



# Fire-Rescue 2026

June 10-13, 2026  
 Myrtle Beach Convention Center  
 Myrtle Beach, S.C.

<b>Wednesday, June 10, 2026</b>				
<b>7:00 AM - 4:00 PM</b>	<b>Conference Registration &amp; Store Open</b>			Convention Center
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Golf Tournament Registration Open</b>			Legends Golf Course
<b>8:00 AM</b>	<b><u>Golf Tournament</u></b>			Legends Golf Course
<b>Time</b>	<b>Pre-Conference Seminars</b>	<b>Instructor</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Room Number</b>
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<a href="#">Tactical Resilience-Staying in the Fight</a>	Patti and SCFAST	Behavioral Health	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<a href="#">Coordinating Ventilation: Supporting Extinguishment &amp; Survivability</a>	Nick Papa	Operations	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<a href="#">Right Seat Leadership</a>	Dave Casey	Leadership/Officer	
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<a href="#">Taming the HAZMAT VOODOO with Technology</a>	David Bullard	Special Situations	
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<a href="#">Everything EV</a>	Vincent Bettinazzi	Special Situations	
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<a href="#">Truck Company Operations in Multi-Family Dwellings</a>	Ethan Tucker	Operations	
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<a href="#">Beyond the Fireground: Tactics, Leadership, and Relationships</a>	Cody McCarley & Jason Bell	Leadership/Officer	
1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	<a href="#">Thrown to the Wolves: Four Perspectives for the New Instructor</a>	John Smith, Wayne Jones, Ken Norton, & Thomas Catoe	Training	
<b>5:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b>	<b><a href="#">Beach Bash with SCFIS</a></b>			Broadway at the Beach Crocodile Rocks



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<b>Thursday, June 11, 2026</b>				
<b>7:00 AM</b>	<b>Beach Workout</b>			Various Locations
<b>7:30 AM - 7:30 PM</b>	<b>Conference Registration &amp; Store Open</b>			Convention Center
<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Morning Devotional</b>			Hall of Fame
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	<a href="#">Disaster Response – Rules of Engagement</a>	Greg Merrell	Special Operations	
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	<a href="#">Preparing for the unexpected in EMS</a>	Randall Hadler	EMS	
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	<a href="#">The Company Officer as the Trainer</a>	Dave Casey	Leadership/Officer	
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	<a href="#">Retaining Recruiters: Keys for Recruitment and Retention</a>	Micah Rains	Recruitment	
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	<a href="#">Mobile Homes: Small House – Big Challenge</a>	Joseph Polenzani	Operations	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<a href="#">Officers Section Meeting - The Hat Dance: Realities of the Short Staffed C.O.</a>	Marc Aloan		
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<a href="#">Be Your Own Advocate</a>	Dave Denniston	Leadership/Officer	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<a href="#">Careerpath Roadmap to Destination Training Chief/Officer</a>	Alex Long	Training	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<a href="#">From Zero to Six Months: The Current State of NERIS</a>	Josh Fulbright		
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<a href="#">Box Alarm Bullets</a>	Kevin Manhardt	Operations	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<a href="#">More Than Staging: EMS on the Fireground</a>	John Smith	EMS	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<a href="#">NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program – Moving Forward</a>	Rick Lago		



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10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	<a href="#">Member Benefits &amp; Retirement Overview</a>	Zorrina Harmon	Benefits	
2:00 PM - 3:45 PM	<b>Opening Ceremony - Keynote:</b>			Ballroom D & E
4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	<b>Exhibit Hall Soft Opening</b>			
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	<b>Firefighter Appreciation Night</b>			Grand Strand Brewery

<b>Friday, June 12, 2026</b>				
<b>Time</b>	<b>Conference Seminars</b>	<b>Instructor</b>		<b>Room Number</b>
	<b>Beach Workout</b>			Various Locations
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>Conference Registration &amp; Store Open</b>			Convention Center
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>Foundation - Silent Auction</b>			Hall of Fame
8:00 AM	<b>Morning Devotional</b>			Hall of Fame
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	<a href="#">Business Session - Keynote: Thomas Gordon</a>			Ballroom D & E
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Fire Safe SC Awards</b>			Ballroom D & E
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b>			Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	<b>PODCAST</b>	<b>Will Vaigneur &amp; Joe Palmer</b>		Exhibit Hall
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<a href="#">From Classroom to Fireground: South Carolina's High School Firefighter Pipeline</a>	Alexander Kimball	Recruitment	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<a href="#">Swiftwater Rescue - Rules of Engagement</a>	Greg Merrell	Special Operations	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<a href="#">Managing Your FD's Promotional Process</a>	Dave Casey	Leadership/Officer	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<a href="#">Fire Behavior the Basics to Build On</a>	Joseph Devito	Operations	



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1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<a href="#">Preparing for Your ISO PPC Survey: Documentation Essentials</a>	Seth Vaughn	ISO	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<a href="#">The Safe Arrival Standard: Redefining Emergency Response Culture</a>	Peter Dontje	Driver/ Operator	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	<a href="#">Fostering Mental Health Resilience in First Responders: An Introduction to SC FAST 101</a>	Patti Graham		
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<a href="#">The Fire Officer: Service Above Self</a>	Nick Papa	Officer/Leadership	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<a href="#">Thermal Imaging: The Basics to Build On</a>	Joseph Devito	Operations	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<a href="#">The Fireground EMT: Expanding EMS' Contributions on the Fireground</a>	Christine Tonetta	EMS	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<a href="#">Beyond the Buzz: Practical AI for Fire &amp; EMS</a>	Jennifer Thackston	Technology	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<a href="#">Fire Officer Leadership - Firehouse to the Fireground</a>	Richard Ray	Leadership	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	<a href="#">1% – Use It Wisely or Lose It</a>	Jeff Oswald		
<b>Saturday, June 13, 2026</b>				
7:30 AM	<b>Fun Run</b>			
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<b>Conference Registration &amp; Store Open</b>			Convention Center
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	<b>Foundation - Silent Auction</b>			Hall of Fame
8:30 AM	<b>Morning Devotional</b>			
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	<b>Exhibit Hall Open</b>			
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM	<b>PODCAST</b>		<b>Will Vaigneur &amp; Joe Palmer</b>	
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9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<a href="#">So, you promoted... Now what?</a>	Chad Gill	Leadership/Officer	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<a href="#">Light As a Brick - EV's Are Heavier Than You Think</a>	Vincent Bettinazzi	Special Situations	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<a href="#">First on the Scene: Initial Stabilization and Management of the Burn Patient</a>	Rosalee Unwin	EMS	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<a href="#">Owning the First Five Minutes</a>	Richard Ray	Operations	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<a href="#">Learning Styles in the Fire Service - Why They Matter</a>	Matthew Going	Training	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	<a href="#">1% – Use It Wisely or Lose It</a>	Jeff Oswald		
<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>Past Presidents Lunch</b>			
<b>12:00 PM</b>	<b>Explorer Meeting</b>			
<b>1:00 PM</b>	<b><u>Explorer Competition</u></b>			In Front of Convention Center
<b>Time</b>	<b>Class Title</b>	<b>Instructor</b>		<b>Room Number</b>
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<a href="#">If you don't know, you don't know... How to utilize NFPA standards and the curriculum to your benefit in Training</a>	Scott Feather	Training	
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<a href="#">The Aggressive Search</a>	Kelly McGowan	Operations	
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<a href="#">Intuition based decision making: How is your past influencing your decisions &amp; how words can steer our actions.</a>	Christopher Lewis	Leadership/Officer	
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<a href="#">Main Street USA</a>	Thomas Stevens	Operations	



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1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	<a href="#">Chaplaincy Roundtable discussion</a>	Rickie Jenkins, Dr Gary Rogers, Dennis Ray		
<b>6:30 PM - 8:30 PM</b>	<b>Banquet &amp; Transfer of Command</b>			Ballroom