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Rattle Watch

Proudly informing South Carolina firefighters.



Our [Classifieds page](#) is home to a variety of job and training opportunities in the South Carolina fire service community. Check out the [listings](#) today to see opportunities from departments and organizations around the state.



What is Leadership Institute?

Leadership Institute is a year-long **leadership development** and **educational program** set in an executive-level environment with an emphasis on **open communication** and **group project-based skills**. The program is offered to individuals to improve and develop fire service leadership at the state level through networking and education pertaining to the many facets of the fire service profession.

[Learn more about Leadership Institute](#) and [apply for the 2023-2024 class](#).

Association event



Ambassadors meeting is next week

Our next Ambassadors Program meeting is **Friday, July 22 at 10 a.m. via [Zoom](#) and [Facebook Live](#).**

All members of the Association are encouraged to attend regardless of level of engagement with the Association. The Zoom meeting information is on the [calendar](#) of our website or like us on [Facebook](#) to be notified when we go Live.

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.

See y'all next week!

Community event



Get ready for Fire Prevention Week in October

The [National Fire Protection Association](#) is celebrating *100 years* of making communities safer through its Fire Prevention Week campaign. The organization announced last week its theme for 2022 Fire Prevention Week is **Fire Won't Wait. Plan Your Escape.**

According to a [press release](#) from the [National Volunteer Fire Council](#), the theme “promotes potentially life-saving messages that can mean the

difference between life and death in a fire. Developing a home escape plan with all members of the household and practicing it regularly ensures that everyone knows what to do when the smoke alarm sounds and uses that time wisely.”

Fire Prevention Week is October 9-15, 2022. [View and download resources](#) from NFPA for your department to use during its community education efforts.

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.](#)



- [July 22 - Ambassadors Program Meeting via Facebook Live](#)
- [August 1 - 1% Regional Training: Hampton County](#)
- [September 9 - Tunnel to Towers Columbia](#)
- [September 10 - Greenville City Stair Climb](#)



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