



**Roebuck Fire District
DBA South Spartanburg
Fire District**

Richard A. Long
Division Chief

2639 Stone Station Road
Roebuck, SC 29376

OFFICE 864-585-8840
MOBILE 864-494-3772
EMAIL a.long@ssfire.org

03/11/2025

To: South Carolina State Firefighters Association Officers Section

From: Richard A. Long
Division Chief

Ref: Officers Section Nomination

Greetings,

With this letter, I would like to inform you that I would like to run for the 2nd Vice Chair position within the officer's section. I intend to bring new ideas to the table and hopefully improve the section as well as create new programs or ideas for existing programs. One idea would be specifically designed to help develop training officers, and a second would include an instruction portion in the officers academy. The company officer is most of the fire service's backbone, future, and workhorse. I want to do my best to help create a bright future for our current and future members. I want to share my knowledge and experiences with others to improve the fire service.

Thank you for this great opportunity.

Regards,

Richard A. Long C.F.O./ C.T.O/ M.O.
Division Chief

RICHARD A. LONG
C.F.O. / C.T.O. / M.O.
928 Hillside Church Road
Fountain Inn, SC 29644 · 864-567-1582
richardalexlong@gmail.com

EXPERIENCE

2023 - Present

Health and Safety Committee Member, South Carolina State Firefighters' Association

Contributing to creating and implementing impactful health and safety programs tailored specifically for the dedicated firefighters of South Carolina.

2023 - Present

Division Chief of Personnel Development, South Spartanburg Fire District

Passionately focused on both professional and personal growth, I design and deliver comprehensive training programs, analyze vital data, and manage training across multiple level shift, department, regional, and state. My role also involves developing and overseeing budgets to ensure efficient resource allocation.

2020 - Present

Volunteer/Part-Time Firefighter, Canebrake Fire Department

Actively engage in on-shift responsibilities, including the development of standard operating guidelines (SOGs), crafting training curricula, organizing training sessions, applying for grants, and ensuring compliance with industry standards, all while contributing to the budgeting process.

2020 - 2022

Rescue Team Member, SCTF-1

Harnessing my technical rescue skills, I participated in operations focusing on water rescues, structural collapses, rope rescues, high-angle rescues, confined space rescues, and a variety of other Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) missions.

2018 - Present

Rescue Team Member, SCTF-6

Utilizing my technical expertise, I have been involved in critical rescue operations, including water rescues, structural collapses, high-angle scenarios, and confined space challenges, ensuring safety and efficiency.

2014 - 2022

Lieutenant/Shift Training Officer, Simpsonville Fire Department

In this role, I strategically make emergency scene decisions, oversee fire personnel, provide thorough training, operate essential fire apparatus and equipment, deliver medical care, and handle various administrative tasks, stepping in as Battalion Chief when necessary.

2008 - 2014

Engineer, Simpsonville Fire Department

Proficiently operated all fire apparatus while fulfilling firefighter responsibilities and stepping up as the company officer in their absence, showcasing my commitment to team leadership.

2007 - 2008

Firefighter, Simpsonville Fire Department

Engaged in essential fire suppression activities, emergency medical care, and daily operational responsibilities, contributing to the safety and well-being of the community.

2005 - 2008

Volunteer/Part-Time Firefighter, Clear Spring Fire & Rescue

Promptly responded to emergency calls, embodying the dedication and commitment to serving as a career firefighter during shifts.

EDUCATION

Expected Completion: March 2025

Leadership Institute, South Carolina State Firefighters Association

Engaging in a robust 12-month leadership development program aimed at honing executive-level skills, fostering open communication, and embracing project-based learning.

Completed: November 2022

B.S. in Fire Administration, Columbia Southern University

Completed a comprehensive program that deepened my understanding across multiple disciplines, including fire administration, community risk reduction, tactical operations, legal frameworks, and employee health and safety.

2019 - 2022

Managing Officer Program, National Fire Academy

Focused on cultivating leadership within a safety-centric culture, this program equipped me with valuable analytical tools for decision-making and addressed professional development challenges for leaders in fire and emergency services. It culminated in a significant capstone project.

2017

A.S. in Business, Columbia Southern University

Equipped with foundational managerial concepts, this degree prepares graduates, including myself, for advanced studies in business, applying theories in practical environments.

2009

EMT-B, Upstate EMS Council

Proudly earned my Nationally Registered EMT Basic certification, affirming my commitment to emergency medical services.

2004

High School Diploma, Hillcrest High School

AWARDS

2022: Honored as Firefighter of the Year by the Simpsonville Area Chamber of Commerce

2014: Awarded Firefighter of the Year by the Simpsonville Area Chamber of Commerce

2006: Recognized as Volunteer Rookie of the Year by Clear Spring Fire & Rescue

SKILLS

- SCFA Instructor
- Crafting SOGs and Department Policies
- In-depth knowledge of OSHA, NFPA, and other professional standards
- Developing Innovative Training Programs, Curriculum, and Activities
- Stellar Time Management
- Inspiring Teaching, Coaching, and Mentoring
- Effective Budget Creation and Oversight
- Meticulous Planning
- Proficient Data Analysis
- Strong Management and Supervision skills
- Efficient Logistics Coordination

MEMBERSHIPS/ASSOCIATIONS

- International Society of Fire Service Instructors
- South Carolina Firefighters Association
- Canebrake Fire Department
- South Carolina Task Force – 6
- Simpsonville Masonic Lodge
- Harvest Anglican Church

CERTIFICATIONS/DELEGATIONS

- CPSE CFO & CTO Designation
- NFA Managing Officer
- Fire Officer IV
- Fire Instructor I, II, III
- ISFSI Live Burn Instructor
- Fire and Life Safety Educator
- Fire Chief I, II, & III
- Incident Safety Officer

- ICS 300 & 400
- Firefighter 1 & 2
- Haz-Mat Technician
- Structural Collapse Technician
- Swift Water Rescuer
- ISFSI Training Officer
- Trench Technician
- Williams Extreme Industrial Firefighter
- EMT-B
- Health and Safety Program Manager

INSTRUCTOR ORIENTATION WORKSHOPS

- Low-Angle Rope Operations
- Confined-Space Entry Operations
- Confined-Space Rescue Operations
- Building Construction Awareness
- Fire Officer I & II
- EVDT
- Pump Operations I
- Basic Aerial Operations
- Fire Instructor I & II
- Building Construction for Company Officers
- Firefighter I & II
- Pump II
- CPR