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To: Executive Committee

South Carolina Firefighters' Association

Executive Director Joe Palmer

111 West Park Boulevard

Columbia, South Carolina 29210

Re: Letter of Intent for 4th Vice President Candidacy

Dear Executive Director Palmer, Executive Committee, and Association Members:

Please allow this letter to serve as my official intent to announce my candidacy for 4th Vice President of the South Carolina Firefighters' Association.

I began my firefighting career in 1987 with the City of Myrtle Beach Fire Department. Where I rose through the ranks from firefighter to Deputy Fire Chief, I retired in 2016 and accepted a position with Horry County Fire Rescue as the Deputy Chief. During my career I have served in many capacities to include company officer, training officer and special ops chief. I have also served as a volunteer with the City of Conway Fire Rescue.

My educational background is a graduate of Myrtle Beach High School, Associates and Bachelor's degrees from Columbia Southern University, and South Carolina Paramedic Certification. I've also obtained my Chief Fire Officer (CFO) accreditation from CPSE in 2022.

I have served the association over the years in several capacities including the Training Education Chairperson and currently serve as the Conference Committee Chairperson. I also continue to serve as the Region 4 Firefighter Mobilization Coordinator.

The South Carolina Firefighters' Association provides vital member benefits to the men and women that make up our association. Both volunteer and career personnel are supported by the staff and Executive board in decisions that impact our member's lives and homes.

As 4th Vice President, I would strive to work with our association members to continue moving the South Carolina Fire Service into the future. Every department faces the same issues just on different scales whether volunteer or career. We are all looking for new and innovative ways to address recruitment and retention of our personnel. In addition to gaining new members it is equally as important to protect the health and wellbeing of our current members. This involves cancer initiatives and providing mental health benefits as well as protecting the retirement benefits through the States Legislature. With your vote I want to continue to serve our association members with every opportunity that is afforded to me. I humbly ask for your support.

Sincerely,

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