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## 151 S.C. Fire Departments Receive "Fire Safe South Carolina" Community Designation

Fire Safe South Carolina, and its partners, congratulate 151 fire departments across the state on receiving their "Fire Safe South Carolina 2023 Community Designation."

These designated communities continually work to reduce fires and related injuries in South Carolina resulting in decreased risks for residents and firefighters. They also promote consistent fire safety messaging and learn the importance of collecting and reporting quality data from fire scenes.

The 151 fire departments receiving the designation this year represents a 15 percent increase.

"The enthusiasm for obtaining this designation continues to grow," Community Risk Reduction Chief Josh Fulbright said. "Many departments have received this recognition for the first time, some seek it again with new purpose, and others receiving since the 2017 inception continue to build depth within their organization."

Departments will be formally recognized in June during an award ceremony at the Fire-Rescue Conference in Myrtle Beach, SC.

To earn the "Fire Safe South Carolina" designation, fire departments must complete courses to improve data quality, train community partners to deliver in-home safety visits, and further develop their skills through online National Fire Academy courses in risk reduction and assessment.

Last year, because of their efforts, 250 community partners were identified, nearly 500 fire service members were educated on risk reduction-related topics, and more than 650,000 citizens were educated on fire and life safety topics.

"As a result of the hard work, commitment, and dedication of our 151 Fire Safe South Carolina fire departments and their community partners, more than half a million citizens were educated on ways to stay "Fire Safe," Fulbright said. "Efforts will not stop there. We will continue to work together to educate even more people and implement other risk reduction practices proactively to get ahead of calls for service in South Carolina."

Launched in 2017, partners in Fire Safe SC include the S.C. State Firefighters' Association, the S.C. State Association of Fire Chiefs, the S.C. Fire Marshal Association, the S.C. Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and the S.C. Office of State Fire Marshal. Together, they announce the following 151 fire departments have obtained the Fire Safe SC Community Designation.

## Congratulations to the 2023 Fire Safe South Carolina Communities

Aiken Dept. of Public Safety Allendale County Fire & Rescue Anderson County Fire Protection Commission Anderson Fire Department Awendaw-McClellanville Fire District **Belton Fire Department Belvedere Fire Department** Bennettsville Fire Department **Bluffton Township Fire District Boiling Springs Fire Dept.-Spartanburg Boiling Springs Fire Dept.-Greenville Bonham Fire Department** Buffalo-Cherokee Vol. Fire Department C & B Fire Department **Calhoun Falls Fire Department Camden Fire Department Cash Rural Fire Department** Cayce Fire Department **Chappells Fire Department Charleston Fire Department Cheraw Fire Department Cherokee Springs Fire Department** Chester City Fire Department **Clarendon County Fire Rescue Clear Spring Fire-Rescue Clemson University Fire and EMS Clinton Fire Colleton County Fire-Rescue** Columbia-Richland Fire & Rescue **Conway Fire Department** Cross Keys Vol. Fire Department **Crosswell Fire District Dacusville Fire Department Darlington City Fire Department Darlington County Fire District Dorchester County Fire Rescue Drayton Fire Department** Due West Town Fire Rescue **Duncan Fire Department Easley Fire Department** East Berkley Fire Department **Edisto Beach Fire Department Fairfield County Fire Service** Flint Hill Fire Rescue **Florence Fire Department** Fort Lawn Fire Protection District Fort Mill Fire Department Fort Motte Vol. Fire Department Fountain Inn Fire Department **Gaffney Fire Department** Georgetown City Fire Department Georgetown County Fire/EMS **Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area** 

Goose Creek City Fire Department Goose Creek Rural Fire Department **Greenville City Fire Department Greer Fire Department** GVW Vol. Fire Department Hanahan Fire and EMS Hardeeville Fire Department Hartsville Fire Department Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue Hodges-Cokesbury Fire & Rescue Holly Springs Vol. Fire Department Honea Path Fire Department Horry County Fire Rescue Howe Springs Fire Rescue Irmo Fire District Inman Community Fire Department Isle of Palms Fire Department James Island PSD Fire Department Jasper County Fire Rescue Jonesville Fire District Kershaw County Fire Service Kingstree Fire Department Lady's Island-St. Helena Fire District Lake City Fire Department Lake Cunningham Fire Department Lancaster City Fire Department Lancaster County Fire Rescue Landrum Area Fire & Rescue District Laurens City Fire Department Lee County Fire and Rescue Lexington County Fire Service Liberty Area Fire District Lockhart Vol. Fire Department Lugoff Fire Rescue Manning Fire Department Marion Fire Department Mayo Fire Department Mauldin Fire Department Town of McCormick Fire Dept. **Midway Fire Rescue** Monarch Fire Department Town of Moncks Corner Fire Dept. Moncks Corner Rural Fire Dept. Monetta Community Vol. Fire Dept. Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire Dist. Myrtle Beach Fire Department Newberry Fire Department North Augusta Public Safety North Charleston Fire Department North Myrtle Fire/Rescue North Spartanburg Fire Department

Oconee County Emergency Services **Orangeburg County Fire District** Palmetto Rural Fire Department Pageland Fire Department Parker District Fire Department Pelham-Batesville Fire Department Philippi Fire Department **Pickens Fire Department Pickens Rural Fire/Rescue Piedmont Park Fire District Pine Ridge Fire Department Poplar Springs Fire Department** Pumpkintown Vol. Fire Dept. Richland Co. Fire Marshal's Office **Riverview Vol. Fire Department** Sandy Branch Vol. Fire Department Santee Fire District Inc. Santuc Fire Department Sardis-Timmonsville Fire Dept. Shady Grove Fire Department Slater-Marietta Fire Department South Greenville Fire District South Lynches Fire Southside Fire District Spartanburg Fire District St. Andrews Fire Department St. John's Fire District St. Matthews Fire Department St. Paul's Fire District Startex Vol. Fire Department Sumter Fire Department Surfside Beach Fire Department **Taylors Fire Department** Tega Cay Fire Department **Travelers Rest Fire Department** Tyger River Fire Service Area Union City Fire Department West Columbia Fire Department West Florence Fire Rescue Westminster Fire Department Westview-Fairforest Fire Dept. Whitney Fire Department Williamsburg County Fire Dept. Williston Fire Department York County Fire York Fire Department

