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

Fire Safe South Carolina (FSSC) and its partners congratulate 104 fire departments in 36 counties across the state on their active participation in developing community risk reduction (CRR) plans for their jurisdictions in 2021.

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 104 designees and are excited to see a 30 percent increase from last year,” he said. “We look forward to recognizing them with a formal award ceremony during the June Fire-Rescue Conference in Myrtle Beach.”

To earn the “Fire Safe South Carolina” designation, fire departments completed courses to improve data quality, trained community partners to deliver in-home safety visits, and further developed their skills through online National Fire Academy courses in risk reduction and assessment.

In 2021, 366 new community partners were identified statewide, more than 1,000 fire service members were educated on risk reduction-related topics, and nearly 500,000 citizens were educated on fire and life safety topics by local fire departments.

“As we move forward, community relationships must continually be built and nurtured to form mutually-beneficial partnerships,” he said. These relationships create sustainability in risk reduction efforts, ultimately saving lives.”

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 104 fire departments have obtained the Fire Safe SC Community designation.

## 2021 Fire Safe South Carolina Designated Communities

Abbeville City Fire and Rescue	James Island Public Service District
Abbeville County Fire	Jasper County Fire Rescue
Aiken Department of Public Safety	Kershaw County Fire Service
Allendale County Fire & Rescue	Kingstree Fire Department
Anderson County Fire Protection Commission	Lady's Island-St. Helena Fire District
Anderson Fire Department	Lake City Fire Department
Awendaw-McClellanville Consolidated Fire District	Lancaster City Fire Department
Belmont Fire Department	Lancaster County Fire Rescue
Belton Fire Department	Lee County Fire and Rescue
Belvedere Fire Department	Liberty Area Fire District
Bennettsville Fire Department	Long Branch Fire Department
Bluffton Township Fire District	Lugoff Fire Rescue
Boiling Springs Fire Department Greenville	Mayo Fire Department
Boiling Springs Fire Department of Spartanburg	Midway Fire Rescue
Buffalo-Cherokee VFD	Mount Pleasant Fire Department
Camden Fire Department	Murrells Inlet-Garden City Fire District
Cash Rural Fire Department	Myrtle Beach Fire Department
Charleston Fire Department	City of Newberry Fire Department
Cheraw Fire Department	North Charleston Fire Department
Cherokee Springs Fire Department	North Myrtle Beach Department of Public Safety
Clarendon County Fire Rescue	Orangeburg County Fire District
Clemson University Fire and EMS	Parker District Fire Department
Clinton Fire	Pelham-Batesville Fire Department
Colleton County Fire-Rescue	Pickens Fire Department
Columbia-Richland Fire & Rescue	Pickens Rural Fire/Rescue
City of Conway Fire Department	Piedmont Park Fire District
Crosswell Fire District	Poplar Springs Fire Department
Dacusville Fire Department	Richland County Fire Marshal's Office
Darlington County Fire District	Saluda County Fire Service
Dorchester County Fire Rescue	Sandy Branch Volunteer Fire Department
City of Easley Fire Department	Santee Fire District
Fairfield County Fire Service	Sardis-Timmonsville Fire Department
Flint Hill Fire Rescue	Shady Grove Fire Department
Florence Fire Department	Sheldon Township Fire District
Fort Mill Fire Department	South Lynches Fire Department
Fountain Inn Fire Department	City of Spartanburg Fire Department
Gaffney Fire Department	St. Andrews Fire Department
Georgetown City Fire Department	St. John's Fire District
Georgetown County Fire/EMS	Sumter Fire Department
Glassy Mountain Fire Service Area	Surfside Beach Fire Department
Grassy Pond Fire Department	Taylors Fire Department
Greenville City Fire Department	Tega Cay Fire Department
City of Greer Fire District	Town of McCormick Fire Department
Hardeeville Fire Department	Travelers Rest Fire Department
Hartsville Fire Department	Tyger River Fire Service Area
Hilton Head Island Fire Rescue	Vineyards Fire District
Hodges-Cokesbury Fire & Rescue Unit	West Columbia Fire Department
Honea Path Fire EMS	West Florence Fire Rescue
Horry County Fire Rescue	Westview-Fairforest Fire Department
Howe Springs Fire Rescue	Williamsburg County Fire Department
Irmo Fire District	Winnsboro Department of Public Safety
Isle of Palms Fire Department	City of York Fire Department