



Residents and visitors to The Family Beach are fortunate to have superior emergency services with excellent response time records. Both the Police and Fire Departments are actively involved with the community.



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EMERGENCY SERVICES

Surfside Beach, The Family Beach



SURFSIDE BEACH POLICE DEPARTMENT PROTECTING THE PEACE

The Surfside Beach Police Department was established in 1964 with one officer and a 1955 Plymouth. Since that time, the Surfside Beach Police Department has led the way in area law enforcement, winning the SC Law Enforcement Officers Association/Santee Cooper Excellence in Law Enforcement Award in 2011 and the DUI Enforcement Agency of the year. The department now employs 21 full-time Police Officers, 4 part-time Police Officers, 6 Communications/Detention Officers and a full-time K-9 (Biko).

The Surfside Beach Police Department utilizes NIXLE, which is a community notification system designed to alert citizens in real time to local emergency situations and relevant community advisories.

Community based programs include the 6-week Surfside Beach Citizens Police Academy and “Coffee with a Cop” events at local restaurants.



FIRE DEPARTMENT AND EMS

A volunteer fire department was organized in 1964 when the town was incorporated. To pay for the first fire truck, a scooter was raffled on the 4th of July. The community rallied and enough money was raised to purchase a 1920 American LaFrance 750 GPM Pumper.

Today, the Surfside Beach Fire Department is located at 810 1st Avenue North and provides fire and EMS service as well as community outreach. The department is comprised of both career staff and volunteer firefighters. The Family Beach is very proud of their recently earned ISO-1 classification denoting superior fire protection.

Community activities include the “Neighbors Saving Neighbors” program which offers CPR instruction, and the Junior Firefighter Program, which educates youth in fire protection and promotes community service through leadership, moral character and self-discipline.

The public is welcome to stop by and see the fire station and an original 1920 restored antique fire engine.