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To: Executive Committee  
South Carolina Firefighters' Association  
c/o Executive Director Helms  
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Subject: Letter of Intent, Candidacy for 4th Vice President, SCSFA

Dear Executive Committee, Executive Director, and Fellow Members of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association:

Please accept this letter as my formal notice of intent to run for the office of 4th Vice President of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association.

As I grew up, I watched my uncle, a fire chief, devote himself to the community he served until he gave his life in the line of duty in 1995. My father also served as an EMT with our local fire department, and he often took me with him, from those early experiences, I was hooked.

I started as a junior firefighter in 1992, became certified in 1995, and joined the Macedonia Fire Department as a volunteer. Today, I proudly serve with the Mount Pleasant Fire Department. Over the years, I have had the honor of serving as Firefighter, Driver/Engineer, Captain, Battalion Chief, and now Deputy Chief.

In my current role as Deputy Chief, I am responsible for budgeting, personnel management, policies and procedures, strategic planning, records, accreditation, and coordinating administrative support functions. I assist the Fire Chief in ensuring the department operates efficiently by managing resources, overseeing non-operations divisions, and ensuring compliance with laws, standards, and organizational goals.

Across my 32 years in the fire service and 18 years as a National Registry Paramedic, I have earned certifications in EMS, fire suppression, hazardous materials response, law enforcement integration, tactical operations, planning, and incident command. I have also had the privilege to serve with the following groups, which have broadened my understanding of how the SCSFA can best serve its membership:

- South Carolina Firefighters' Association Strategic Planning Chair
- Trident Technical College EMT Program Advisory Committee
- Lowcountry AED & CPR Alliance
- Charleston County Critical Incident Response Workgroup
- South Carolina Fusion Center Intelligence Officer

If elected as 4th Vice President, my vision is to help further strengthen the SCSFA's mission of advocacy, benefits, education, and safety while honoring the heritage and stewardship of the Firemen's Insurance and Inspection Fund.

I pledge to:

**1. Expand and enhance training and educational opportunities**

Many departments, especially small or rural ones, lack access to advanced training. I will advocate for expanded regional and virtual offerings and push for partnerships that deliver high-level instruction to underserved areas.

**2. Support behavioral health and wellness initiatives**

The SC FAST program shows the Association's dedication to first responder mental health. As 4th VP, I will work to increase awareness, access, and funding for peer support, resilience training, and mental health resources for our members.

**3. Strengthen communication and engagement across all departments**

With membership spanning both volunteer and career firefighters, large and small, I will ensure every department's voice is heard. I plan to travel regionally, hold listening sessions, and use technology to gather feedback and share information.

**4. Promote transparency, accountability, and innovation**

I believe in open communication about budgets, programs, and organizational priorities. I will support responsible fiscal oversight and encourage new solutions to challenges such as recruitment, retention, and resource sharing.

**5. Foster partnerships and advocacy at the state and legislative level**

The strength of the SCSFA lies in its ability to advocate for legislation and funding that benefit the fire service statewide. I will actively build relationships with state leadership, partner agencies, and fire service associations to advance our shared goals.

I believe this elected role is key to fostering collaboration between the Executive Committee, staff, and membership. My experiences, passion, and commitment to service drive me to step into that role. I wish to give back to the Association that has supported my department, my colleagues, and me over the years.

I have been inspired by previous letters of intent, from leaders such as Chiefs Arrant, Womack, and Henson—and the dedication they showed in expressing their commitment to the Association. I share that spirit of service and bring my own perspective and energy to the role.

I ask for your support, your trust, and most importantly, your feedback. I intend to run a campaign based on ideas, engagement, and collaboration, not politics.

Thank you to my family, colleagues, department, and the mentors who have shaped my career. Serving the public has been my lifelong passion, and serving the SCSFA at this level would be a tremendous honor.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'L.A.R.' followed by a long horizontal stroke.