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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



Happy Thanksgiving! No Rattle Watch next week

As we gather together next week with our loved ones and reflect on the blessings in our lives, please know how grateful we are for the work you do. Whether you're at home or on shift, stay safe and enjoy the fellowship that the Thanksgiving season offers. Thank you for being a valued member of the South Carolina fire service.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and stay safe.

There will be no Rattle Watch next week as the Association office is closed for the holiday Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24.



Spots still available in Grain Bin Rescue at FSIC

Grain Bin Rescue, January 18-19, 2024 during **Fire Service Improvement Conference**, is for emergency responders who may be called to rescue someone trapped in a grain bin or at a grain handling or storage facility.

Grain bin accidents can be incredibly dangerous if not approached with the proper training and equipment. This course is designed to provide emergency responders with the knowledge and skills needed to carry out a safe and effective rescue operation, covering topics such as teamwork, communication, and incident command. Grain Bin Rescue equips emergency responders with the awareness and abilities necessary to handle the unique challenges of grain bin rescues.

[Register](#) for Grain Bin Rescue during Fire Service Improvement Conference. See you in January!



Save the Date for the Firefighter Memorial Service

The yearly **Memorial Service** honoring members we've lost is one of our most important responsibilities. It is a privilege and honor to create a space where the fire service and the families of those who have passed can come together to formally recognize the impact their loved one had on the South Carolina fire service. In a time of immeasurable grief, we hope that remembering those who have passed will help you find peace and comfort.

We are looking for escorts for families. Please email [Colleen Quillen](mailto:Colleen.Quillen) if you would like to be on the escort list.

The Firefighter Memorial Service is on February 3, 2024, at Riverland Hills Baptist Church in Irmo at 2 p.m. Please join us as we memorialize the legacy of these Association members.



From the web



CRR Week is January 15-21, 2024

Community Risk Reduction Week, a grass-roots effort by an informal group of fire safety professionals, is coming up in the new year! This is a week dedicated to raising awareness about the importance of community risk reduction within the fire service and how it can help keep our communities safe. South Carolina State Fire Marshal CRR Section Chief **Josh Fulbright** sits on the Executive Committee of CRR Week.

Departments interested in participating in CRR Week, **January 15-21,**



Black Friday
BLOWOUT

**DEALS ALL
MONTH
LONG!!**

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EQUIPMENT

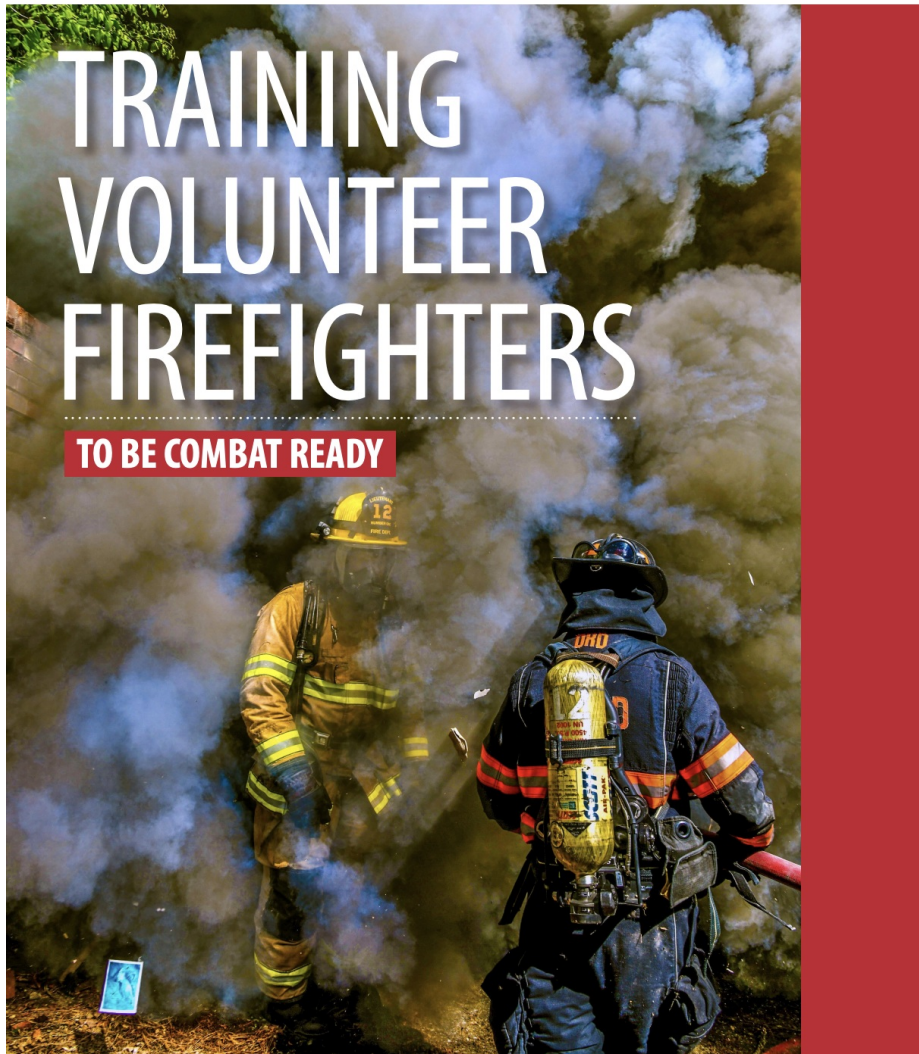
- Strength, Cardio, Free Weights, Flooring Deals!
- New/Used Equipment Available!

The advertisement features a black background on the left with white text and a red background on the right with images of fitness equipment. At the top left, the text reads "Black Friday BLOWOUT" in a mix of script and bold sans-serif fonts, followed by "DEALS ALL MONTH LONG!!" in large, bold, white letters. Below this, the company name "FREEDOM FITNESS EQUIPMENT" is displayed. A list of equipment types is provided: "Strength, Cardio, Free Weights, Flooring Deals!" and "New/Used Equipment Available!". The right side of the ad shows a row of colorful weight plates, a white treadmill, a pair of black dumbbells, and a black rowing machine. Two logos are also present: a circular "FREEDOM FITNESS EQUIPMENT" logo with an eagle and stars, and a fire department Maltese cross logo with the words "FIRE", "HONOR", "COURAGE", and "RESCUE".

Save when you shop Freedom Fitness

Are you a fire department on a tight budget seeking reliable, commercial grade fitness equipment for your department? Checkout **Freedom Fitness Equipment** this November during their [Black November](#) sale. New deals are available every week, and unique, deeply discounted packages are available for the fire service.

Need something for your station? Contact Freedom Fitness Equipment at 980.216.4860, or afi@freedomfitnessequipment.com.



New NVFC training resource available

Volunteer and combination fire departments face a significant challenge in ensuring their members receive adequate training. These departments often have limited resources, including time, facilities, and funding, making regular and comprehensive training a challenge.

Volunteers may have full time jobs, family obligations, live far from the station, or have other commitments that may further limit their availability to attend training. As a result, providing adequate training for volunteers is a difficult task—but necessary for them and the community you serve.

The **National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) and International Association of Fire Chiefs' Volunteer and Combination Officers Section (VCOS)**'s [Training Volunteer Firefighters](#) manual aims to provide volunteer and combination departments with a training roadmap, outlining delivery methods, the role of the training officer, and training policies and procedures. This resource is free from NVFC.

Quarterly Training + Business Meeting

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Charleston

Business Meeting recording from Quarterly is available

We held our annual Quarterly Training and Business Meeting on October 25, 2023 at Trident Technical College in North Charleston. Committee chairs provided relevant updates for the membership to include upcoming event dates and important deadlines. Thanks to all who attended! If you missed it, the [video recording of the Business Meeting](#) is available.

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- [January 18-21 - Fire Service Improvement Conference](#)
- February 3, 2024 - Firefighter Memorial Service
- [March 3-8, 2024 - Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer 24-01](#)
- April 17, 2024 - Legislative Day
- [June 12-15, 2024 - Fire-Rescue](#)



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