



SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FIRE

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South Carolina Fire Academy

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3400 Airport Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) Frequently Asked Questions

Thank you for your interest in the South Carolina Aircraft Rescue Firefighter (ARFF) Certification program. This course meets the requirements of NFPA 1010, Airport Firefighter Professional Qualifications, in addition to Federal Aviation Regulation Part 139 for initial and refresher burn requirements. Additionally, this course is **IFSAC** and **Pro-Board** accredited.

How do I enroll in Basic ARFF?

To enroll in the Basic ARFF course please email an ARFF registration form and a copy of your Firefighter I and Firefighter II certificates with the seal number visible and legible to Sherri.Bush@llr.sc.gov.

- **Completed registration form:** The ARFF registration form must be filled out in its entirety. First time students must include the **last five (5) digits** of your social security number or social insurance number on the registration form. Additionally, please include the specific section number that corresponds with your planned attendance date (e.g., 3400-26005).
- **Official Sponsorship:** Forms must be signed and submitted by your fire chief, training officer or employer. Self-enrollment is prohibited.
- **Prerequisite:** Attach a copy of your Fire Fighter I & II certificates (must meet the NFPA 1010 standard) ensuring the seal number is clearly legible.
- **Gear Rental:** Indicate your need to rent gear on the registration form (**additional \$75 weekly**).
- **Dormitory Information:**
 - Confirm your stay by providing your check-in and check-out dates on the registration form.
 - **Double Occupancy:** Dorm rooms are double occupancy. Expect to be assigned a roommate for the duration of your stay.
- **Off-Site Lodging:** In the event that the dormitory is full or unavailable, we have partnered with the Double Tree by Hilton at 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia SC 29210. Their 2026 rate for students attending classes and events at the SC State Fire Campus is \$105 per night, including breakfast. Call 803-731-0300 and mention group: South Carolina State Fire #0002765133.
- **Class time:** Class time is 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM Monday through Saturday the designated week of training.
- **Travel Schedule:** Instruction concludes at 5:00 p.m. on the final day of class (Saturday). Please ensure that your travel times do not overlap with instruction time.

How much does it cost to attend the Basic ARFF class?

ARFF Class Base Rates:

- \$901 - In-State
- \$1,024 - Out-of-State and Federal Fire departments



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- \$1,374 – International

Standard Inclusions in the base rate:

- Full course instruction.
- Digital text book.
- Five days of breakfast and lunch.
- Six nights of lodging in onsite dormitory (includes Sunday night before class starts through Saturday morning).

Additional Costs:

- Gear Rental: \$75 per week (students may bring their own structural gear. SCBA's are provided.)
- Extra Dorm Nights: \$25 per night (double occupancy)

Billing and payment:

- **Deadline:** Payment for the course is due two weeks before the course start date (there are no exceptions). *If payment is not received, that slot will be forfeited and given to the next fire department on the waitlist.*
- Upon receipt of the required documentation, you will be added to the roster. An invoice containing specific payment instructions will be emailed to your fire department or agency.
- **Invoicing:** *Each agency will receive one combined invoice by email for all attending employees. Invoices cannot be separated and payments must be made directly by the sponsoring agency or fire department. Additionally, only one payment per invoice is permitted. Student self-payments are no longer accepted*

How to pay:

- We accept checks, money orders and credit/debit cards. **(A 2.75% processing fee is applied to all payments made by card: For your security, please do not email credit card information).**
- Credit Card Payments can be made to Velda Allen at (803) 896-9812.
- **Online:** Payments can be made via the SC Fire Portal (account set up required).
- **We do not accept cash payments.**

New Department/Agencies:

- If this is your departments first time sending employees/students to the SC Fire Academy, you must be issued a permanent Entity Identification Number for billing and enrollment. Email the information below to Sherri.Bush@LLR.SC.Gov to establish your account. Once assigned, use this number for future registrations.
 - Fire department name, address, phone number, and email address:
 - Fire chief name, contact telephone number and email address.



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