



Roadmap to Retirement: Taking Control of Your Finances and Future

The South Carolina Fire Academy is offering an in-person financial success strategy workshop for:

- Firefighters wanting to take control of their financial future,
- Fire department recruit school coordinators or members of the Command staff, or
- Anyone in the fire service interested in learning more about financial planning.

According to studies, many young and older adults do not have a clear focus or set measurable goals. They have not been taught the personal financial skills required to avoid making decisions that will lead to financial failure. Our goal is to correct this! This course teaches firefighters how to change the behavioral issues and mindset that lead to overwhelming debt, crippling their ability to be financially independent, and how to wipe out debt and regain control of their most valuable asset: themselves and their ability to generate income. We will cover a variety of investment strategies that can help anyone become financially independent - once we have learned how to free up and increase our income.

The ultimate goal is for firefighters to take control of their personal, professional, and financial futures so that when they retire, they can enjoy life after the fire service with a fully funded retirement plan based on the strategy and tactics they set up and implemented while still on the job.

This four-hour program will teach fire service personnel how to: establish a “Why,” set wildly important goals, establish a working budget, run cost analysis on major purchases, live debt-free, manage financial accounts, better understand the One Percent fund, calculate the value of a pension (PORS/SCRS), invest for the future, and how to tie it all together to form a personal “Roadmap to Retirement.”

DATE: Wednesday, Aug. 30, 2023
TIME: 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.
LOCATION: South Carolina Fire Academy, Denny Auditorium
141 Monticello Trail Columbia, SC 29203
FEE: \$8, includes lunch
REGISTER: **8689-24-001** <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=78937>

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Robby Baldwin has 22 years of public service with the Charleston Fire Department, where he holds the rank of Assistant Fire Chief of Special Operations. Prior to moving to Special Operations, he oversaw the department’s Training Division for seven years, holding the ranks of Battalion Chief and Assistant Chief. During that time, he led the training of 296 Charleston Fire Recruits. He has over 12 years of experience instructing first responders through the SCFA, NFA, NIMS, IAFF, ISFSI, NIST, and NFFF. He also provides mental health support to local first responders as one of the founding members of the Charleston Fire Department’s Peer Support Team.

He is an independent financial advisor with Cornerstone Financial Strategies focusing on retirement and estate planning. He combines his experience with recruits, as an instructor, and as a financial advisor, to teach first responders how to gain control of their personal, professional, and financial futures. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree and has completed the Securities Industry Essentials, Series 63, Series 6, and SC Insurance Producer exams.



He is a native of Charleston and has been married to his wife, Angie, for 30 years. He has two sons, Bobby, who resides in Florida and works as a fitness instructor, and Wyatt, a firefighter with the Charleston Fire Department. When not working, he enjoys kayaking, camping, and hiking.

Questions? Please contact [Amy Williamson](#)