



Fire-Rescue 2026

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

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



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Thursday, June 11, 2026				
7:30 AM	Beach Workout			42nd Avenue North Beach Access, Myrtle Beach
7:30 AM - 7:30 PM	Conference Registration & Store Open			Convention Center
8:30 AM	Morning Devotional			Hall of Fame
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	Disaster Response – Rules of Engagement	Greg Merrell	Special Operations	
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	Preparing for the unexpected in EMS	Randall Hadler	EMS	
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	The Company Officer as the Trainer	Dave Casey	Leadership/Officer	
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	Retaining Recruiters: Keys for Recruitment and Retention	Micah Rains	Recruitment	
9:00 AM - 10:30 PM	Mobile Homes: Small House – Big Challenge	Joseph Polenzani	Operations	
10:45 AM - 12:30 PM	Officers Section Meeting - The Hat Dance: Realities of the Short Staffed C.O.	Marc Aloan		
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Be Your Own Advocate	Dave Denniston	Leadership/Officer	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Careerpath Roadmap to Destination Training Chief/Officer	Alex Long	Training	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	From Zero to Six Months: The Current State of NERIS	Josh Fulbright		
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Box Alarm Bullets	Kevin Manhardt	Operations	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	More Than Staging: EMS on the Fireground	John Smith	EMS	
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	NIOSH Fire Fighter Fatality Investigation and Prevention Program – Moving Forward	Rick Lago		
10:45 AM - 12:15 PM	Member Benefits & Retirement Overview	Zorrina Harmon	Benefits	
2:00 PM - 3:45 PM	Opening Ceremony - Keynote: Chief John Salka			Ballroom D & E



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4:00 PM - 6:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Soft Opening			
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Firefighter Appreciation Night			Grand Strand Brewery

Friday, June 12, 2026				
Time	Conference Seminars	Instructor		Room Number
7:30 AM	Beach Workout			42nd Avenue North Beach Access, Myrtle Beach
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Conference Registration & Store Open			Convention Center
7:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Foundation - Silent Auction			Hall of Fame
8:00 AM	Morning Devotional			Hall of Fame
8:30 AM - 10:00 AM	Opening Ceremony 2 - Keynote: Thomas Gordon			Ballroom D & E
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Fire Safe SC Awards			Ballroom D & E
9:30 AM - 4:00 PM	Exhibit Hall Open			Exhibit Hall
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	PODCAST	Will Vaigneur & Joe Palmer		Exhibit Hall
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	From Classroom to Fireground: South Carolina's High School Firefighter Pipeline	Alexander Kimball	Recruitment	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Swiftwater Rescue - Rules of Engagement	Greg Merrell	Special Operations	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Managing Your FD's Promotional Process	Dave Casey	Leadership/Officer	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Fire Behavior the Basics to Build On	Joseph Devito	Operations	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Preparing for Your ISO PPC Survey:Documentation Essentials	Seth Vaughn	ISO	



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1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	The Safe Arrival Standard: Redefining Emergency Response Culture	Peter Dontje	Driver/ Operator	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	Fostering Mental Health Resilience in First Responders: An Introduction to SC FAST 101	Patti Graham		
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	SC OSHA 1910.156 Plan Detail Review	Joe Palmer	Leadership	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	The Fire Officer: Service Above Self	Nick Papa	Officer/Leadership	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Thermal Imaging: The Basics to Build On	Joseph Devito	Operations	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	The Fireground EMT: Expanding EMS' Contributions on the Fireground	Christine Tonetta	EMS	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Beyond the Buzz: Practical AI for Fire & EMS	Jennifer Thackston	Technology	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	The Firefighter's Guide to PFAS: A Primer on History, Hazards, Trade-Offs, and the Road Ahead	Dr Bryan Ormond	Health and Safety	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	Fire Officer Leadership - Firehouse to the Fireground	Richard Ray	Leadership	
2:45 PM - 4:15 PM	1% – Use It Wisely or Lose It	Jeff Oswald		
Saturday, June 13, 2026				
8:00 AM	Fun Run			
8:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Conference Registration & Store Open			Convention Center
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Foundation - Silent Auction			Hall of Fame
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9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	So, you promoted... Now what?	Chad Gill	Leadership/Officer	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Light As a Brick - EV's Are Heavier Than You Think	Vincent Bettinazzi	Special Situations	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	First on the Scene: Initial Stabilization and Management of the Burn Patient	Rosalee Unwin	EMS	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Owning the First Five Minutes	Richard Ray	Operations	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	Learning Styles in the Fire Service - Why They Matter	Matthew Going	Training	
9:30 AM - 11:00 AM	1% – Use It Wisely or Lose It	Jeff Oswald		
11:00 AM	Past Presidents Lunch			
12:00 PM	Explorer Meeting			107
1:00 PM	<u>Explorer Competition</u>			In Front of Convention Center
Time	Class Title	Instructor		Room Number
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	If you don't know, you don't know... How to utilize NFPA standards and the curriculum to your benefit in Training	Scott Feather	Training	
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	The Aggressive Search	Kelly McGowan	Operations	



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1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Intuition based decision making: How is your past influencing your decisions & how words can steer our actions.	Christopher Lewis	Leadership/Officer	
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Main Street USA	Thomas Stevens	Operations	
1:30 PM - 3:00 PM	Chaplaincy Roundtable discussion	Rickie Jenkins, Dr Gary Rogers, Dennis Ray		
6:30 PM - 8:30 PM	Banquet & Transfer of Command			Ballroom DE