Services** and its partners.

The Wednesday evening event is being hosted at [Crocodile Rocks at Broadway at the Beach](#), June 14 from 5-8p.m.

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, there is **free food, drinks, music** and **family fun** during the Beach Bash.

The fire service is a family and we hope to see yours there as we kick off Fire-Rescue 2023!



Line of Duty Memorial Service was last week

The 2023 Line of Duty Death Memorial Service was held last Wednesday at the Fallen Firefighters Memorial on the grounds of the Fire Academy. Pictures from the service are [available](#).

Tributes were paid to:

- Firefighter **Joseph Kenneth "Ken" Barr**, Anderson County Fire Department, Powdersville Station 7
- Lieutenant **Gary Lynn Burris, II**, City of Gaffney Fire Department
- Chief **John Revere Hodge**, Inman Community Fire Department

- Dr. James Wesley Sease, Ehrhardt Fire Department

“Grand honor! to such brave brothers; let the shout sweep to the sky.
Weave garlands round their memories as the ages swiftly fly,
Over each Fireman’s hallowed grave write with honor’s pen:
Here lieth one who delighted to aid his fellow men.”
—Frederic G. W. Fenn, *Ode to Our Firemen*



Community events



Light the Night is May 4-7

The **National Fallen Firefighters Foundation** has moved its **Light the Night** from October to May. In 2017, NFFF created Light the Night for Fallen Firefighters to recognize the 25th anniversary of the NFFF and the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Weekend. In the years since, Light the Night has expanded and includes fire departments and families lighting their homes in red.

[Plan your tribute and get involved.](#)



First Responder Appreciation Day at

Darlington Raceway is May 14

Darlington Raceway is proud to support first responders on **First Responder Appreciation Day** on Sunday, May 14. For \$40 per person, you will get a reserved grandstand seat and a limited-edition NASCAR challenge coin. Friends and family are eligible for the discounted ticket rate.

[Get your tickets.](#)



Registration is open for Tunnel to Towers Columbia

The **Tunnel to Towers Columbia, South Carolina 5K Run & Walk** is on Friday, September 8 at 6 p.m. at the Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center. [Registration](#) is open for teams, individuals, and volunteers.

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation was born in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Born from the tragedy of 9/11, the Tunnel to Towers Foundation strives to carry forward a legacy of courage and heroism. The Foundation supports our nation's fallen and catastrophically injured first responders, military veterans, and their families.

News from the State House



Legislative Update

Each week when the legislature is in session, Association lobbyists Stewart, Konduros, and Associates provide an update on legislation that impacts the fire service. All Legislative Updates for current session are posted on our [website](#).

Today we're looking at the Senate Bill 108.

S 108 (Line of Duty Death Benefit) By Davis. Requires an employer who participates in the Preretirement Death Program to pay the beneficiary of a law enforcement officer who is killed in the line of duty a lump sum payment of \$75,000. The payment is increased to \$150,000 if the officer is killed in the line of duty and the death is a result of an unlawful and intentional act of another person, or the officer is killed while responding to an emergency or other similar incident. The bill was amended on the floor of the Senate to add first responders which is defined as an emergency medical services provider or volunteer provider, a law enforcement officer or volunteer officer who meets the requirements of Section 23-23-10(E)(1) of the Code of Laws and who is certified by the South Carolina Law Enforcement Training Council, a fire department worker or volunteer worker, a coroner, or a deputy coroner directly engaged in examining, treating, or directing persons during an emergency. Payment of benefits will be paid from the State Accident fund. S 108 passed the Senate and was sent to the House of Representatives where it was referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

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- [May 16 + 17 - Cleveland School Fire Remembrance](#)
- [May 18 - The jive with Amanda Moore and Sabrina Yaw](#)
- [June 14 - Foundation Golf Tournament](#)

- June 14 - Beach Bash with SCFIS
- [June 16 - Jr./Explorer Competition](#)
- [June 14-17 - Fire-Rescue](#)
- [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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