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Rattle Watch

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Escort families at the Firefighter Memorial Service

Memorializing and honoring members of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association who have passed is a privilege, honor, and duty of the utmost importance. In a time of immeasurable grief, we hope that remembering those who have passed on will help loved ones find peace and closure.

We invite you to attend the Firefighter Memorial Service on Saturday, February 11 at 2 p.m. at [Riverland Hills Baptist Church](#) at 201 Lake Murray Blvd. in Irmo. Registration for families begins at 12:30 p.m. All photos for the slideshow **must** be submitted by January 31, 2023 to [Colleen Quillen](#). Any photos received after January 31 will not be included in the presentation.

Escorts and backup escorts are needed to accompany families. Please contact [Zorrina Harmon](#) at 803-807-1099 to assist with escorting. Escorts should arrive at Riverland Hills no later than 12:30 p.m.

We thank you for the opportunity to remember the lives and legacies of the heroes we lost last year. Please join us in covering those who are grieving in peace, understanding, and love.

Community event



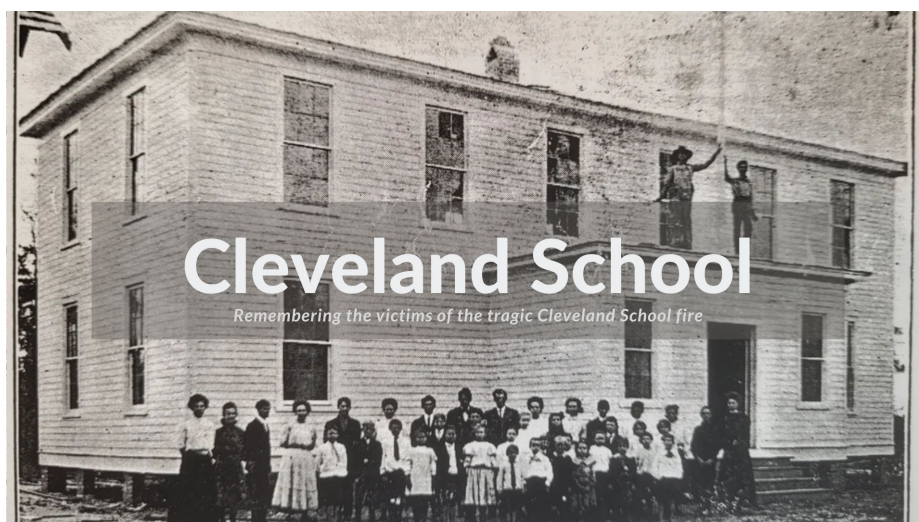
Apparatus needed for MADD Walk

The fire service has a vested interest in preventing motor vehicle accidents and an even greater interest in saving lives. We at the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association assist with the Walk like MADD event to help the organization raise both awareness and funds to eliminate drunk and drugged driving.

MADD is seeking fire apparatus to use in a static display along with law enforcement vehicles and EMS units. Please contact [Jeff Allen](#) or 803-800-7486 to participate in the event.



Community event



Cleveland School Fire: 100 years later

The [Cleveland School](#), located just outside of Camden, tragically burned in

May of 1923 during the end of the year play. Entire families were lost in the fire that claimed 77 lives. Prior to the fire, fire drills were unheard of and the codes that we take for granted today didn't exist. The Cleveland School fire changed fire and life safety in South Carolina and across the nation.

The 100th anniversary of the event is on May 17, 2023. In a joint effort between the Camden Fire Department, Lugoff Fire Department, Beulah Church, and the State Firefighters' Association, a recognition service will be held at the site of the school at 10 a.m. on May 17.

A brief seminar will be presented the evening before, on May 16 at 6 p.m. at 212 Broad St. in Camden, detailing how the community and state recovered after the tragedy.

Please kindly [RSVP](#) if you plan to attend either or both events.

Update for voting members



Voting members will vote for 3VP and 4VP

Voting members will elect the Association's 3rd Vice President in addition to the annual standard election of 4th Vice President when the voting period opens on May 31, 2023.

Former 2nd Vice President Jamie Helms was hired in December as the Association's Deputy Director, necessitating that the current 3VP and 4VP move to 2VP and 3VP, respectively.

President Josh Holzheimer recommended West Columbia Fire Department Battalion Chief [John Jones](#) for interim 4th Vice President and the recommendation was approved by the Executive Committee during its meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023. Chief Jones will serve as 4VP until the election concludes during Fire-Rescue.

The recommendation of an interim 4VP by the President and ascension of Vice Presidents in the circumstance of a vacant Vice President position is in accordance with the Association's [Constitution and Bylaws, Article 3 Section 3](#). The Association sought advice from legal counsel regarding the interpretation of the Constitution and Bylaws and implementation of recommended practices.

Three candidates are campaigning to be elected to the Executive Committee. The candidate who receives the highest number of votes will

be elected 3rd Vice President; the second highest, 4th Vice President.

[Meet the three candidates.](#)



Last call for FSIC registrations

Nearly everyone has heard “you can’t train enough for a job that can kill you” and it’s true. The time and effort you put into training for the different scenarios you face can save a life. The hands-on-training offered at FSIC helps prepare you for those situations.

Fire Service Improvement Conference is next week, January 26-29. [View the full schedule and register.](#)

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- [January 26-29, 2023 - Fire Service Improvement Conference](#)
- [February 4, 2023 - 1% Regional Training, Abbeville County](#)
- [February 11, 2023 - Firefighter Memorial Service](#)
- March 5-10, 2023 - Fire Officer Academy: The Company Officer
- [May 16 + 17 - Cleveland School Fire Remembrance](#)



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