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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



We want your input on the labor shortage

Whether your department is paid, volunteer, or somewhere in between, chances are that *you're experiencing some sort of labor shortage.*

And we want to hear about it. Because when there's a firefighter shortage, who's going to protect the communities, people, and places we love? As fire service leaders, what do we do?

For volunteers, we're hosting a **Volunteer Criticality Summit** on Saturday, Nov. 5, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Denny to produce action items at the local, regional, state, and federal level which can positively affect change. The summit will provide a structured, interactive dialogue to discuss and identify trends and needs in addressing the maintenance of volunteer firefighter numbers.

[Let us know you're coming to the Volunteer Criticality Summit.](#)

For career departments, join us for a **Workforce Limitations Summit** on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. in the Denny with the same set up and same goals as the Volunteer summit.

[Let us know you're coming to the Workforce Limitations Summit.](#)

Lunch will be provided at both summits and both events are free.



Apply for V-SAFE grant

South Carolina State Fire is now accepting applications for V-SAFE grants. V-SAFE grants are awarded to predominantly volunteer departments. [Submit your application through the Fire Portal](#) before the December 16 deadline.



Now accepting: 2022 awards submissions

Our members do incredible work and we want to recognize instructors and firefighters from all stages of their careers for their courageous acts of valor or outstanding leadership skills.

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

[Submit an award application](#) and be recognized by your peers for your efforts!

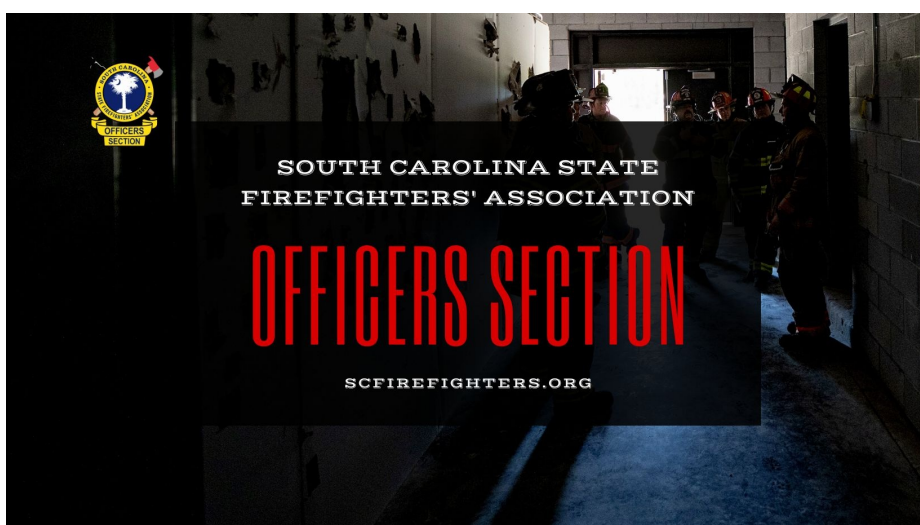
In case you missed it, our [Hall of Fame](#) honorees webpage recently received a facelift. Browse [Hall of Fame](#) honorees and submit a [Hall of Fame nomination](#)!

To have your nomination considered for a 2022 award, please submit by **January 31, 2023.**



Quarterly Training recordings are available
“Nothing will enhance your comfort level better than experience and training.”—
Corley Moore

If you weren't able to make it to Quarterly Training last week or want to share BnC Moore's message, both Corley's presentation and the business meeting that followed are [available to watch](#). Many, many thanks to **Corley Moore** from [Firehouse Vigilance](#) for presenting his “**Down and Dirty of RIT**” program.



Company Officers: Officers Section is for
you

As a company officer, it is your responsibility to ensure your firefighters have the equipment, training, knowledge, and direction they need so they can be the public servants they swore to be.

The Officers Section is your community. It's where you'll find resources, connections, and support to find answers to the questions that don't seem to have a 'right' answer.

Be a part of the community—[join the Officers Section today](#).



Parker District Fire hosting golf tournament to benefit SC FAST

Parker District Fire Department is hosting a charity golf tournament at [Paris Mountain Country Club](#) on October 28, 2022 to celebrate the department's 80th anniversary. All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to [South Carolina First Responders Assistance and Support Team](#) (SC FAST). Please bring cash for mulligans, red tees, and various raffle tickets. Four-person team registration is \$300 and tee-time is at 8:30 a.m. Register your team by emailing bgarron@parkerfd.com.



- [November 2 - Workforce Limitations Summit](#)
- [November 5 - Volunteer Criticality Summit](#)
- [January 26-29, 2023 - Fire Service Improvement Conference](#)
- March 5-10, 2023 - Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer



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