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S.C. State Fire Hosts 5th Annual Fire & Community Risk Reduction Summit

More than 300 attendees from across South Carolina are expected to attend the 5th Annual Fire & Community Risk Reduction Summit Thursday, March 2, 2023, at the Levi C. Chavous Conference Center, located at 5335 Ridgeway Street in Columbia.

The all-day event will focus on strategies for reducing fire and life safety risks, while featuring multiple nationally recognized speakers and 15 vendors from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

LLR Director Emily Farr and State Fire Marshal Jonathan Jones will make opening remarks along with Robby Dawson, National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) Southeast Regional Director, and Jen Wilkes, State Farm Agent.

After lunch, Karla Klas, Managing Director of the University of Michigan Trauma Burn Center, and a well-known national expert, will discuss methods and resources for dealing with youth firesetting.

Sponsors include State Farm and the NFPA, in partnership with State Fire's Community Risk Reduction team.

"Risk is everywhere," Community Risk Reduction Chief Josh Fulbright said. "Attendees will learn about our current state of affairs in South Carolina and how to reduce fire and life safety risks. This event is a great opportunity to show attendees how to plan ahead and work together with stakeholders in our local communities."

Community Risk Reduction is section within the State Fire Marshal's Office and the Division of Fire and Life Safety, a division of the S.C. Department of Labor, Licensing and Regulation.