

# Instructor Workshop

## Tuesday, September 19, 2023

### CONTINUOUS DEVELOPMENT & IMPROVEMENT

In an effort to reinvest back into our instructors and provide continuous learning opportunities, the South Carolina Fire Academy is hosting an *in-person* instructor development workshop for all active fire and EMS instructors.

#### Emotional Intelligence for the Instructor

What is “emotional intelligence” (also known as “emotional quotient” or “EQ”), and where is it most valued? EQ is the ability to understand, use, and manage your own emotions in a positive way. This reduces stress by enabling you to communicate effectively, empathize with others, overcome challenges, and defuse conflict.

There has never been a more critical time in Emergency Services to be an emotionally intelligent instructor. The ability of instructors to recognize their own leadership style and inclination in situations benefits not only the emergency scene but also the training environment, station, and community.

Providing care and treatment to fellow emergency services workers and the first responder community begins with self-awareness and recognizing the power to establish a resonant instructional style that supports the mission, vision, and values of our organizations. This ensures that we, as emotionally intelligent instructors, can provide the education and guidance necessary to be committed to excellence.

**This workshop has been approved to offer 5 hours of DHEC Instructor CEU's.**



**Date:** Tuesday, September 19, 2023  
**Time:** 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
**Location:** South Carolina Fire Academy, Denny Auditorium  
141 Monticello Trail  
Columbia, SC 29203  
**Registration Fee:** \$15, includes lunch  
**Attendees:** Limited to active EMS instructors and active SCFA credentialed instructors who have completed the 4174-New Instructor Orientation program  
**Registration:** 6400-24-001 <https://fire.llr.sc.gov/Portal/Registration/registration.aspx?crsidnt=78316>

**Note:** When completing your registration, you will be prompted to enter your Fire Department name. Click to search, and select the appropriate agency. If your agency is not listed, contact [amy.williamson@llr.sc.gov](mailto:amy.williamson@llr.sc.gov)

**Questions?** Contact [Amy Williamson](mailto:amy.williamson@llr.sc.gov)

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