



Mayday: What to Expect and How to Prepare for a Fire Ground Fatality

The South Carolina Fire Academy is offering two free half-day workshops to help fire department personnel understand what happens after a firefighter fatality and the steps to prepare for such a tragic event. Fire department personnel may wonder what happens in the first hour, the first four hours, or even the first day after a fatality. Although no department wants to endure a tragedy of this magnitude, departments must be prepared for what comes next.



A department will know what to expect during one of its most stressful and difficult times if it has an updated protocol in place. There will be specifics about the various investigations that take place and what to expect from each one. Missteps and obstacles encountered in previous firefighter fatalities investigations, as well as lessons learned, will be discussed. Finally, an investigative “triage” sheet will be shared, outlining the steps and roles that must be performed during such an event

DATE: Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022
TIME: 1 – 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Boiling Springs Fire Department, Station 15
208 Blacks Drive, Greenville, SC 29615
REGISTER: 8692-23-001 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=75454>

DATE: Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2022
TIME: 1 – 5 p.m.
LOCATION: Charleston Fire Department, Station 11
1807 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407
REGISTER: 8692-23-002 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=75455>

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Darren Solomon is a Senior Special Agent (SSA) with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) based in Charlotte, North Carolina. SSA Solomon has worked for the ATF for over 20 years. Since 2014, he has served as a Certified Fire Investigator (CFI), certified by both ATF and the International Association of Arson Investigators (IAAI). He is also a member of ATF’s National Response Team and has been designated as Lead CFI on multiple responses including the Metropolitan Apartment Fire (Raleigh, NC) and the Palms Apartment Fire (Charleston, SC). Prior to joining ATF, he worked as a police officer with the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Police Department, serving as an Arson Detective assigned to the Fire Investigation Task Force.



SSA Solomon currently represents ATF on the National Fire Protection Association 1321 - Standard for Fire Investigations Unit and serves as 2nd Vice President for the IAAI– North Carolina Chapter. During his career, he has had the privilege to teach at numerous conferences, the National Fire Academy, the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, and the International Law Enforcement Academy in El Salvador.

SSA Solomon is a graduate of the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and received his Master’s degree from Oklahoma State University. He spends his free time raising his son and daughter, cheering for his beloved Tar Heels, and dealing with his ridiculous German Shepherd.

Special thanks to Boiling Springs Fire Department (Greenville Co.) and Charleston Fire Department (Charleston Co.) for hosting.

Questions? Please contact [Amy Williamson](#).