

Aramco Firefighter Challenge 2024 (AFC24)



History

The Aramco Firefighter Challenge (AFC) has been held since 2007. What began as a relatively low-key sporting event for the company's firefighters has evolved into a significant event on the company's calendar, with the last event attracting over 200 competitors and 40,000 spectators from all over the Kingdom, the region, and abroad. Over the last few years, the event has opened up nationally to welcome firefighters from all over the country and Aramco's joint ventures. For the first time since its inception, international competitors were invited to compete in last year's event. It is open to the public to showcase firefighter prowess and create awareness of what it takes to be a firefighter. The AFC is on par with the World Firefighters Games; however, it focuses purposely and solely on firefighter skills competition rather than including other sports events.

Objective

This event aims to celebrate and showcase Saudi Arabia's firefighting fitness abilities nationally and internationally while at the same time highlighting the Kingdom's efforts to promote cooperation among fire services at home and abroad. It challenges firefighters to hone their firefighting skills and increase their fitness levels while at the same time fostering comradeship among firefighters.

Events

- Stair Run Challenge
- Toughest Firefighter Alive (TFA)
- Fire Truck Challenge
- Fire House Cook-off



AFTC24 Program of Events (March 4 - 9, 2024)

DATE	EVENT	VENUE
March 4 Monday	Ithra Staircase - Stair Run Challenge Firefighters Welcome Dinner	Ithra, Dhahran The Heritage Village, Dammam
March 5 Tuesday	AFC24 Firefighter Parade Official Opening Ceremony Firefighter Challenges	Dhahran Expo, Dhahran
March 6 Wednesday	Firefighter Challenges	Dhahran Expo, Dhahran
March 7 Thursday	Firefighter Challenges	Dhahran Expo, Dhahran
March 8 Friday	Firefighter Challenges	Dhahran Expo, Dhahran
March 9 Saturday	Finals - Firefighter Challenges Awards Ceremony	Dhahran Expo, Dhahran



Dates

The AFC24 will commence with a Stair Run Challenge on **Monday, March 4**, at Ithra followed by a Welcome Dinner at the Heritage Village in Dammam. The Firefighter Parade and Opening Ceremony will take place on **March 5**. Firefighter Challenges will run from **March 5 - 8**, with the finals and award ceremony on **March 9**.

Stair Run Challenge

The Stair Run Challenge will kickstart the activities of the Aramco Firefighter Challenge 2024 (AFC24). It will be held on **Monday, March 4, 2024**, at the iconic Ithra (the King Abdulaziz Center for World Culture). Ithra's mission is to make a tangible and positive impact on human development by inspiring a passion for knowledge, creativity, and cross-cultural engagement for the future of the Kingdom. This visually stunning building is a feast for the eyes, and hopefully, it will inspire all competitors to achieve greatness in this stair run challenge.

What to expect

The Ithra Tower is 300ft. in height. Firefighters ascend a total of **13 floors (312 steps)**. The competition will be chip timed. Awards will be presented to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place male and female competitors. All competitors will race in full bunker gear wearing breathing apparatus (which will be provided).



Welcome Dinner

Aramco will host a **Welcome Dinner on Monday, March 4**, at the stunning Heritage Village Restaurant and Museum in Dammam. Competitors will experience the famous Saudi Arabian hospitality in this traditional setting. It promises to be an evening of history, entertainment, traditional delicious authentic Saudi cuisine with a traditional band and folk dance. Guests will have the opportunity to get up close to the unique and majestic national animal of Saudi- the camel. This dinner event is not to be missed!

Toughest Firefighter Alive (TFA)

*The Toughest Firefighter Alive heats will take place between March 5 to 8, with the **finals and award ceremony on Saturday, March 9**. This challenge is open to all fire service personnel (male and female), whether full-time, part-time, or volunteer, and is the “blue ribbon” event.*

Stage Breakdown

Stage 1 – Hose Drag

Stage 2 – Keiser Force Machine, Tunnel Crawl Dummy Drag and Wall Climb

Stage 3 – Ladder Raise, 3 x Storey Stairwell Climb, Hose Hoist, Connect to Blitz Monitor

Stage 4 – 10 x Storey Stairwell Climb



Fire Truck Challenge

The Fire Truck Challenge will test the driving skills of firefighters on a pre-determined course in a competitive environment. Firefighters will race against the clock performing exercises designed to challenge their driving capabilities to the maximum. Exercises will include bay and parallel parking, straight-line driving, lane changes, braking, estimating clearance, and negotiating serpentine and shrinking chicanes.

Driver skills tested:

- 5-curve with narrow conditions
- Parallel parking
- Slalom through cones
- 3-point turn
- Tray in "garage".



Firehouse Cook-Off

The firehouse cook-off contest is open to any team of two members, regardless of gender and age. Contestants can cook a dish of their choice with local produce (appetizer, main course, and dessert). Cooking time is limited to three hours. The organizer will provide each team with SAR 500 to purchase local produce from a designated market before the competition starts. The dishes will be judged on preparation and cleanliness during the cooking process, cooking technique, presentation, creativity, and taste.



Contact

For any queries or questions, please contact the event organizers via email: AFC24@aramco.com
We look forward to seeing you all there for this unmissable event!

