



South Carolina's Fire-Rescue Special Operations Conference

presented by the
South Carolina Fire Academy
Columbia, S.C.

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SOCON is a two-day conference, offering multiple lecture and hands-on classes in the various special operations disciplines. This event is held on the SC State Fire campus, 141 Monticello Trail, Columbia, SC 29203.

Columbia Metropolitan Airport (CAE) is 30-minutes from campus, and Charlotte International Airport (CLT) is 90-minutes away. SC State Fire's campus has a large auditorium, many classrooms, a fire station, US&R building, multiple prop areas, complete equipment cache, multiple pieces of apparatus, a dormitory, and cafeteria.

CALL FOR PRESENTERS

All proposals for the 2026 conference will be considered; however, we are most interested in hands-on class proposals specifically focusing on:

- Tactical Drone Operations
- TEMS: Emergency Trauma Care
- Technical Rescue
- Shoring/Struts/Trench Rescue
- Advanced Hazmat
- Artificial High Directional Rescue

To submit a proposal to teach at this event, please complete all information below and submit as a PDF via email to amy.williamson@lfr.sc.gov no later than Friday, Aug. 8, 2025

- Photographs or image files of this form will not be accepted.
- Late submissions and incomplete proposals will not be accepted.

Name:

Business (contract) name:

Email:

Mailing address:

Phone number:

Current department/organization affiliation:

Program name, *as it should appear in print*:

Hands-On Training

Lecture only (no outdoor space needed)

Program length: 4 hours

8 hours

16 hours

What is the class format? (e.g., morning in classroom, afternoon skills at prop area)

Brief program description, *as you want it printed*:

Please provide a **COMPREHENSIVE** list of all prop and/or equipment needs to be provided by SC State Fire, if any:

Please provide a **COMPREHENSIVE** list of all gear/supplies students need to bring to your program, if any:

Please provide a **COMPREHENSIVE** list of all your A/V and/or classroom needs for this program, if any:

What is the minimum number of students for this program?

What is the maximum number of students for this program?

What prerequisite courses are required to attend this program?

SC State Fire's internet is extremely restricted. Sites such as YouTube, Dropbox, etc. are not accessible. Speakers should bring a thumb drive containing their presentation and/or videos, as well as a laptop with the presentation and/or videos stored locally. Will you be accessing the internet as part of your presentation? If so, please list the specific internet sites:

Have you ever taught this program before? If yes, please provide location, date, and POC name/number:

Your brief bio:

Will you be the only instructor for this program? Yes No
The contract will be written to one business or individual. If additional instructors are teaching with you, you are responsible for payment to them. If not, please list name and contact information for additional instructor(s):

List speaker expenses below, with travel listed as “all-inclusive”. *Speaker is responsible for any required airport transportation.*

Rate to deliver this program: \$

Travel reimbursement (all-inclusive):\$

Overnight stays are provided in the campus dormitory the night before and the night(s) of the program. Additional nights are at the speaker’s expense, unless agreed upon in advance.

Will you require an overnight stay?

How many dorm rooms are needed?

Speaker selections will be made by Tuesday, Sept. 2, 2025

You will be notified only if your program is selected.

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

