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NEW: Pick up your membership card at Fire-Rescue

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. These newly issued membership cards will be your access pass to Fire-Rescue 2023 and for future Association events.

Now is a prime opportunity to make sure your personal information with the Association is correct and current.

The information shown on the membership cards will be pulled from the Association's database, the [Member Management System](#). It is the members' responsibility to make sure their information is correct and up to date. *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.

For those unable to make it to Fire-Rescue in June, membership cards will be sent back with a department member in attendance or mailed to your department.

[Login](#) to update your information.

SC FAST news



Pictured left to right: Pres. Chief Josh Holzheimer, Parker District Capt. Ben Garron, Parker District Chief Greg Farley, SC FAST Director Patti Graham, and Foundation Chairman Chief Jamie Caggiano.

Parker District presents check to SC FAST

Parker District Fire Department Chief Farley and Capt. Garron on Tuesday during the Executive Committee's annual holiday meeting presented **South Carolina First Responder Assistance and Support Team** (SC FAST) with a check for the funds raised during the department's memorial golf tournament in October.

Parker District has experienced first hand the tragedy of losing members to suicide and has become a huge advocate for [SC FAST](#) and its resources.

Thank you, Chief Farley and all at Parker District, for your steadfast support of SC FAST's critical mission of supporting first responder behavioral health.

Association event



Improvement Conference is next month

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 Fire Service Improvement Conference helps prepare you for those situations.

Class spotlight: How To Assess Wildfire Risk in Your Community

This 2-day workshop will help students develop the skills necessary to identify, evaluate and mitigate the wildfire risk associated with their community. They will be given access to programs like SouthWRAP and Community Assessor that can be used to determine risk and vulnerability in a given area. This workshop will also give a hands-on lesson in completing wildfire risk assessments for structures which can be completed for individual homeowners throughout their communities to ensure that residents can reduce their risk as well. We will also look at Community Wildfire Protection Plans (CWPPs) to ensure the students understand the importance of these plans on a broad spectrum and discuss grant opportunities that can support the development of these plans.

Kick off the new year with us at FSIC in Columbia, January 26-29, 2023. [Register](#) today for \$50.



Submit awards nominations before January 31, 2023

Scroll for a few minutes on Facebook in December and you'll see a number of South Carolina fire departments congratulating their members on receiving awards.

Our members are doing incredible, notable work at home in their communities; let us recognize them on the state level! To have your

nomination considered for a 2023 award, please [submit your form](#) by January 31, 2023.



No Rattle Watch next week

If you struggle to reach [inbox zero](#), we have an early Christmas gift from us to you—no Rattle Watch next week, getting you one regularly scheduled email closer to a clean inbox. Rattle Watch will resume its weekly Thursday schedule on December 29, 2022.

Merry Christmas and **Happy Holidays** from your friends at the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association!

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



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