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# Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



## Company officers: Apply for Officers Section!

The role of the company officer is becoming increasingly important. The Officers Section exists to help you navigate the challenges that come with leading a team.

The mission of the **Officers Section** of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association is to provide information, education, services and representation to both volunteer and career officers. Section membership is available to those individuals who are at the rank of Lieutenant and above and are Regular, Affiliate or Associate members of the Association.

Apply for [Officers Section](#) membership.

**Foundation news**



## Foundation helps Lake Cunningham firefighter

The holiday season is typically a season of joy and of giving; but life and its hardships know no season. The [South Carolina Firefighters Foundation](#) was able to assist Lake Cunningham Firefighter Sanchez and his family this month with a donation to help with medical expenses. We are blessed with the ability to give back to those who so selflessly serve the communities across South Carolina.

You help us continue to elevate first responders like Firefighter Sanchez when you [donate to the Foundation](#). As a 501 C3, donations to the Foundation are tax-deductible.

## Association event



## Memorial Service: You're invited

The annual [Firefighter Memorial Service](#) is scheduled for Saturday, February 11, 2023 at 2 p.m. at Riverland Hills Baptist Church in Irmo. All departments are invited to attend. Email Zorrina Harmon at [zorrina@scfirefighters.org](mailto:zorrina@scfirefighters.org) to sign up to escort families.



## Beware of scammers

The holiday season is here—and so are cybercriminals looking to take advantage of unsuspecting victims.

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.

**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.

## Policy reminder

### SC Firefighter Healthcare Benefit Plan now available

The **South Carolina Firefighter Cancer Health Care Benefit Plan** became effective July 1, 2021. The legislature appropriated funding in the FY 2021-2022 budget for State Fire to purchase an insurance policy to provide the benefits defined in the statute. After a competitive bidding process, managed by the South Carolina Division of Procurement Services, the contract for the insurance policy was awarded to AXIS Insurance Company. AXIS will be utilizing Provident Agency, Inc., for claims management and processing and the South Carolina Firefighters Insurance Services for local claims assistance.

[Find more information and file a claim.](#)

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- [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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