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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.

The banner is split into two vertical sections. The left section has a dark, smoky background and features the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association logo at the top. Below the logo, the text "June 8-11, 2022" and "Myrtle Beach, SC" is displayed in white. At the bottom of this section is a white button with the text "firerescuesc.org" and a white mouse cursor icon pointing at it. The right section has a red background with a large, stylized red flame graphic at the top. Below the graphic, the text "FIRE-RESCUE" is written in large, bold, red letters, with "SOUTH CAROLINA" in smaller white letters underneath. At the bottom of the right section, the text "Flagship conference of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association." is written in white.

Pre-register for Fire-Rescue & enter to win giveaway

When the biggest fire service event in South Carolina is just around the corner, *it's hard to not talk about it all the time*. Your staff at the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association has been carefully planning for **Fire-Rescue's return to Myrtle Beach** for quite some time now and we hope you're as excited as we are. So much time, thought, effort, dedication, and precision has gone into this year's annual conference.

We aim to make your life easier and your experience at Association events better each time. This year, **your name will be entered into a giveaway worth up to \$250 when you [pre-register for Fire-Rescue](#)**. Pre-registering makes checking in to conference a breeze. And who doesn't love a giveaway?

The pre-registration period closes on Thursday, June 2 at 5 p.m.



What's going on during Fire-Rescue



There's no better way to welcome you and your family to Fire-Rescue than with a [Back to the Beach Bash](#) sponsored by South Carolina Firefighters Insurance Services and its partners.

The Wednesday evening event is being hosted at **Lulu's Barefoot Landing North Myrtle Beach**. Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, **food and drinks are on the house during the Beach Bash**. Appetizers, dinner, and select drinks will be available at no charge and **registration is not required**.

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.

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

The fire service is a family and we hope to see yours there as we kick off Fire-Rescue - back at the beach!



The South Carolina Firefighters Foundation annual **Golf Tournament** is back in full swing (get it?!) and teams tee off **on Wednesday, June 8 at 8:30 a.m. at Legends Golf Resort in Myrtle Beach**.

Participants will have a number of opportunities during the golf tournament to raise the stakes with their buddies and help the Foundation along the way. [Get your team together and register!](#)

Golf not your thing?

If you find golf too slow and instead have a real need for speed, stop by the Association store at the Convention Center to place your bid on a [2-day BMW Performance Driving School](#) course. Bids start at \$200.

The Foundation exists because of your support, and in turn, your support uplifts firefighters from across the state going through hardships.

All proceeds from the golf tournament and the [auction](#) benefit the Foundation.





**EXPLORER + JUNIOR
FIREFIGHTER COMPETITION**

FRIDAY, JUNE 10 AT 1 P.M.
MYRTLE BEACH CONVENTION CENTER

firerescue.org

The next generation of fire service professionals takes center stage for the **Explorer + Junior Firefighter Competition on Friday, June 10 at 1 p.m.** in the exhibit hall of the Convention Center. The event is part of Fire-Rescue and includes **gear donning** and **team hose deployment**.

The competition is limited to **active members of a BSA Explorer Post or Junior Firefighter Program**, age 14-18, sponsored by a fire department covered by proper insurance. Each team or individual must fill out a [registration form and waiver](#).

Registration forms and waivers must be received **no later than May 27, 2022** and emailed to ashley@scfirefighters.org, mailed to ASHLEY @ the SC State Firefighters' Association, PO Box 211725 Columbia, SC 29210, or faxed to 803-454-1895. Contact Will Catoe at 803-438-2553 or chief3@lugofffire.com with any questions or clarifications.



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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 **V-Safe Program Expansion**, detailed below.

H.3252 — V-SAFE Program Expansion. This bill makes revisions to V-SAFE Program provisions so as to change the definition of fire departments (must be a chartered fire department) and the projects on which grant funds may be expended (equipment, vehicles, training and allows uncapped amount to be used for building improvements, renovations, etc. as long as a 5% match is provided); increase small grant amounts from \$30K to \$40K (except when funds used for building improvements, renovations, etc.). The legislation revises provisions relating to insurance premium taxes, so as to direct additional funds to the V-SAFE Program. The legislation revises provisions relating to the additional depreciation reimbursement, so as to direct a percentage of such funds to the V-SAFE Program. The bill was passed favorably as amended from the LCI Committee and sent to the House floor for second reading. Fiscal Impact of H.3252. The amendments include allowing the State Fire Marshal to retain funds to administer the program; eliminating the current \$30,000 cap for funds received by eligible fire departments; making the funding an equal amount to each eligible fire department; and, distributing funds annually rather than every three years. Current estimate for each eligible fire department is approximately \$22,000 annually which is subject to change based on revenues collected and departments participating. H.3252 was passed by the House and sent to the Senate where it was referred to Senate Finance. The Finance Natural Resources and Economic Development Subcommittee was scheduled to hear the bill Tuesday, May 10 at 10am in room 207 Gressette.

[More Legislative Updates.](#)

- [May 16 - 1% Regional Training in Jasper County](#)
- May 16-20 - Officer Academy: The Company Officer
- May 26 - Ambassadors



Program Meeting

- [June 8-11 - Fire-Rescue](#)



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