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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



Help wanted!

We're seeking a highly motivated individual to serve as the fundraising **Foundation Development Administrator** to support the outreach mission and goals as set by the Foundation Directors. The Development Administrator will work under limited supervision to establish and implement funding strategies, campaigns, and processes to support the Foundations' mission. Compensation will be salary-commission and is DOQ. [Read the full job description and apply.](#)

We are also hiring an **Administrative Assistant**. This position provides highly responsible administrative, secretarial, and clerical assistance in support of efficient and effective Association daily operations, ensuring effective and efficient administrative support; represents the Association to the public and provides professional, courteous customer service at all times; and performs related duties as assigned. The incumbent works within a general outline of work to be performed and develops work methods and sequences under general supervision. The position is full-time and pay range is \$30,000-\$45,000 DOQ. [Read the full job description and apply.](#)

Association news



Apply to present at Fire-Rescue 2024

Fresh off the success of Fire-Rescue 2023, our Training and Education Committee is already looking forward to providing our members with another excellent conference next June. Our goal is to provide our members with a diverse range of perspectives and insights that will help them stay up to date with the latest trends and best practices.

The South Carolina fire service is overflowing with talent, and we strongly believe in the value local speakers bring to conference. We are proud to provide our members with a platform that allows them to continue to progress the fire service as a whole and grow as individuals. Fire-Rescue provides speakers an opportunity to educate, network, and expand their brand.

If you're knowledgeable and passionate about a topic and have a program developed, consider applying to speak at Fire-Rescue 2024 and allow the Training and Education Committee the opportunity to review your application.

Make sure to [submit your application](#) by September 30, 2023 to meet the deadline.





Meet your Executive Committee and Committee chairs

The conclusion of Fire-Rescue 2023 marked the beginning of new leadership for the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association. Newly elected and appointed officials were sworn in during the Transfer of Command ceremonies on June 17, 2023. You can watch the [entire ceremony on our YouTube](#).

Members of your Executive Committee include:

- [President Malcolm Burns](#)
- [1VP Randy Arant](#)
- [2VP Brian Christmas](#)
- [3VP Pierce Womack](#)
- [4VP Jason Dennis](#)
- [Past President Josh Holzheimer](#)
- [Supervisory Chair John Bowers](#)
- [Strategic Planning Chair Kevin Henson](#)
- [Member Benefits Chair Ross Vezin](#)
- [Training & Education Chair Terry Sheriff](#)
- [Health & Safety Committee Chair Brad Kavetski](#)

Members of special and ad-hoc committees include:

- [By-laws Chair Charles Lamoreaux](#)
- [EMS Chair William Barnes](#)
- [Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Chair Mickey Folsom](#)

Serving the fire service on the state level is an admirable commitment. Thank you to the names above for governing the Association and guiding our efforts to best serve South Carolina firefighters.



Congratulations to our 2023 award recipients

It is our pleasure to recognize individuals and crews for their hard work and dedication to their communities every year during the awards ceremonies at Fire-Rescue. South Carolina firefighters and members of the community go above and beyond to ensure that their communities are safe and we are proud to recognize them.

These award recipients are truly deserving of recognition. Here the categories and winners:

Hall of Fame

- Greg Bulanow, North Charleston
- Blease Duane Cassidy, Hartsville
- Dennis Ray, Kershaw County
- Jamie Caggiano, Past President/Gaffney
- John Hodge, LODD/Inman
- Joseph Kenneth Barr, LODD/Anderson County
- Gary Lynn Burris, LODD/Gaffney
- Dr. James Wesley Sease, LODD/Ehrhardt
- Gary Rogers, Chaplain

Medal of Valor

- Zachary Pfentner, Lexington County

Meritorious Action

- Gaffney Fire A Shift—Tyler Welliver, Jordan Hammonds, Jonathan Cooper, Will Everhart, Dwight Isenhour, Alex Wasson, John Parsley, Beau Hudson, Jesse Johnson, Colton White, Billy Bishop, Doug Bowers, Cline Gore
- Gaffney Fire B Shift—Billy Bishop, Ryan Dover, Rodney Gragg, Grady Hopper, David McDaniel, Alex Ray, Jacob Reeder, Michael Scruggs, John Splawn, Chris Weaver, Donnie Williams, Jerrod Willis
- Lake Cunningham—Jake Alredge, Xavier O'Bryant
- North Charleston—Christopher Crankshaw, Benjamin Dye, Broderick Brayboy, Tyler Langston
- Sumter—Karl Ford, Brian Christmas, Hal Watts, Joey Duggan, Robbie Rickard, Chase Goins, Joey Timmons, Scotty Chua, Tracy Gerecke Jr., Peyton Steele, Landon Shirer
- Sumter—Chris Adams, Scott Chua, Darian Stokes

Media

- Cathy Hobbs, ABC News 4

Citizenship

- Geraldine Henderson, Burton

These awards are a testament to the commitment and hard work of the individuals and departments involved. Thank you for your efforts!

Community event



Registration open for Columbia T2T 5K

The Tunnel to Towers Foundation 5K Walk & Run is in Columbia on Friday, September 8, 2023 with a start time of 6 p.m. Participants meet ahead of the 5K at the Columbia Convention Center. According to the Tunnel to Towers website, the series "was created to honor the heroic life and death of Stephen Siller, a New York City firefighter (FDNY) who lost his life on September 11, 2001 after strapping on his gear and running through the Brooklyn Battery Tunnel to the Twin Towers." [Register](#) for Tunnel to Towers in Columbia.



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 through July 31, 2023. Visit the [CPM website](#) for more

info and to apply!

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- [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](#)
- June 12-15, 2024 - Fire-Rescue



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