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# Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



## How to check-in to Fire-Rescue

We are excited to see you at [Fire-Rescue](#) next week, June 14-17! Below is information on how to check-in to conference when you arrive at the Myrtle Beach Convention Center located at 2101 N Oak St, Myrtle Beach.

*Note that there is no pre-registration because the conference is free for members and classes are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis.*

### Members

Check-in at the kiosks when you get to the Convention Center to get your badge and pick up guest badges for your family. In the coming days, you will receive an email with a QR code that you can use to scan to print your badge. You can also type your name into the iPad at the kiosk when you arrive to print your badge. If you need to update your badge, simply tap on it to edit your name displayed or to update your email. Then, tap "Check In" to print it out!

### Voting members

Voting members will need to pick up their badges at the voting member-specific kiosks. All voting members are receiving special badges to easily identify them. Look for voting member signs when you enter the Convention Center that show where the voting member kiosks are located.

[If you are unsure if you are a voting member, please see staff at the](#)

Information Desk before printing your badge.

### Check-in times

Wednesday, June 14: 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Thursday, June 15: 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.  
Friday, June 16: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.  
Saturday, June 17: 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

***Please note that there will be no Rattle Watch next week while staff is on site at Fire-Rescue.***

See you there!



### Community event



### Safety Stand Down is June 18-23

Firefighter Safety Stand Down, a joint effort between the International Association of Fire Chiefs Safety, Health and Survival Section, the National Volunteer Fire Council, the National Fire Protection Association, and the Fire Department Safety Officers Association, is held annual every third week of June and "works to reduce the number of preventable injuries and deaths in the fire and emergency services."

This year's theme is "Lithium-Ion Batteries: Are You Ready?" to address the ever-growing presence of these batteries in our daily lives, and the unique threat the use of these batteries poses to the fire service.

According to the Safety Stand Down press release, "The week of Safety Stand Down will cover topics relating to lithium-ion battery response and safety, which will be broken down into five daily focus areas: recognition of hazards, firefighting operations, firefighter safety, post-incident considerations, and public education."

Prepare for Safety Stand Down, June 18-24, with the resources available

## Association event



### **Applications are being accepted for Officer Academy Class 23-02**

The Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer is an intense program not designed for the complacent. The Company Officer tests students in ways they haven't been tested since they joined the fire service, leaving a lasting impression on the trajectory of their career and the camaraderie between students creates a lifelong family. The Company Officer takes you back to the basics while addressing the issues you face as a leader in your department.

Every detail about every day is intentional. This program is designed specifically to develop the decision-making, time-management and leadership skills that separate good company officers from great company officers.

From the morning physical training sessions to mealtime, The Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer is calculated in its approach as it aims to uplift, test, and challenge the leaders of the South Carolina fire service.

The week-long Fire Officer Academy is held at the South Carolina Fire Academy where students will stay on campus in a platoon style environment. Daily activities include physical fitness drills, projects, hearing from guest speakers and live burn evaluations.

Note that an application is required, including a resume, cover letter, and letter from the applicant's Chief. Applicants do not need to be a member of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association Officers Section but membership with the Officers Section is preferred. Applications will be vetted prior to being accepted into the program and will be sent pre-course assignments to be completed prior to final selection. The Fire Officer Academy is limited to 25 people. Cost is \$125.

[Applications are due June 30, 2023.](#)



## CFSI recap

Several Executive Committee members and Association staff attended the Congressional Fire Services Institute in Washington, D.C. last month to talk with South Carolina representatives at the White House. CFSI is a yearly event "designed to educate members of Congress about the needs and challenges of our nation's fire and emergency services to help them understand how the federal government can support the needs of our local first responders." The trip is a formal way for the Association to meet, connect, and express local concerns with our nation's lawmakers.



**Application period for the 2023 CHEMTREC HELP Award are now open!**

CHEMTREC & the National Volunteer Fire Council are partnering to award \$10,000 each to four volunteer fire departments in the U.S.

**Submit your application by September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

## Apply for a CHEMTREC HELP award

Our friends at CHEMTREC are assisting volunteer and combination departments to enhance their response capabilities and increase local preparedness to respond to and prepare for hazardous materials incidents by awarding three departments its HELP award worth \$10,000.

For over 50 years, CHEMTREC's engagement with emergency responders around the world has been the engine that drives its success. In light of that relationship, CHEMTREC has partnered with the National Volunteer Fire Council (NVFC) to award \$10,000 each to three volunteer fire departments in the U.S. that are also members of the NVFC.

[Apply today!](#)





## CPM is offering Hometown Heroes loan special

CPM Federal Credit Union is offering emergency responders a special rate on consumer loans through its Hometown Heroes program. This year CPM is offering .50% off qualified rate on any auto, boat, and motorcycle loans. Offer valid from June 1 through July 31, 2023. Visit the [CPM website](#) for more info and to apply!

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- [June 14 - Foundation Golf Tournament](#)
- June 14 - Beach Bash with SCFIS
- [June 16 - Jr./Explorer Competition](#)
- [June 14-17 - Fire-Rescue](#)
- [July 18 - 1% Regional Training Class: Lexington County](#)
- [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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