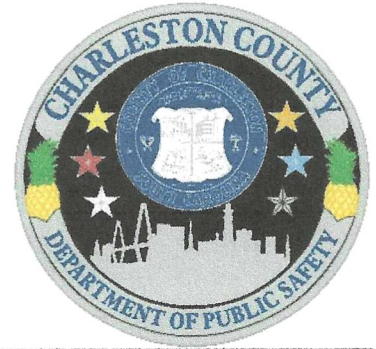




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Joseph Palmer
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South Carolina State Firefighters' Association
111 Westpark Blvd,
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Dear Director Palmer

My name is Shaun Romane Gadsden and I am proud to announce my candidacy for the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association's 2023 Fourth Vice Presidents seat.

As a qualified candidate seeking the Vice President's seat, I am dedicated to serve our Association and empower our fire service community through positive leadership, integrity, and high standards. I believe that every firefighter in our State deserves dedicated representation for career development and a solid foundation on which to build their future in the fire service. My vision for our Association is comprised of a collective effort from all stakeholders, including fire chiefs, firefighters, executive committee members, and legislative leaders.

As a graduate of the Leadership Institute, past member of the Training and Education Committee, and current member of the Strategic Planning Committee, I am a strong advocate for professional development and educational opportunities in the fire service. I believe that our firefighters are capable of excelling to greater heights and have the potential of being the future leaders of the fire service and the Association with continued support of educational opportunities and innovative initiatives to spark their interest. I am also very enthusiastic about serving the association that has opened many doors for me professionally. The SCSFFA has provided me with the experience of building relationships with extraordinary members, past and present, of our state's fire service.

After great consideration, I have decided to enter the election process for the Fourth Vice President's seat this year. I thank you in advance for your support and encouragement and I look forward to meeting with you.

Respectfully,

Shaun R. Gadsden
Fire Chief