

“Mile In Our Boots” Clinicians Academy

Sept 21 – 24, 2023
1118 Thunderbolt Drive
Walterboro, SC

Thursday

4:00	Gear Issue	FAST members
5:00	Touch A Truck Team Assignments	Various Departments FAST members
6:00	Introductions	Patti Graham, SC FAST director
6:30	Cookout	Everyone
	Who is SC FAST	Patti Graham, SC FAST director
8:30	Adjourn	

Friday

9:00	Logistics	Patti Graham, SC FAST director
9:30	Communications	Desmond Williams, Hampton County 911

911 centers are unique in that the communication specialist has to remain calm during a caller’s crisis, while giving instructions to the individual and dispatching responders (sometimes multiple agencies) to that incident. Some agencies run a whole county with just a few specialists, while others may have a dozen or two.

11:00 Break out tracks

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4:00 Role of a Chaplin [Rich Robinson, Coastal Carolina Chaplaincy](#)
5:00 Supper Everyone

Saturday

9:00 Recap Friday Everyone
9:30 Family Life [Chrissy Walser, SC FAST family coordinator](#)

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4:00 "The real side of when things go wrong" [Trevor Johnston](#)
Most medical calls do not require any assistance from law enforcement. Armed with only a heart monitor and lifesaving equipment, an EMT / medic has no way of defending themselves at any given time. A scene can change in a matter of seconds and a responder can actually find themselves fighting for their life.

5:00 Supper Everyone

Sunday

9:00 Recap Saturday Everyone
9:30 CARE flight / MCE [Brandon Broach, CCFR / MedTrans](#)
[Chief Steve Graham, BSFD](#)
[Angie Stewart, CCFR](#)
[Desmond Williams, Hampton County 911](#)
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That next call could be the call that sends you over the edge. Multiple patients, multiple agencies, traffic, loud diesel engines, helicopters.....How much chaos

can we take in one call? Sit back and just observe as a bystander the organized chaos of "that call".

12:30

Lunch & Learn

1:30

“Hidden by Chaos”

[Terri Talley, LPCS](#)

Having lived the life of paramedic and educator of responders, Terri has lived that life and now is a therapist that is on a mission to make a difference in the first responder community. Sharing what she observed as a medic and now from a clinicians view point on some of the obstacles that keep responders out of the clinicians office.

3:30

Graduation

Everyone

[Patti Graham, SC FAST director](#)

Patti is a volunteer firefighter, chaplain and one of the co-founders of SCFAST in 2011. She is the team director and continues to learn how to best help first responders and their families in prevention and healing mental and emotional injuries. Patti's father was a firefighter, her late husband was a USAF firefighter, and her husband Steve is also a firefighter in the Upstate. Her drive is to serve others.

[Desmond Williams, Hampton County 911](#)

Desmond is the assistant director for Hampton County 911. He just may be the soothing voice that you may hear on the other end of the phone if you call 911 during an emergency, or the EMT that shows up in your time of crisis. Either way, his years of experience in the first responder community has led to career with a tremendous amount of "lessons learned" that he passes on to other telecommunicators in his role as a trainer coordinator. Desmond brings the energy "to the table" while gifting you with amazing insight on what it's like to be someone's "lifeline".

[Chief Steve Graham, Boiling Springs FD – Greenville, SC](#)

Chief Graham has years of experience in the fire service as both a firefighter and an instructor with the South Carolina Fire Academy. Chief Graham has also been the President of the Greenville County Fire Chiefs Association and the State Association of Fire Chiefs. In addition to his many hats, he is also the founder and executive director of Emergency Services Ministries.

[Angie Stewart, FF/medic, Colleton County Fire Rescue](#)

Angie is a FF/ medic with Colleton County Fire Rescue with 31 years of experience as a first responder. Over the years, she has served in many capacities to include multiple instructorships, training officer, and special teams. She serves as a coordinator with SC FAST.

[Captain Jason Chapman, Colleton County Sheriff's Office](#)

Capt. Chapman is a Class 1 LEO. He has a vast amount of training and knowledge through his tenure with law enforcement. Capt. Chapman is a K-9 handler, narcotics commander, CID commander, Firearms instructor, hostage negotiator, NIMS trainer, and a Task Force Officer (DEA, ATF, and SLED)

[Rich Robinson, Chaplain](#)

Rich is the executive director and senior chaplain of Coastal Crisis Chaplaincy. He serves as training director who also is trained in CISM. Rich wears many hats as a police officer, a pastor, and a defensive tactics instructor. Rich will enlighten you how a chaplain could be a good addition to your treatment plan for your clients.

[Chrissy Walser, SC FAST family coordinator](#)

Chrissy is the family support coordinator with SC FAST. She is a proud Firefighter's (Dave) wife of 27 years. She has 2 grown children. Chrissy has experienced first-hand what it is

like to get creative with a first responders schedule. She presents life from the “other side” and offers insight to bring to light some of the REAL challenges being on the sidelines.

[Trevor Johnston](#)

Trevor began his career as a paramedic in the upstate of South Carolina. After surviving a near death situation while on duty, Trevor wants to share not just what happened that night, but also share how incidents like affected not just him, but his co-workers and family as well. Trevor no longer works as a first responder but wants to share his story in hopes it may help you help another first responder.

[Brandon Broach, Colleton County Fire Rescue](#)

Brandon is a 15-year veteran FF/medic with Colleton County Fire Rescue. He is also a flight paramedic with Med Trans and serves as their training officer. When Brandon is not working the streets or flying, you may find him in a class sharing his knowledge with students as an instructor with South Carolina Fire Academy.

[Terri Talley, LPCS CT, SEP, CCMC, NCC](#)

Before Terri began her career as a counselor, she was a paramedic helping people in her community. She has since left “the streets” and plays an important role in our first responder community working closely with SC FAST and SC LEAP (Law Enforcement Assistance Program). With the numerous certifications that she holds and the experience as a former first responder, she will help equip you to help those that you counsel from both a responder’s and a clinician’s viewpoint.