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## MEMORANDUM

TO: SC Fire Service Leadership
FROM: Josh Fulbright, Chief of CRR
RE: 2022 Fire Safe South Carolina Designation
DATE: Feb. 1,2022

For five years, Fire Safe South Carolina has worked with local fire departments to develop community risk reduction (CRR) plans for their jurisdictions. With the help of local fire departments, we have worked to reduce fire-related injuries, promote consistent messaging, increase data quality, and provide valuable resources.

We are currently in the process of reviewing submitted activities for the 2021 Fire Safe South Carolina Designation. We anticipate awarding the 2021 Fire Safe South Carolina Communities starting this June during the Fire Rescue Conference.

The New Year brings an opportunity for your department to expand your CRR activities in the Fire Safe SC program, again seek the annual designation, and/or request the designation for the first time.

First, note the award cycle is set by calendar year (January – December). Mandatory orientation briefings start in February and will be offered throughout the year. This allows us the opportunity to share information on how to achieve designation using this year's Fire Safe SC Community goals. As a reminder, to be newly considered or remain an active partner, every department must attend the annual orientation briefing.

Learn more about the mandatory virtual meetings by visiting: <u>Orientation-Briefing.pdf (sc.gov)</u>

Second, in 2022 and 2023, we will again visit each of the 46 counties across the state to share updated information and resources. We hope to partner with you to visit existing county-wide meetings, taking no more than 45 minutes to update, answer any questions, and support your path to risk reduction priorities. If you know of upcoming meetings and can help us schedule, please reach out to us.

Last, we encourage you to follow us on social media. Look for @FireSafeSC on Facebook and Twitter to obtain updated information to share in your community, obtain program updates, and learn of new opportunities for your fire department members.

As we continue to work together, we recognize the continued importance of our unified partnership and appreciate the collaboration between SC State Fire, SC Firefighters' Association, SC Fire Marshals Association, and the SC Fire Chiefs Association. Our newly appointed Fire Safe SC / Outreach Coordinator, along with Regional Fire Safe SC Representatives are available to support your CRR initiatives. Thank you for your continued dedication to CRR in our state. Please don't hesitate to reach out us.

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