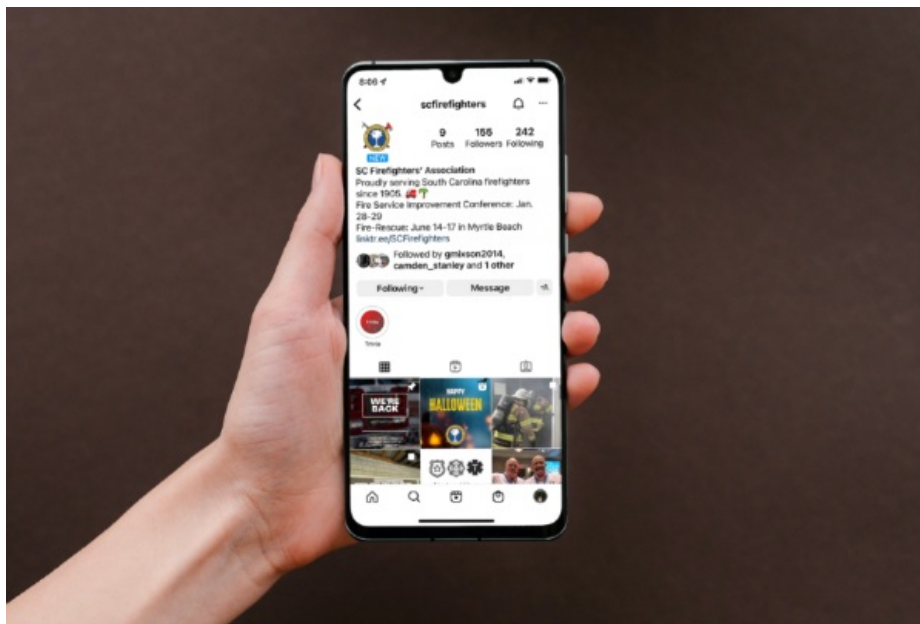




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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



We're back on the 'gram

A few weeks back we fell victim to a particularly clever hacker and lost access to our Instagram account. Despite our best efforts, we were unable to recover the account; however, there is a silver lining—we were successful in snagging the previous username.

We're happy to be back on the 'gram and to rebuild our community there bigger and better than before. [Give us a follow](#) and see how you measure up against your fellow firefighters when we post trivia on our IG stories [which is often and very fun].

As always, find us on all social channels at @scfirefighters.

Community event



EdVenture to host 'Tame the Flame'

EdVenture's Children Museum, an educational institution dedicated to creating new generations of lifelong learners through museum experiences, programming and camps, is hosting [Tame the Flame](#) on **Sunday, November 13** from **noon-5 p.m.** at its [Columbia museum location](#). Fire trucks and other emergency vehicles will be on-site as first responders display the tools and equipment used to fight a fire. The event is free with admission to the museum.

Association event



Top from left to right: Panelists for the Volunteer Criticality included Chief Tony Dicks, Chief Sam Brockington, Chief Jason Pope, and Chief Daniel Werts; a crowd photo of the participants. Bottom from left to right: Career fire service members wait for the summit to begin; Workforce Limitations Panelists Chief Joey Tanner, Chief Brian Horton, Chief Greg Bulanow, Chief Jamie Helms, and State Fire Marshal Chief Jonathan Jones.

#ICYMI: Labor shortage summits were last week

Last week we held the Workforce Limitations Summit and Volunteer Criticality Summit, both in the Denny Auditorium on the campus of the State Fire Academy, to address the needs of the fire service as it pertains to the climate of recruiting and retaining people. We're putting together a summary, along with the list of action items that came out the events, for each summit—stay tuned for more info. Many, many thanks to all who made the trip to Columbia to participate in the conversations.



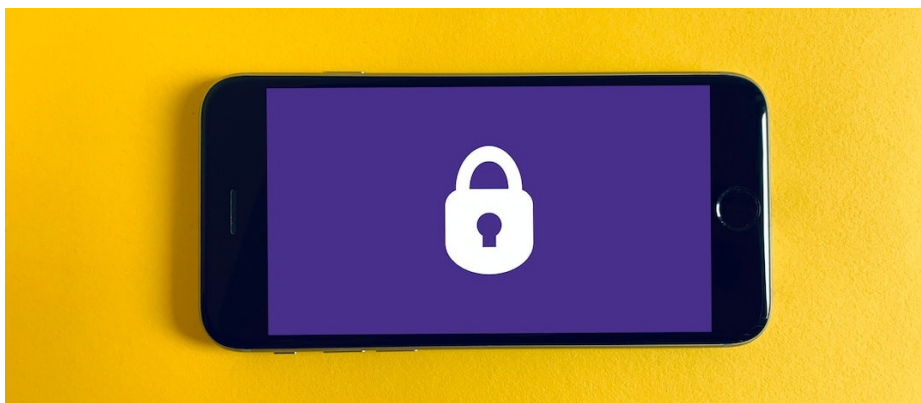
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Beware of scammers during holiday season

The holiday season is around the corner and with it lurks cybercriminals looking to take advantage of unsuspecting victims.

The Officer of the Inspector General at the Social Security Administration reported in May of this year that its office is warning the public to be skeptical of email or text messages claiming to be from a government or law enforcement agency.

“These scams primarily use telephone to contact you, but scammers may also use email, text message, social media, or U.S. mail,” the OIG said in a [press release](#). “Scammers pretend to be from an agency or organization you know to gain your trust. Scammers say there is a problem or a prize. Scammers pressure you to act immediately. Scammers tell you to pay in a specific way.”

Scammers often impersonate individuals within an organization, and these spoofs are becoming increasingly clever, often stealing full names and email signatures in an attempt to look legitimate. Always check the domain name to confirm the email is coming from the correct source and never trust an email claiming the sender needs you to pick them up a gift card or send them money.

The Federal Trade Commission has a [list of ways](#) to protect yourself from phishing, including enabling multi-factor authentication on your accounts that offer it. This is especially beneficial for bank accounts or any other app you use for financial transactions.

No one on staff at the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association will ask for money via email or text. Do not click on links or open documents that look suspicious or come from an unknown or untrustworthy source. Delete all suspected email or text scams immediately and stay vigilant.



- November 11 - Veteran's Day, Association office closed
- [January 23, 2023 - 1% Regional Training, Oconee County](#)
- [January 26-29, 2023 - Fire Service Improvement Conference](#)
- [February 11, 2023 - Firefighter Memorial Service](#)
- March 5-10, 2023 - Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer



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