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**80 S.C. Fire Departments Receive “Fire Safe South Carolina” Community Designation**

Fire Safe South Carolina (FSSC) and its partners congratulate 80 local fire departments in 33 counties across the state who have actively worked to develop community risk reduction (CRR) plans for their jurisdictions in 2020.

These designated communities continually work to reduce fire-related injuries in our state, thereby decreasing the risks for residents and firefighters. They also promote consistent fire safety messaging and stress the importance of providing all relative data collected at fire scenes.

“The enthusiasm for obtaining this designation continues to grow, and we remain encouraged by active participation,” Community Risk Reduction Chief Josh Fulbright said. “We congratulate the 80 designees and, even with the pandemic, are excited to see a 40 percent increase from last year. We look forward to recognizing them during the June Fire-Rescue Conference in Columbia - along with those from 2019 who could not be fully recognized last year.”

Despite challenges associated with the pandemic, it is clear these fire departments continue to provide fire and life safety information to their local citizens.

Specifically, FSSC-designated communities took creative as well as virtual approaches to community risk reduction and documented outreach educational opportunities for nearly 55,000 citizens. Additionally, more than 1,300 fire service members were trained through the Community Risk Reduction curriculum, and more than 80 fire departments were represented during the annual Life Safety Education Conference.

Fulbright acknowledges the program is effective because of its dedicated community partners.

“With fire departments receiving more than 9,000 smoke alarms donated from their growing list of community partners, these relationships are an important part of this life-saving program.”

Launched in 2017, Fire Safe SC’s partners include the S.C. State Firefighters’ Association, the S.C. State Association of Fire Chiefs, and the S.C. Fire Marshal Association. Together, they announce the following fire departments have obtained the Fire Safe SC Community designation. <http://firesafe.sc.gov/docs/FIRESAFE%20CONGRATS%202020.pdf>



## 2020 Fire Safe South Carolina Designated Communities

Abbeville City Fire and Rescue  
Aiken Department of Public Safety  
Anderson County Fire Protection Commission  
Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District  
Bamberg Fire District  
Barnwell Rural Fire Department  
Belton Fire Department  
Bennettsville Fire Department  
Bethany Fire Department  
Bluffton Township Fire District  
Boiling Springs Fire District  
Bonham Fire Department  
Buffalo-Cherokee VFD  
Camden Fire Department  
Charleston Fire Department  
Cheraw Fire Department  
Gaffney Fire Department  
Hardeeville Fire Department  
City of Isle of Palms Fire Department  
City of Newberry Fire Department  
City of Spartanburg Fire Department  
Clarendon County Fire Rescue  
Clemson University Fire and EMS  
Clinton Fire  
Columbia-Richland Fire & Rescue  
Crosswell Fire District  
Dacusville Fire Department  
Dorchester County Fire Rescue  
Fairfield County Fire Service  
Flint Hill Fire Rescue  
Florence Fire Department  
Georgetown City Fire Department  
Georgetown County Fire/ EMS  
Greenville City Fire Department  
Hartsville Fire Department  
Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue  
Honea Path Fire EMS  
Howe Springs Fire Rescue  
Irmo Fire District  
Jasper County Fire Rescue  
Keowee Springs Fire District  
Kershaw County Fire Service  
Kingstree Fire Department  
Lady's Island-St. Helena Fire District  
Lancaster County Fire Rescue  
Lancaster City Fire Department  
Lee County Fire and Rescue  
Liberty Area Fire District  
Long Branch Fire Department  
Lugoff Fire Rescue  
Mayo Fire Department  
Midway Fire Rescue  
Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District  
North Charleston Fire Department  
North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety  
Orangeburg County Fire District  
Parker District Fire Department  
Pelham-Batesville Fire Department  
Pickens Fire Department  
Pickens Rural Fire/Rescue  
Piedmont Park Fire District  
Poplar Springs Fire Department  
Prosperity Volunteer Fire Department  
Sandy Branch Volunteer Fire Department  
Santee Fire District  
Sardis -Timmons ville Fire Department  
Sheldon Township Fire District  
Smyrna Fire Department  
South Lynches Fire Department  
St. Andrews Fire Department  
St. Johns Fire District  
Sumter Fire Department  
Taylors Fire Department  
Tega Cay Fire Department  
Town of McCormick Fire Department  
Tyger River Fire Service Area  
West Columbia Fire Department  
West Florence Fire Rescue  
Westview-Fairforest Fire Department  
Williamsburg County Fire Department