

CITY OF EASLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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**South Carolina State Firefighters' Association
111 West Park Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina 29210**

Association Members, Executive Committee and Association Staff:

I am excited to write this letter to announce my candidacy for the position of 4th Vice-President of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association. I am very passionate about the fire service and I'm eager to demonstrate how my attributes can continue to make South Carolina's fire service a strong force.

In 2005, I began volunteering at the City of Easley Fire Department, where I still serve today. I started my career 17 years ago as a dispatcher, rose to the rank of Fire Captain at the Vineyards Fire Department and now I am the Deputy Director of Emergency Management in Greenville County.

The Association's By-Law's Committee has tested my skillset to create and edit new guidelines, ensuring the framework for a solid foundation. Serving in this "front row" position over the last few years has prepared me to continue contributing to the association and its foundation.

It's been a privilege to be an active member of SC Task Force One and the Palmetto Incident Support Team over the last 9 years. Each disaster holds a lesson, continuously proving the need for a proactive emergency response community during large-scale events. I've witnessed the excellence of our State's Fire Service while being involved in South Carolina Firefighter Mobilization and leading the upstate as the Region 1 Coordinator since 2020. These invaluable experiences have shaped my vision and passion to encourage firefighters to expand their natural skillsets and strengths. My hope is for this great association to be a tool for all departments, large and small, by providing ideas, suggestions and training to serve each unique community throughout South Carolina.

One of the largest tests of my career stemmed from the 2016 Pinnacle Mountain Fire in Pickens County, my organization and leadership skills were persistently exercised. In the midst of the one-month disaster, the natural strength of the fire service family burned brighter than the flames taking over the mountain. The incident was a true testament of effective communication and how important making every word count, can be crucial during a high-level response.

From ice storms to hurricanes, motor vehicle accidents to structure fires, I was fortunate enough to form relationships with many influential agencies across the state. I am eager to take on this challenging environment and look forward to using my skillset to continue building the core values of South Carolina's Fire Service.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'H. Pierce Womack III'.

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