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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



Award Nominations

Submit your award nominations today!

Note: Nominations are accepted year-round. To be considered for a 2022 award, nominations must be submitted before January 31, 2023.

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Awards, awards, awards

We hear “I was just doing my job” all the time—but *you don't have a normal job.*

We want to recognize instructors and firefighters from all stages of their careers for their courageous acts of valor or outstanding leadership skills.

- In case you missed it, our Hall of Fame honorees webpage recently received a facelift. Browse [Hall of Fame honorees](#) and submit a [Hall of Fame nomination](#)!

To have your nomination considered for a 2022 award, please [submit](#) by **January 31, 2023.**

Community event



Crash Responder Safety Week ends tomorrow

Crash Responder Safety Week took place this week to raise awareness about keeping first responders safe during traffic incidents. This year's theme was "Respect Our Roadside Heroes." National Volunteer Fire Council has [resources](#) available to assist you with educating the public about the importance of staying alert, slowing down, and moving over when passing a roadway incident.

Association event

Labor shortage summits recaps are available

Earlier this month we hosted two summits—Workforce Limitations and Volunteer Criticality—at the Denny Auditorium on the campus of the Fire Academy. The purpose of both summits was to facilitate a structured, interactive dialogue to discuss and identify trends in addressing the 'people' needs in the fire service. Departments from the Lowcountry to the Upstate and everywhere in between were represented and we thank those of you who made the drive to Columbia to participate in either discussion.

A recap of the [Workforce Limitations Summit](#) and [Volunteer Criticality Summit](#) are available, including a video highlight, letter from Pres. Holzheimer, and notes from breakout sessions.



Our Classifieds page is your job board

One item that was discussed during the Workforce Limitations Summit this month was the need for a one-stop-shop for fire service professionals to see open positions at any department in the state.

Good news: *We've got that covered.*

Our [Classifieds](#) page is home to a variety of job and training opportunities in the South Carolina fire service community. Check out the [listings](#) to see opportunities from departments and organizations around the state.



No Rattle Watch on Nov. 24

You'll receive one less email from us next week as there will be **no Rattle Watch** the week of Thanksgiving. Whether you're at home or on shift, stay safe and enjoy the fellowship that Thanksgiving brings. May the mac-and-cheese be extra cheesy and your favorite football team pull off a win. (Go Gamecocks!)

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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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