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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



Fire-Rescue 2023: What you need to know

We're counting down the days til [Fire-Rescue](#) and we hope to see you and your family in Myrtle Beach, June 14-17! To make your experience as streamlined and enjoyable as possible, we've outlined a few important details ahead of your trip.

Registration

There is no pre-registration because the conference is free for members and classes are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Check-in at the kiosks when you get to the Convention Center to get your badge and pick up guest badges for your family.

Hotels

June is prime time for Myrtle Beach tourism so go ahead and [book your room](#) if you haven't yet. We've got a list of hotels near the Convention Center to help you narrow down your search.

Opening ceremonies

Fire-Rescue officially kicks off with the Opening Ceremonies and Business Meeting on Thursday, June 15 at 9 a.m. Join us and hear from keynote speaker [Commander Rorke T. Denver](#).

Exhibit hall soft opening

The Thursday night exhibit hall soft opening is your first glimpse at the extensive vendor hall. We'll see you there from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Schedule

The course schedule is jam-packed this year and caters to a variety of interests. We've partnered with the South Carolina EMS Association to offer EMS/medical courses, and the T&E Committee took special interest in offering family-centered courses at conference this year. [Take a look at the schedule](#) and make a note of what classes pique your interest. Remember, everything is on a first-come, first-serve basis; we encourage you to get your seat early.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at the beach. Thank you for continuing to support Fire-Rescue and your South Carolina State Firefighters' Association.



What you need to know about the Golf Tournament and Silent Auction

The South Carolina Firefighters Foundation Golf Tournament is on Wednesday, June 14, at Legends Golf Resort. Tee-time is 8:30 a.m. sharp. [Register your team or as an individual](#). We saw a record turnout last year and hope to continue the upwards trend of participants and money raised for South Carolina firefighters.

Silent auction

The Foundation is also hosting a silent auction throughout Fire-Rescue. Items include driving experiences, collectable items, wine tastings, and more. Bidding closes on Saturday, June 17 at noon.



Info on Wednesday night Beach Bash with SCFIS

South Carolina Firefighters Insurance Services is excited to host Beach Bash on Wednesday evening starting at 5 p.m. at Crocodile Rocks at Broadway at the Beach. Thanks to sponsors, *food, drinks, and entertainment are on the house.* It is going to be a great time!



Explorer & Jr. Firefighter Competition is on Friday, June 16

We know the future of the fire service is bright and in good hands. The Explorer and Junior Firefighter Competition on Friday, June 15 at 1 p.m. is a friendly showcasing of skills from Explorer and Junior programs across the state. [Sign up](#) before May 31 to participate.



Fire Safe South Carolina awards designees on Saturday, June 17

Fire Safe South Carolina designees will be recognized on Saturday, June 17 at 1 p.m. This designation signifies dedication and hard work by the department for its commitment to reduce fire-related injuries, promote consistent fire safety messaging, and stress the importance of collecting accurate fire scene data.



Banquet and Transfer of Command conclude

Fire-Rescue on Saturday, June 17

Our Banquet & Transfer of Command Ceremony is the official conclusion of Fire-Rescue on the evening of June 17 at 6:30 p.m. Please join us as we recognize award winners and swear in incoming officers. [Tickets are required.](#)



Get your Fire-Rescue t-shirt before conference

Fire-Rescue t-shirts are [available now](#) (order ahead of time and have yours before it's time to pack) and will be available at the conference. Shirts come in three colors and sizes small-4XL.



FIRE-RESCUE CHALLENGE COIN

Get your Fire-Rescue challenge coin at conference for \$10



Challenge coins will be available at conference

Conference challenge coins will be available at \$10 a piece when you get to Fire-Rescue. If you can't make it to conference, we'll have them available for purchase online mid-June.



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NFR: How you can help scientists understand the link between firefighting and cancer

We're excited to share the **National Firefighter Registry (NFR)**, the largest existing effort to understand and reduce cancer risk among firefighters, is now open to all firefighters – paid or volunteer, active or retired, with or without cancer.

Studies have shown that firefighters' exposure on the fireground may increase their risk of cancer. When you sign up for the NFR, researchers will match information you provide to cancer diagnosis information from state cancer registries. This will allow them to study the relationship between firefighting and cancer outcomes.

Answer the call. [Join the NFR today.](#)

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 728.

S.728 (Cancer Expansion) by Senator Gustafson. This bill provides that the definition of "firefighter" shall include non-residents of SC who work in the State. Referred to Labor, Commerce and Industry.

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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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