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Fire-Rescue 2022 recap

Thank you for an **incredible** week at the beach for [Fire-Rescue](#). Your participation in conference is what makes the experience exceptional, and we are thankful you choose to train with your Association.

Before we break down the week, go ahead and save the date for **Fire-Rescue 2023: June 14-17, 2023, in Myrtle Beach.**

The **Foundation golf tournament** was the official kick-start to the events of the week. The funds raised from the tournament will benefit the state's first responders in times of need or during hardships.

Congratulations to [tournament winners](#) Southeastern Extrication School (Byron Hayden, Lee Hopkins, Bryce King, George Munk); second place winners Sumter City 1 (Deron McCormick, Gary Mixon, Ernie Dollard, Adam Bryant); and the third place team Sumter City 2 (Brian Christmas, Jefferey Shirley, Joey Dollard, Jamie Allsbrooks). [Ethan Short](#), 15 years old, bested over 130 players to land closest to the pin at hole 3 and won a 1-day BMW driving school experience for teens. Congrats and well-deserved, Ethan! The highest bidder for the 2-day BMW driving school experience was Kyle Minick. Enjoy, Kyle!

Thursday included the Opening Ceremonies and Business meeting, Fire Service Roundtable, and the vendor hall soft opening that evening. Both

the [Opening Ceremonies](#) and [Roundtable discussion](#) were livestreamed and are now available to watch on our [YouTube channel](#).

Friday was a busy day for Fire-Rescue attendees. In addition to classroom training all day, the [Explorer/Junior Firefighter Competition](#) was held and [FireSafeSC awards](#) were presented.

The Banquet and Transfer of Command ceremonies on Saturday evening closed conference. Immediate Past President Jamie Caggiano passed the gavel to President Josh Holzheimer and elected officials transitioned to their new ranks. Brian Christmas won the 4th Vice President election and was sworn in. You can watch the entire [Banquet and Transfer of Command](#) on our YouTube.

Community event



Charleston Fire honoring Charleston 9 this weekend

The Charleston Fire Department will commemorate the 15-year anniversary of the loss of nine firefighters at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022. The ceremony will be conducted at the Charleston 9 Memorial Park, [1807 Savannah Highway](#). Members of the fire service and our community are welcome to attend. Get more info on the Charleston Fire Department's [Facebook page](#).



Teach at an Association training



Fire-Rescue may have just ended, but we're already looking forward to and planning for upcoming trainings.

If you are interested in presenting at an Association event, please complete our [speaker application form](#). Speaking opportunities include Quarterly in the fall, Fire Service Improvement Conference in the winter, and Fire-Rescue in the summer. Applications will be accepted through September 30, 2022.

Guidance on defining 'volunteer'



What really defines a volunteer firefighter? The definitions around volunteerism, especially in the fire service, are often unclear and left up to the interpretation of leadership.

The International Association of Fire Chiefs (IAFC) saw a need for clarification of the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) and in 2007 published [“Managing Volunteer Firefighters for FLSA Compliance: A Guide for Fire Chiefs and Community Leaders”](#) to help address the question: **[What makes a volunteer, a volunteer?](#)**



Reminder: South Carolina Firefighter Healthcare Benefit Plan

The **South Carolina Firefighter Cancer Health Care Benefit Plan** became effective **July 1, 2021**. The legislature appropriated funding in the FY 2021-2022 budget for State Fire to purchase an insurance policy to provide the benefits defined in the statute. After a competitive bidding process, managed by the South Carolina Division of Procurement Services, the contract for the insurance policy was awarded to AXIS Insurance Company. AXIS will be utilizing Provident Agency, Inc., for claims management and processing and the South Carolina Firefighters Insurance Services for local claims assistance.

[Find more information and file a claim.](#)



- [July 14 - 1% Regional Training: Richland County](#)
- [July 22 - Ambassadors Program Meeting via Facebook Live](#)
- [August 1 - 1% Regional Training: Hampton County](#)
- September 16-18 - SCFAST Clinicians Weekend



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