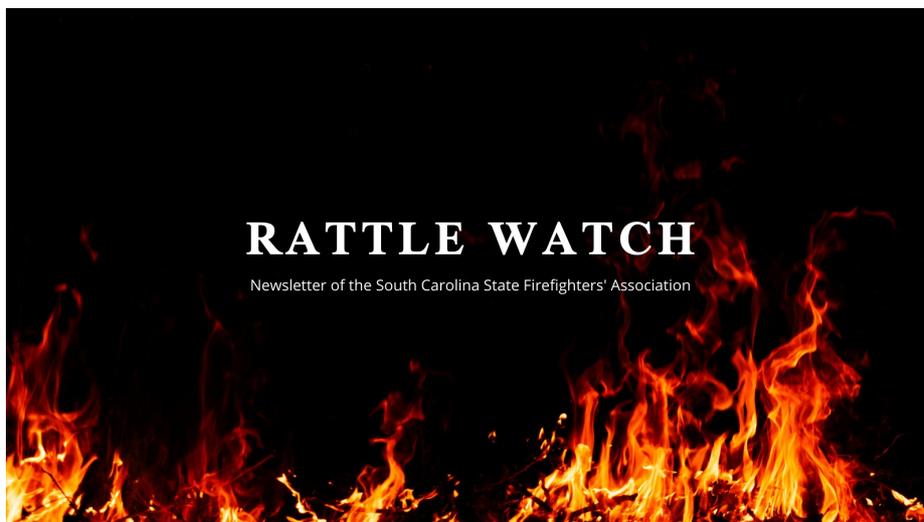




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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



Inaugural Officer Academy took place this week

The first-ever **Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer** took place this week with graduation on Friday, May 20 to bookend the week-long training.

The Officer Academy is an initiative of the Association's [Officer Section](#). The program utilized a blended learning environment - both in and outside the classroom - so that students gained both the knowledge and hands-on experiences necessary to succeed as a company officer with their department.

Follow us on [Instagram](#) and [Facebook](#) for real-time updates during events like the Officer Academy.

Upcoming events



Fire-Rescue is exactly 20 days away. The Foundation [Golf Tournament](#) kicks off conference with an 8:30 a.m. tee-time on Wednesday, June 8 at Legends Golf Resort in Myrtle Beach. Registration opens at 7 a.m.

Back at the Convention Center, **conference registration and the Association store open at 7 a.m.** Pre-conference seminars begin at 8 a.m.

To end your first day at Fire-Rescue, join us for our [Back to the Beach Bash](#) sponsored by South Carolina Firefighters Insurance Services and its partners.

The Back to the Beach Bash is on **Wednesday, June 8, from 6-9 p.m. at Lulu's Barefoot Landing North Myrtle Beach**, with free food and drinks provided. No registration required!

It's been too long since we've been able to gather in one space, celebrating togetherness and enjoying one another's company.

We'll see you in a few short weeks.

P.S. [Pre-register for Fire-Rescue](#) and be entered to win a giveaway worth up to \$250.



Your Executive Committee and staff at the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association welcome you to join us on **Thursday, May 26 at**

6:30 p.m. via Zoom for our Ambassadors Program meeting.

All Ambassadors Program meetings are open to our entire membership and we encourage you to join no matter your level of engagement with the Association.

The Zoom meeting information is posted on the [calendar](#) of the Association website.

This is your opportunity to hear from Committee Chairs and staff on the big issues, topics, or events of the month impacting the fire service in the state. The Ambassadors Program is the result of a Leadership Institute project that aims to equip as many people as possible with the knowledge of what's going on in the Association and to encourage more members to get involved.

This is a special-edition Ambassadors Program and will focus entirely on Fire-Rescue and everything that's happening at the beach next month.



News from the State House



Each week when the legislature is in session, Association lobbyists **Stewart, Konduros, and Associates** provide an update on legislation that impacts the fire service. Today's highlighted update is the **Reimbursement of Training Costs**, detailed below.

H.3466 — Reimbursement of Training Costs. Provides procedures through which a fire department that assumes the cost of training a firefighter may be reimbursed for these costs by other fire departments that subsequently hire the firefighter within a certain period of time. The bill passed the House and was sent to the Senate where it was amended by a subcommittee of the Senate LCI Committee. The amendment defines an employer, expands the

program to emergency medical technicians, identifies specific training as reimbursable, and stipulates the timeframe in which training costs can be reimbursed (first two years of employment). The full committee further amended the bill by capping the amount (\$1,000) volunteer fire departments are required to reimburse. H.3466 was reported out favorably and sent to the Senate floor where it is up for second reading. The bill is contested.

[More Legislative Updates.](#)



- [May 26 - Ambassadors Program Meeting](#)
- [June 8-11 - Fire-Rescue](#)
- [June 8 - Foundation Golf Tournament](#)
- June 8 - Back to the Beach Bash
- [June 10 - Explorer/Junior Firefighter Competition](#)



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