

# ARFF Training Bulletin

## LOCKHEED MARTIN-GREENVILLE HOSTS TEAM FROM SC STATE FIRE

Lockheed Martin's leadership team and Assistant Fire Chief George Puerto recently hosted SC State Fire staff, provided an in-depth tour, and shared the history of the Greenville County facility, which began operations in 1984.

"The tour and the time spent with Lockheed Martin personnel provided our team valuable insight into their day-to-day operations and specific training needs," ARFF Program Coordinator Joe Charleston said.



Lockheed Martin's Greenville, South Carolina site spans 276 acres and 16 hangars. It is also home to the F-16 Fighting Falcon production line. It provides nose-to-tail aircraft modification, maintenance, repair and overhaul services for military and civil aircraft, including the F-16. For nearly 40 years, the site has provided services to thousands of aircraft, such as the C-130, P-3, KC-10, and C-9.

Members of the Academy's ARFF Training Program are available to also visit your facility, learn about your specific training needs, and discuss how SC State Fire can provide assistance and support. Email [joe.charleston@llr.sc.gov](mailto:joe.charleston@llr.sc.gov) for scheduling.

"We are incredibly grateful for the visit from South Carolina State Fire," Assistant Chief Puerto said. "The information gained was invaluable and enlightening. The experience was beneficial, enriching both our understanding of the State Fire operations and fostering collaboration between professionals. Thank you, South Carolina State Fire, for the engaging experience."

# UPCOMING TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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## *Airport Firefighter 2024 Class Offerings*

Course Code	Dates
3400-24009	June 24-28
3400-25001	August 12-16
3400-25002	September 30-October 4
3400-25003	December 9-13

Point of contact and registration questions

[Sherri Bush](#)

Office: (803) 896-9857

## *Fees*

\$1,001	In-State (SC)
\$1,124	Out-of-State
\$1,474	Out-of-Country



# ADDITIONAL TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

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The SC Fire Academy ARFF program can support your Department's training requirements. Each month, Part 139 Refresher burns are scheduled on an as-needed basis.

To coordinate training dates, contact:

ARFF program

[Captain Joe Charleston](#)

Office: (803) 896-9847

Cell: (803) 260-2373

# SPOTLIGHT ON THE ACADEMY'S ARFF INSTRUCTORS

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## **Michael Lew**

United States Air Force, Retired

Michael Lew is originally from Dania Beach FL, and now resides in Sumter. He is married with two children. Lew was active-duty Air Force and stationed at Shaw Air Force Base (AFB) from 1989 to 1992. He deployed to the United Arab Emirates during Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Lew was also stationed at Andersen AFB-Guam and Eglin AFB-Ft. Walton Beach, FL. After his enlistment, he moved back to Sumter where he started working at Shaw AFB Fire Department. He retired from Shaw AFB Fire Department in April 2022 after 32 years of service.



## **Captain Nick Myers**

Shaw Air Force Base

Nicholas Myers is currently a Battalion Chief at Shaw Air Force Base (AFB) in Sumter with over 26 years of experience in the fire service. He currently resides in rural South Carolina with his wife and two children. Myers began his career in the Air Force as a fire protection apprentice. After graduating Louis F. Garland Fire Academy in 1998, he was assigned to his first duty base, Shaw AFB. Nick has been a South Carolina Fire Academy ARFF instructor for the past 3 years.



## **Captain David Williams**

Aircraft rescue firefighter, Myrtle Beach International Airport

David Williams is a shift Captain and Airport Master Firefighter at the Myrtle Beach International Airport and an ARFF instructor for the South Carolina Fire Academy. Williams has been in the fire service for over 40 years serving in volunteer, career and nuclear industry fire departments. He has been a law enforcement & fire instructor for over 20 years. Williams is a retired law enforcement helicopter pilot and has a passion for aviation and the ARFF specialty.

## ACADEMY ACCOMMODATIONS

### SCFA Dormitory

Students staying overnight enjoy the recently renovated dormitory with hotel-like accommodations and an expanded weight room/gym area. Dormitory rooms are first-come, first-served. Each room has a private bathroom, and linens are provided.

Single and double occupancy is available. Single occupancy is \$50/night; double occupancy is \$25/night. Please make your room selection during the registration process.

In the event the State Fire Academy's dormitory is full or unavailable, the DoubleTree by Hilton is less than 10 miles away (15 minutes) from the Academy site. Their 2024 rate\* for students attending classes and events at the Academy is \$99 per night, including breakfast. For stays of five nights or more, the rate is \$89 per night, and includes breakfast each morning.

**DoubleTree by Hilton Columbia**  
2100 Bush River Road  
Columbia, South Carolina 29210

\* Blackout dates: April 6-14, 2024

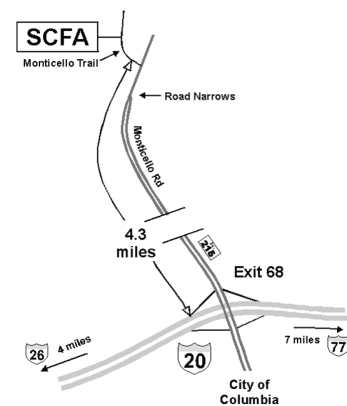
Two ways to make your reservation:

1. Call 1-803-731-0300 and mention group: South Carolina State Fire #0002765133, or
2. Utilize convenient [online booking](#).

## COLUMBIA CAMPUS

From Interstate 20, take Exit 68 and turn north on Monticello Road (S.C. 215). Travel about 4.3 miles north to Monticello Trail and turn left. (The road will narrow from four to two lanes about ¼ mile before the turnoff.)

The Fire Academy complex is about ¼ mile down Monticello Trail on the left.



### South Carolina Fire Academy

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Columbia, SC 29203

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