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**Jeff Griffin**  
SRNS President and CEO

# Welcome

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# SRNS Today

Every day matters. At SRNS, our work delivers measurable impacts in national security, operational excellence and community engagement. From advancing critical missions at the Site to strengthening partnerships across the Central Savannah River Area (CSRA), our progress reflects the dedication and purpose of our workforce.

### On the cover

NNSA Principal Deputy Administrator Scott Pappano met with leaders from NNSA Savannah River Field Office (SRFO) and SRNS during his first visit to SRS. From left: Tim Fischer, Deputy Manager, NNSA-SRFO; Jeff Griffin; Pappano; Michael Mikolanis, Manager, NNSA SRFO; and Jim Dawkins, Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer, SRNS.

During a recent visit, NNSA Principal Deputy Administrator Scott Pappano toured SRS, meeting with leadership and the workforce to reinforce the critical role SRS plays in the nation's defense mission. His visit included briefings and tours of key facilities, emphasizing the urgency and priority of establishing an enduring plutonium pit production capability.

This year, SRNS received prestigious awards for their outstanding achievements during the 2025 United Way Campaign, including the Aiken Cup for highest campaign performance and a top fundraiser award from the United Way of the CSRA. Additionally, more than 160 employees volunteered with Project VISION, supporting local organizations through hands-on service. Continued investments in partners like the YMCA further strengthen families and improve quality of life, with more than \$185,000 contributed over 18 years.

Information Technology teams enhanced cybersecurity. Environmental teams advanced Site cleanup by removing legacy hazards. Also, Fire Protection Engineers mentored University of South Carolina Aiken students through a capstone project.

Together, these efforts reflect who we are—mission-focused, community-driven and committed to shaping a stronger future. Enjoy this issue of SRNS Today.



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# Reducing footprints, increasing possibilities

## SRNS EC&ACP clears the way for new developments in D Area

Workers remove a conveyor belt, once used to transport coal to the D Area powerhouse, during the decommissioning process.

The SRNS Environmental Compliance and Area Completion Projects (EC&ACP) team is steadfast in its mission to shape the future of SRS. By tackling extensive decommissioning and demolition efforts, they are transforming D Area into an asset for future development.

Since 2021, decommissioning and demolition activities in D Area have focused on reducing hazards and preparing the Site for future regulatory needs. With its convenient infrastructure and ideal layout, D Area is perfectly positioned for new development, and ongoing cleanup efforts have expanded possibilities for reusing the area.

A recent milestone included the removal of over 640 tons of scrap metal and 617 tons of asbestos, making significant strides toward reducing the project's footprint. Cost savings from other ACP initiatives are being reinvested into Site cleanup operations, further accelerating progress and making land reuse possible.

Compliance with federal regulations is integral to EC&ACP initiatives. To meet the National Environmental Policy Act requirements, SRS uses the Environmental Evaluation Checklist (EEC) to assess project impacts, determine required evaluations and ensure regulatory compliance. Activity/Project Sponsors and Environmental Compliance Authorities jointly submit the EEC to enable effective planning for current and future projects.

EC&ACP uses crucial data from soil, groundwater and surface water investigations, along with established Land Use Controls, to carefully guide land selection for future projects. By proactively ensuring that contaminated materials are addressed, EC&ACP lays the groundwork for safe, innovative missions while upholding ongoing and upcoming remediation efforts.

Clearing out old pipelines in D Area has been a key step in readying the area for future projects. EC&ACP has successfully navigated the challenges of permits, regulations and job site coordination to bring this vision to life, with plans for meteorological equipment installation already underway.

“The collaborative work of the EC&ACP team has not only enhanced safety and efficiency but has also set a high standard for integrating environmental stewardship with long-term development opportunities,” said DOE Director, Office of Closure and Project Management Karen Morrow. “As SRS continues its work, the transformative efforts in D Area are an example of fostering a successful vision of responsible sustainability, revitalization and innovation.”



Crews shred an obsolete D Area water tower for scrap metal.

# Fire Protection Engineers mentor USCA students



Samples of lumber used during the capstone project are exposed to flame provided by a brush torch in the testing apparatus.

SRNS' Fire Protection Engineering team served as industry mentors for the University of South Carolina Aiken's (USCA) senior capstone design course. SRNS mentors provided guidance on fire safety principles, focusing on flammability and burn characteristics of fire-treated lumber at the Aiken County Fire Department Training Grounds.

Four USCA students worked alongside their mentors to safely develop, design and execute an experiment to test whether the fire-treated lumber will function as intended when the outer material is removed, and no fire-retardant coating is on the exposed inner material.

The experiment utilized a student-designed testing apparatus that was inspired by a "Steiner Tunnel Test," which measures how fast flames spread across a particular building material. Students managed the fire, monitored the burning process and followed the proper safety regulations with the guidance of SRNS personnel.

Mentors of the course, such as Fire Protection Engineer Andrew Kricke, believe that the partnership with USCA is mutually beneficial. "The importance of the capstone cannot be understated, as it provides students with an opportunity to apply university-acquired skills, alongside experienced engineers at SRS," Kricke said. "The experimental data generated through the capstone project contributes to developing future solutions for various Site challenges."

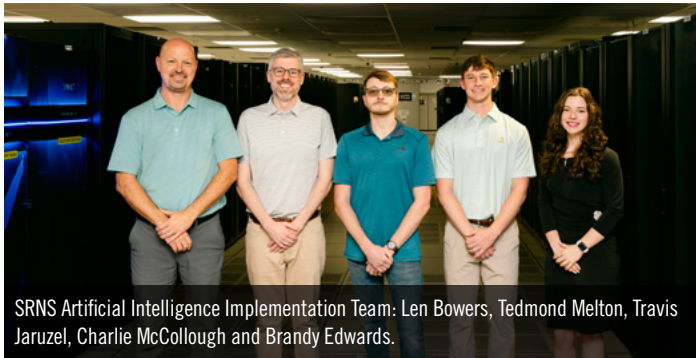
Fire Protection Engineering is a specialized field that applies scientific and engineering principles to protect people, property and the environment from fire hazards.



SRNS engineering personnel observe University of South Carolina Aiken students monitoring the lumber burn.

Ian Chisholm, Senior Mechanical Engineer student at USCA and retired Air Force serviceman, reflected on the experience stating, "When we went through the design process, we considered the question of how [do] we accomplish what SRNS needs? It was an awesome experience, and we're very pleased with the outcomes."

SRNS is proud to continue working alongside community partners like USCA to foster educational opportunities and build a pipeline of skilled professionals in support of NNSA missions. By empowering students to engage in real-world challenges, SRNS is facilitating the development of the next generation of engineers committed to safety and innovation.



SRNS Artificial Intelligence Implementation Team: Len Bowers, Tedmond Melton, Travis Jaruzel, Charlie McCollough and Brandy Edwards.

## A new age of AI innovation

SRNS recently advanced artificial intelligence (AI) capabilities that are accelerating mission delivery, strengthening national security operations and modernizing digital infrastructure at SRS. These efforts directly support the national direction outlined in the DOE's Genesis Mission, an initiative focused on building the world's most powerful scientific and computational ecosystem.

"Our teams are accelerating safe, secure AI adoption to strengthen mission performance, modernize infrastructure and empower our workforce," said Bruce Page, SRNS Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer. "From maturing responsible-use governance to deploying practical AI demonstrators within high-security environments, SRNS is helping DOE translate federal AI priorities into measurable impact."

In fiscal year (FY) 2025, SRNS Information Technology (IT) delivered a broad suite of AI and automation capabilities designed to enhance productivity, improve access to institutional knowledge and elevate mission support.

A key milestone was the sitewide expansion of ChatSRS, a secure internal Generative AI platform. Through natural, conversational interactions, ChatSRS equips SRS employees with research support, technical writing assistance, text analysis and rapid access to institutional knowledge. In FY25, the platform handled more than 44,000 unique user topic types, with some highly technical areas reaching impact scores as high as nine out of 10.

The team also launched several specialized "Ask" services including AskHR, ChatIT and AskCAS. Each was grounded in authoritative internal procedures, to increase consistency in policy interpretation, streamline high-volume inquiries and accelerate causal analysis activities. SRNS also advanced AI integration into software engineering workflows and enabled partner deployments within the SRNS Microsoft Azure Government environment to expand secure AI experimentation and development.

"AI has enormous transformative potential at SRS," said Pamela Livingston-Spruill, NNSA-Savannah River Field Office Acting Assistant Manager for Business. "NNSA's mission depends on secure, reliable and forward-looking digital tools; and SRNS' progress in adopting responsible AI is an essential step in sustaining the resilience and effectiveness of the NSE."

## Protecting security in evolving landscape

SRNS Information Technology (IT) is strengthening national security and advancing digital resilience across DOE and NNSA through the work of its Enterprise Mission Support (EMS) and Enterprise Cyber Security (ECS) teams. Together, they form the backbone of secure cybersecurity operations at SRS, ensuring the protection and reliability of IT systems.

The cybersecurity landscape continues to grow in sophistication, with threats ranging from nation-state actors and insider threats to financially motivated cybercriminals. EMS and ECS operate as a unified defense force, supporting the enterprise by safeguarding the systems and infrastructure that underpin nuclear security, environmental stewardship and mission-essential operations.

"We work closely with federal partners and other Labs, Plants and Sites to adopt new technologies, strengthen shared defenses, and continuously innovate—all while staying vigilant against emerging threats," said Tracy Waller, Director of EMS.

ECS oversees cybersecurity for IT, Operational Technology (OT) and National Security Systems (NSS) and leads efforts such as risk management, security authorization, policy development, threat intelligence, incident response, penetration testing, intrusion detection and digital forensics. In FY25, ECS received commendation from DOE's Office of Enterprise Assessment following an independent evaluation of cybersecurity operations which tested the team's ability to detect, respond to and contain simulated cyber threats.

EMS is responsible for safeguarding and managing OT and NSS, including classified environments. Using the policies and baselines established by ECS, EMS ensures these systems remain compliant and continuously monitored against threats. In FY25, EMS achieved a significant milestone with the consolidation of three classified networks into the unified One Red Network.

The teams anticipate the challenges posed by emerging technologies, including advances in encryption, quantum-resistant threats, AI-driven attack techniques and misinformation campaigns. SRNS continues to invest in modern defenses to ensure system resilience, including:

- Accelerating adoption of cloud and industry leading incident-response technologies
- Deploying enhanced application visibility tools to mitigate software infrastructure vulnerabilities
- Conducting annual Zero Trust maturity assessments to guide security investments
- Upgrading legacy systems to current cybersecurity baselines

"Our success lies in the ability to learn and adapt to technological demands while being cognizant of emerging threats," said Tim Whisnant, ECS Director, Chief Information Security Officer. "Together, EMS and ECS will advance DOE and NNSA missions while safeguarding SRS through applied cybersecurity protections."

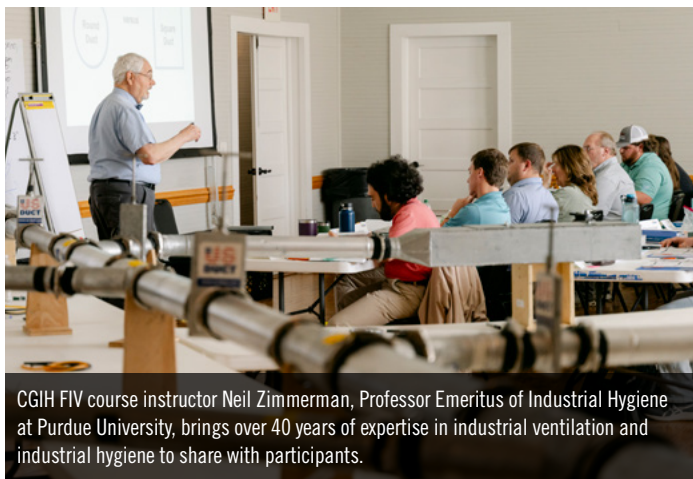
# Enhancing Industrial Ventilation Training

The SRNS Health and Safety organization recently offered advanced training to enhance workplace safety and expertise in industrial ventilation. The American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (ACGIH) Fundamentals of Industrial Ventilation (FIV) course was hosted at the Jackson Community Center, marking the first time this training has been provided to SRS personnel. Industrial hygienists, engineers and ventilation test services personnel from SRNS, Savannah River Mission Completion (SRMC) and Battelle Savannah River Alliance (BSRA) gathered for four days of professional development and collaboration.

The ACGIH, located in Cincinnati, Ohio, offers a renowned FIV course focused on the evaluation, design, operation and maintenance of industrial ventilation systems. Combining classroom instruction with hands-on practice, the course addressed topics such as air and contaminant behavior, exhaust system design, dilution ventilation and system troubleshooting. Participants gained practical experience in a functional ventilation lab, exploring real-world applications like airborne contaminant control, fan performance and troubleshooting ventilation components such as hoods, ducts, fans and air cleaning devices.

SRNS partnered with ACGIH to offer this specialized training locally, recognizing its value for SRS and providing an opportunity to collaborate with SRMC and BSRA personnel, strengthening ties between organizations and fostering the sharing of knowledge and best practices.

“We are thrilled with the success of this training and look forward to a full class in July 2026, followed by another in calendar year 2027,” said SRNS Health & Safety Programs Support Manager Angela Albright. “Providing developmental opportunities reflects SRNS’ ongoing commitment to equipping employees with tools and expertise to meet and exceed safety standards. The skills and connections gained during this training will undoubtedly contribute to maintaining a safe and healthy workplace across SRS for years to come.”



ACGIH FIV course instructor Neil Zimmerman, Professor Emeritus of Industrial Hygiene at Purdue University, brings over 40 years of expertise in industrial ventilation and industrial hygiene to share with participants.



REF Technicians Sabrina Griffin and Audra Smith perform functional/leak check of respirators.

## Inside SRNS’ respiratory support

Safety is at the core of every operation at SRNS. It’s a deeply rooted value driving attention to worker protection and environmental stewardship. Behind every layer of protection is a team of experts ensuring respiratory protection equipment (RPE) meets the highest standards of quality, reliability and regulatory compliance.

At the center of this effort is the Respiratory Equipment Facility (REF), where RPE is inspected, assembled and tested. Materials undergo detailed inspections to identify defects or inconsistencies. Components are reviewed, assembled and tested to verify compliance with safety requirements before distribution.

In 2025, REF issued over 35,000 pieces of RPE to SRS facilities, including nearly 38,000 components like filters, breathing air hoses, restricting orifices and vortex tubes. The team’s expertise and precision ensure workers can perform their duties confidently, knowing they are fully protected.

REF collaborates with the Respiratory Protection Program (RPP) to ensure respiratory equipment management, including forecasting needs, coordinating procurement, auditing suppliers and improving processes. Suppliers are audited every three years to ensure compliance with DOE and National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) standards.

Regulation and compliance are essential to RPP and REF operations. DOE certifies SRS plastic suits, while OSHA requires RPE certification through NIOSH. Earlier this year, NIOSH conducted a comprehensive audit of the RPP that yielded no findings, recognizing SRNS’ dedication to safety excellence.

This attention to detail proved critical during the SRTE CY25 outage, where the REF supplied 7,000 plastic suits while supporting routine RPE needs. Extensive collaboration and precise inventory management ensured quality standards were met, underscoring the critical role REF and RPP teams play in mission success without compromising safety.

The work being done at the REF exemplifies SRNS’ commitment to prioritizing employee safety while supporting essential operations that serve the nation.

# PPOP collaborations accelerate mission

PPOP continues to reinforce support for the SRS pit production mission across the NSE, recently hosting a multi-day reciprocal visit with colleagues from the Kansas City National Security Campus (KCNSC) leadership team.

Members of the PPOP executive leadership team traveled to KCNSC last year to tour facilities and discuss targeted partnership areas, including manufacturing, quality, security and technology advancement in a production environment.

“At KCNSC, we fully understand the importance of the pit mission across the enterprise and know that collaboration with others will be the only path to success,” said KCNSC Vice President of Nuclear Weapon Programs Dylan Plemons. “To that end, our partnership with SRS and SRPPF is growing, as exemplified in our recent successful visit, and will continue well into the future to ensure that we answer the call of pressing mission needs.”

One major topic of conversation during the SRS visit included an effort being evaluated by NNSA and SRS leadership, which would accelerate SRS pit production by allowing PPOP to initiate the production process in portions of the SRPPF facility while construction on remaining areas of the facility continues simultaneously.

According to PPOP Deputy Vice President Erika Baeza-Wisdom, “Kansas City has a longstanding history of contributing to national security, particularly through manufacturing and testing. In today’s geopolitical environment, our national defense missions are more vital than ever. As SRS prepares to ramp up pit production, leveraging Kansas City’s knowledge and experiences with these best practices in our own facilities and processes—and developing a better understanding of demand signals—will help ensure collective success in delivering these missions as quickly as possible.”

“We value the collaboration efforts between [the] KCNSC and SRPPF sites to share best practices, enhance capabilities and drive enterprise-wide efficiencies,” said KCNSC Director of Program Management Girard Simmons. “These reciprocal visits provide each site an opportunity to share their unique strengths and development needs. We look forward to continuing our partnership to reinstate a critical capability for the NSE.”



During a recent KCNSC leadership visit, hosted by PPOP, Manufacturing Technology Center (MTC) Facility Manager Kevin Holley demonstrates MTC equipment capabilities.



At the Eddy Award recognition ceremony, Danielle Harris, SRNS, stands next to Cherie Nelson, Transamerica, and Julie Parten, conference organizer.

## Benefits team wins 2026 Eddy Award

SRNS was honored with the 2026 Pensions & Investments (P&I) Eddy Award, marking the company’s third consecutive reception.

This year, SRNS earned the Eddy Award recognition through a commitment to advancing modern retirement strategies through a Total Rewards lens framework. Through coordinated governance, targeted communication and education delivery with assistance from Transamerica partners, the Total Rewards framework has led to an increase in 401k/Savings & Investment Plan employer matching contribution, as well as participant understanding.

The SRNS Benefits Administration team stated their efforts at SRNS help fund participant 401k accounts in a significant way through this match increase.

Over the past year at SRNS, the impact from this education initiative has seen average participant account balances increase by 9.1%, showcasing an improved retirement accumulation. A 40-basis-point increase was also recorded in average participant deferral rates. SRNS employees have responded positively to the enhanced match and learning opportunities by increasing their own contributions rather than relying on employer funding.

These outcomes were accompanied by sustained engagement and a 96.1% retention rate among enrolled participants, reinforcing the effectiveness of targeting mid-career employees through an integrated Total Rewards approach. Collectively, these results demonstrate how aligning plan design, education, and career-stage strategy can drive meaningful behavior change and long-term financial wellbeing.

Bryan Ortner, Senior Vice President of Workforce Services and Talent Management, expressed his pride in the exceptional efforts of the SRNS Benefits Administration team, stating, “I commend their dedication to advancing these educational initiatives, which empower SRNS employees to enhance their financial prospects. These accomplishments showcase the unwavering commitment of SRNS to ensuring that our employees are well-positioned to achieve a robust and well-deserved retirement balance.”

# NNSA Principal Deputy Administrator Scott Pappano makes first visit to SRS



NNSA Principal Deputy Administrator Scott Pappano, left, visits the SRTE Tritium Extraction Facility, gaining valuable insights into the extraction process—a vital component of the mission to supply tritium to the Department of War.



Pappano, center, stands atop SRPPF while viewing site preparation progress with SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Jim Dawkins, left, and SRNS Senior Vice President of SRPPF Project Execution and SRPPF Project Director Mike Basham.



**THE NNSA PRINCIPAL DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR**, Scott Pappano, toured SRS for the first time on March 31, seeing firsthand the role the Site plays in national security.

Pappano began his visit by meeting with Site leadership from both NNSA Savannah River Field Office and SRNS. He then addressed federal site employees at an All-Hands meeting, saying, “There is a lot of work going on here at Savannah River to support our defensive and offensive deterrence missions. And you’re doing both of those things here on-site. In these uncertain times, the most stabilizing thing we can do is deliver strategic deterrence, which is why you and the rest of the Labs, Plants and Sites in the NSE play such a critical role. Thank you for your service in support of these missions, which is fundamentally the most important thing that we do. Keep doing great things.”

From there, Pappano toured SRPPF and the HFTOC. The SRPPF project has made significant progress in repurposing an existing structure and support facilities to establish an enduring pit production mission at SRS. A key takeaway was the need for urgency and the high priority placed by SRS leadership on the pit production mission.

“We were honored to show the Principal Deputy Administrator the incredible amount of work being performed by our dedicated and committed employees,” said Jeff Griffin. “As a proud member of the NSE, SRNS is committed to supporting our national defense through these vital missions.”

Following SRPPF, Pappano visited SRTE processing facilities to gain a more thorough understanding of the role these facilities play in supplying tritium, an essential component for maintaining the U.S. nuclear deterrent. His tour concluded with a visit to the K Area Complex, which provides handling, processing and interim storage for much of the DOE’s excess plutonium and other special nuclear materials.

“Thank you to the Principal Deputy Administrator for visiting SRS and allowing us to demonstrate the Site’s mission-critical work as part of the nation’s nuclear enterprise,” said NNSA Savannah River Field Office Manager Michael Mikolanis. “SRS is uniquely situated to advance NNSA’s mission of sustaining the U.S. nuclear deterrent, and its employees stand ready to meet the needs of the nation with urgency.”

Brian Pool, HFTOC Project Director, points out to Pappano the concrete floor demolition and construction progress inside the HFTOC, where the existing facility is being transformed into a non-nuclear training environment for pit production personnel.



# Multi-year error-free packaging and transportation record

The SRNS Infrastructure Modernization and Sustainment (IMAS) Packaging and Transportation (P&T) team continues to set the standard for excellence across SRS, achieving a remarkable multi-year record of safe, compliant and error-free shipments in support of DOE missions.

The team recently surpassed four consecutive years without a single Department of Transportation shipping error. During this period, the team managed an average of 40 hazardous material shipments and 150–200 non-hazardous shipments each month, totaling approximately 450 hazardous packages and 500 non-hazardous packages. Altogether, this work contributed to more than 1,700 shipments and 25,000 packages sitewide over the last four years.

“Achieving a multi-year, error-free record is a powerful demonstration of our organization’s safety culture, technical rigor and commitment to mission execution,” said Andy Tisler, SRNS Senior Vice President, IMAS. “The P&T team plays a critical role in enabling our national security, infrastructure and environmental cleanup missions, and their sustained performance reflects the professionalism and discipline we expect across the Site.”

P&T transports materials essential to environmental cleanup, mission operations, nuclear material stewardship and infrastructure support. The department manages all off-site hazardous material shipments for SRS, handling every hazard class— from gases and flammable liquids to corrosives, explosives, poisons and radioactive materials.

The team coordinates shipments via ground, air and rail, ensuring each move is performed safely and in full compliance with federal regulations. Every off-site shipment undergoes three



SRNS Infrastructure Modernization and Sustainment Packaging and Transportation Services Manager Jason Jones, right, and Hazardous Material Transportation Representatives Thomas Alagna and Leah Sill prepare shipment paperwork.

independent reviews to validate proper packaging, classification and documentation.

P&T includes essential support functions such as traffic logistics, which schedules all trucks accessing the Site for deliveries and outbound shipments; freight invoice processing for multiple Site contractors; and the Federal Motor Carrier compliance program, which oversees driver safety, transportation security planning and hazardous material safety permitting.

“With a flawless regulatory record and a demonstrated commitment to mission support, this team remains one of SRNS’ consistent and reliable performance leaders, quietly enabling the safe movement of materials that keep our missions going strong,” said Jason Jones, Manager, IMAS P&T Services.



The SRNS Packaging and Transportation team. Front Row: Thomas Alagna, Quintin Ficklin, Bertha Gambrel, Cathy Green, Sarah Prosser, Eric Heath, Lisa Mead, Juan Felipe, Teresa Davis, Taji Caughman, Jason Jones and Scott Stephens. Back row: Anthony Luke, Andy Deering, Karen Fields, Vicente Bustamante, James Zawacki, Leah Sill, Mark Day, Bryant Tanner and Christian Tuttle.

Gazhy Mazlum (father), Stephany Mazlum (mother) and Gazhy Mazlum Jr. (son) worked together during the SRTE CY25 Outage project.



## Paging the Mazlums: Three family members support CY25 Outage

For family members Gazhy Mazlum, Gazhy Mazlum Jr. and Stephany Mazlum, SRS is more than just a shared workplace—it’s a place where their family bond and professional dedication come together.

Father, mother and son played essential roles during the SRTE Calendar Year 2025 (CY25) Outage. This critical project, conducted in the SRTE H Area New Manufacturing facility, focused on critical equipment replacement, ensuring SRTE’s continued operational success.

“The Mazlum family was instrumental in completing insulation work in areas crucial to the success of the project,” said CY25 Project Manager Charlene Hidlay. “They worked tirelessly to meet startup deadlines and exemplified outstanding leadership throughout the process.”

The project required the installation of more than 5,000 feet of insulation—a feat the Mazlums contributed to extensively through their combined efforts. Over the course of their tenure with the project, the Mazlum family logged nearly 4,000 hours, working weekends and holidays to ensure deadlines were met.

Reflecting on the family’s experience, Gazhy Mazlum shared his pride and gratitude for the unique opportunity. “I couldn’t be prouder of myself, my wife and my son for the contributions we’ve made to this critical project. The greatest reward, however, has been the opportunity to collaborate with such a talented and diverse team from various crafts,” he said.

The Mazlum family’s journey at SRS began in August 2025 when Gazhy and Stephany started their careers with SRNS. Their son soon joined the family team and plans to continue his career at SRS.



## SRNS continues support of SRS retirees

SRNS recently gave \$10,000 to the SRS Retiree Association, with \$155,000 total donated to the organization since 2014.

SRNS Executive Vice President and Chief Operations Officer Jim Dawkins presents a check to members of the SRS Retiree Association, including (from left) Bob Hinds, Deb Shedrow, Mark Mahoney, Don Stevenson and Tom Kmetz.

One team of volunteers at Helping Hands work on building a pergola.



# Sharing a community vision

## Volunteers participate in Project VISION

Volunteers from SRNS recently came together to participate in the United Way of Aiken's 30th annual Project VISION (Volunteers in Service in Our Neighborhoods) Day of Caring to assist areas of need across Aiken County.

At Helping Hands in Aiken, volunteers split into crews to assist in areas of need such as staining a patio, wheelchair ramp renovation and constructing a pergola. The repairs and work provided assisted in saving money and time for the organization, which can be used to continue serving their community.

SRNS Senior Vice President and Deputy Chief Officer Lee Schifer visited Helping Hands in Aiken and the Golden Harvest Food Bank. While working alongside other volunteers, he stated that the work being done is nothing short of a blessing for the local community. "All of us that work at SRNS should feel blessed. We're very lucky to have these communities to work and live in together," Schifer said. "Returning that support on a beautiful Friday is the least we can do to give back."

At Golden Harvest Food Bank, volunteers gathered nonperishable goods and produce into containers for children and families in the Aiken area. Environmental Management (EM) Operations' Doug Brill stated that volunteering is a pleasure and fun to share with his team.

"Golden Harvest Food Bank is a fantastic place to volunteer. We have fun and, most importantly, we get a lot of work done for a great cause," Brill said.

Volunteers provided assistance at several local residences as well, where EM Operations and K Area employees built wheelchair ramps for residents in need. "We have a longstanding tradition of doing this type of work during Project VISION," said SRNS Senior Vice President, EM Operations, Janice Lawson. "We love to see how these ramps affect the everyday life and well-being of wheelchair bound community members."



The team of SRNS volunteers at Golden Harvest Food Bank filled boxes with fresh produce and non-perishables for the community.

### Approximately 160 volunteers traveled across Aiken to 10 project sites, including:

- Helping Hands
- The Salvation Army
- Golden Harvest Food Bank
- Area Churches Together Serving (ACTS) – Aiken
- Tri-Development Center
- ACTS – Graniteville
- The Family YMCA
- Salvation Army Red Shield Youth Center
- Two private residences

# United Way of CSRA and Aiken recognition

The United Way of Aiken County and United Way of the CSRA recently brought the community together with two celebration events in Aiken, South Carolina, and Augusta, Georgia, honoring the organizations and individuals whose leadership and generosity continue to advance their missions during the 2025 fundraising campaigns. SRNS stood out among this year's honorees, earning several awards for its strong and ongoing commitment to the CSRA.

"Each year, our employees remind us what compassion in action truly looks like. Their dedication to the United Way campaign reflects a deep commitment to lifting up our neighbors and strengthening our community," said Staci Peters, SRNS Senior Vice President of Business Services and Executive Sponsor of the United Way campaign.

## United Way of Aiken County

SRNS received several honors for its contributions to the United Way of Aiken County's 2025 campaign during the organization's annual meeting and award ceremony. The company earned recognition in the following categories:

- Support of the Campaign Professionals Program
- Highest Employee Achievement Award
- Second highest Corporate Achievement Award
- The "Aiken Cup" for highest overall campaign performance



SRNS representatives accept the Aiken Cup for achieving the highest overall campaign performance during the United Way of Aiken County celebration, contributing more than \$430,000.

In addition, SRNS employees Caleb Jones and James Hensler were recognized. Jones was recognized for his role as the Aiken Campaign Loaned Professional, and Hensler was named the United Way of Aiken Young Philanthropist of the Year.

## United Way of the CSRA

In addition to its recognition in Aiken County, SRNS joined local businesses and community partners at the Augusta Marriott for the United Way of the CSRA's Annual Campaign Celebration. During the ceremony, SRNS received one of the Top Fundraiser Awards for contributing more than \$230,000.

SRNS employees Ethan Guidry, Paige Boeke and Kristin Creed were recognized for their exceptional leadership, with Guidry and Boeke receiving Employee Campaign Manager of the Year Awards and Creed being honored as the CSRA Loaned Professional.

## Building brighter futures: Supporting Aiken and Barnwell YMCAs

SRNS has been a long-time supporter of the YMCAs in Aiken and Barnwell counties. To further support this year's community initiatives, SRNS contributed \$7,500 to the Aiken County Family YMCA and \$5,000 to the Barnwell County Family YMCA. In total, SRNS has donated over \$185,000 to the YMCAs in both counties since 2008.

The YMCA provides a myriad of vital services to communities that many SRNS employees call home—from basic needs like food and childcare to programs supporting student athletes, local schools and senior citizens. All donations directly impact local families, helping build a brighter, safer and healthier future. The funds also extend programs such as A Place to Dream, which provides underprivileged children with their own beds. Since 2022, nearly 210 beds have been distributed to children in Barnwell County; and in 2025 alone, 120 beds were delivered to children in Aiken County.

"The YMCA plays a vital role in enriching the lives of individuals and families across our region, and it's a privilege for SRNS to support such an impactful organization," said SRNS Senior Advisor and YMCA Board Member Rich Zaharek. "SRNS' partnership and contributions reflect the company's dedication to uplifting



SRNS partners with the Aiken County and Barnwell County YMCAs to strengthen community programs that support youth, families and seniors.

the communities where our employees live and work. We are very proud to work alongside the YMCA to help ensure their legacy of service continues to benefit this region for generations to come."

"Thanks to SRNS' generous support, we've been able to provide safe, supportive childcare and after-school programs, impacting countless lives in our community," said Executive Director, Barnwell County YMCA Chantsie Pickelsimer. "Their commitment strengthens our mission and helps us uplift those we serve. We are truly grateful for this enduring partnership."

# A landmark year in supplier innovation

Over \$362 million awarded to small businesses in fiscal year 2025

The SRNS Contracts and Supply Chain Management team. Front row: Lori Gee, Jordan Huynh-Luetkemeyer, Jana Chavous, Lisa Tanner, Candice Kitchens, Jennifer Holroyd, Shawn Simmons, Elena Kusiak and Carolina Morales Torres. Back row: David Chapman, Kendrick White, Kenneth Churchwell, Roy Niblett, Alyssa Canipe, Richard Rios, Deborah Tyler and Richard Webb. Not pictured: Wayne Potter, Regina Harrison, Daniel Bittner, Philip Kelly and Rachel Boyd.



**S**RNS continues to lead within the NSE through advancements in supplier engagement, procurement innovation and small business outreach. In fiscal year (FY) 2025, SRNS Contracts and Supply Chain Management (SCM) earned six national awards—14 over the past five years—recognizing excellence in acquisition and supplier partnership.

SRNS strengthened mission delivery by expanding small business participation, improving supply chain resilience and modernizing procurement with new technologies. In FY25, the company awarded more than \$362 million to small businesses, representing 63.3% of all procurements and surpassing the DOE's 50% goal.

"Wherever innovation, ingenuity and complex-wide collaboration have been needed, SRNS has been at the forefront," said Gary Lyttek, Senior Business Source Manager, NNSA Office of Partnership and Acquisition Services. "Your leadership is evident, and I am confident you will continue setting the standard as we move forward together."

For the second consecutive year, SRNS earned the National Veteran Small Business Coalition Champions Award for meeting or exceeding subcontracting goals for service-disabled and veteran-owned small businesses. From FY24 to FY25, SRNS increased its commitment to Veteran-Owned Small Businesses (VOSBs) by 36%, with SRNS buyers awarding more than \$191 million to VOSBs—an increase of over \$50 million, year after year.

"Through strategic procurements, we fulfill project and facility needs while championing veteran-owned businesses," said Fred Freeman, SCM Senior Director. "These heroes have served our nation, and now, as business owners, they bolster national security. By empowering local acquisitions, we strengthen economies, uplift mission-driven values and solidify their role in our supply chain."

The National Minority Supplier Development Council Corporation of the Year award recognized SRNS' commitment to supplier diversity in FY24. SRNS Buyers identified and engaged with more than 75 certified diverse suppliers, a record level of engagement that generated \$135 million in awards.

## SRNS is expanding programs to boost supplier capability and mission performance:

- **Mentor-Protégé Center of Excellence:** \$232 million invested since 2015 in protégé companies for facility management, infrastructure upgrades, IT and staffing.
- **Supplier Technical Assessment and Validation (STAV):** Assesses supplier readiness; 25 STAVs completed, improving quality and schedule.
- **Field Procurement Centers of Excellence:** Launched FY25; supplied \$30 million in materials for SRTE CY25 Outage Project with 98.6% first-pass yield.
- **Digital Supplier Integration Tools:** Improved engagement, visibility, accountability, and traceability using real-time data and automation.
- **Commercial requirements and OSHA+ standards:** Streamlines requirements for non-nuclear construction, cutting unnecessary specs to enhance efficiency and innovation.

"The real winners are small businesses because of our exceptional buyers, whose dedication and passion make this possible," said Lisa Tanner, Senior Manager, Supplier Mission Readiness and Engagement.

Additionally, SRNS earned the U.S. Small Business Administration Dwight D. Eisenhower Award for Excellence, DOE's Mentor of the Year Award, Supply and Demand Chain Executive Top Supply Chain Project Award and the Congressional District Two Business Partner of the Year.

"These achievements reflect the talent and purpose-driven mindset of our organization," said Jay Johnson, Deputy Senior Vice President, Business Services and Chief Contracting Officer. "We are proud of the progress we've made and energized for the work ahead."



**Darren Woo**

**AT SRNS:** SRSFD Senior Firefighter

**IN THE COMMUNITY:** Board Member,  
Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association

## THE PEOPLE OF SRNS

Darren Woo has been a member of the Savannah River Site Fire Department (SRSFD) for 12 years and currently serves as a Senior Firefighter. In this role, he is primarily responsible for operating the ladder truck to support firefighting and rescue operations.

“Helping new firefighters adjust to their responsibilities and sharing my experiences to familiarize them with how SRSFD operates has been one of the most rewarding aspects of my role,” said Woo.

Before joining the Site, Woo earned his bachelor’s degree in business administration with a concentration in marketing from Augusta University. He also gained valuable experience as a full-time firefighter with Columbia County Fire Rescue. He successfully owned and operated his own landscaping business. Additionally, Woo formerly served as Chairperson of the SRSFD Local Safety Improvement Team.

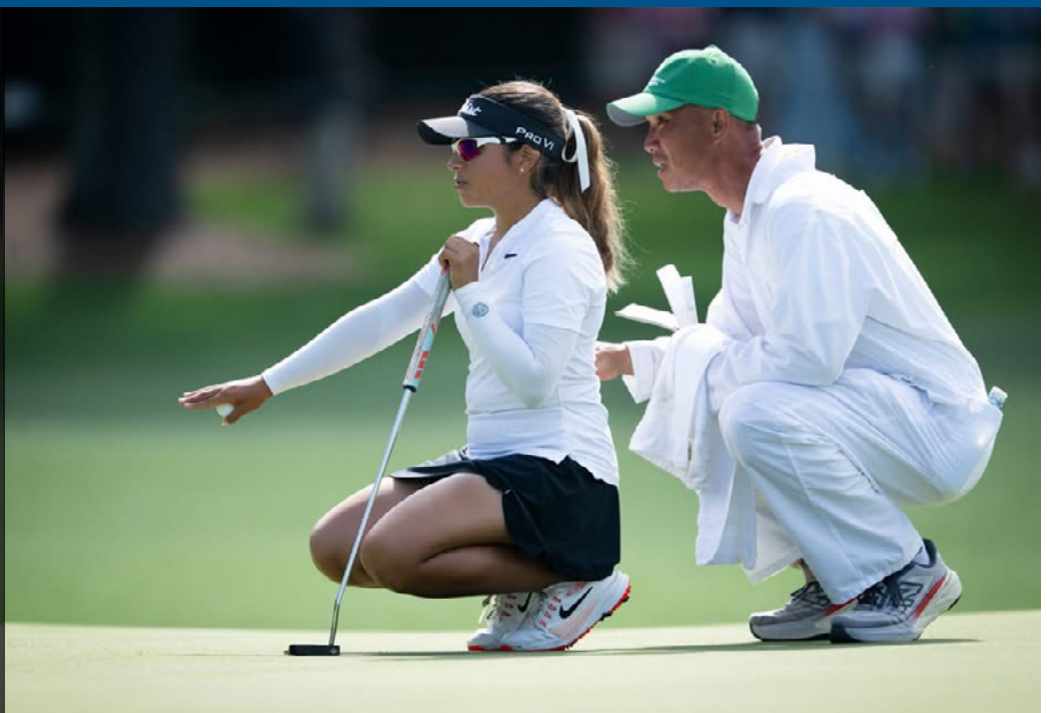
Woo is passionate about supporting the Chinese American community, currently serving as a Board Member for the Chinese Consolidated Benevolent Association, a non-profit organization dedicated to fostering fellowship among Chinese Americans and preserving their culture and heritage.

At home in Augusta, Georgia, he treasures family time, including weekly Sunday dinners and annual beach trips. As an avid golfer, he enjoys hitting the links with his five sons—a passion that extends beyond playing, reflecting in his experience as a seasoned caddie.

## From firefighting to fairways: Woo caddies ANWA champion

Woo has worked as a caddie at Champions Retreat Golf Course and has participated in the Augusta National Women’s Amateur (ANWA) tournament for three years. Most recently, he served as the caddie for ANWA champion Maria Jose Marin. “It was an honor to be part of the group that helped Maria pursue her goal,” said Woo. “She is a phenomenal player with remarkable character and confidence. It was inspiring to witness the dedication of her incredible support team come to life to help her achieve such an outstanding victory.”

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# FEATURE FRIDAY

The following employees were highlighted as part of the SRNS Feature Friday series on social media.



**SCAN ME**  
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our social media



**Jason Bentley Ashe**

NNSA Capital Project Senior  
Advisory Program Manager



**Tom Cowlam**

SRPPF Operations Project  
Integration Manager



**Darren Woo**

SRSFD  
Senior Firefighter



**Ginny Heron**

Lead Compensation  
Consultant

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