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Dear Executive Director Palmer,

I have prayed and thought about my decision, and had a lot of conversation with my family, before writing you this letter to inform you of my interest in running for the Office of 4<sup>th</sup> Vice President of the South Carolina State Fire Fighter's Association. I have also discussed this with my Fire Chief and have his full support in this decision.

I believe that my willingness to work hard and make the best professional decisions in my department will be the same energy that I will bring to the Association. And I am no stranger to the Association as I have been a members since 1987 and have served as the 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair and President of the Officer's Section.

I started my career in the fire service in 1987 as a Volunteer firefighter with the St. George Fire Department and later becoming a career fire fighter with that department. In 2013 when Dorchester County merged all the volunteer departments to become Dorchester County Fire Rescue, I was given the task of creating the Fire Marshal Division. This took team work and I want to bring that same teamwork approach to the Executive Committee to continue our success in bringing the best to our members. I know firsthand the sacrifices that these men and women make to support their communities and I want to do everything I can to help and support them.

Being an active member of the South Carolina State Fire Fighter's Association and South Carolina Chapter of International Association of Arson Investigators have been instrumental in my development and willingness to give back to a great organization by representing the men and women of our noble profession. To God be the Glory for putting this decision into my heart.

"All things work together for Good to them that love God, to them who are the Called according to his purpose" Romans 8:28.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rickie Jenkins", written over a horizontal line.

Rickie Jenkins