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Mr. Joe Palmer, Executive Director
S.C. State Firefighters' Association
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Columbia, S.C. 29210

Mr. Palmer,

Please accept this letter as notification of my intent to run for the office of fourth vice-president of the S.C. State Firefighters' Association. I have taken careful consideration to determine the best time for me to run for this office, and I have come to the conclusion that now is that time.

My fire service journey began 1996 when I joined the Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department at the age of 20. Since then, I have had four of the best fire service jobs anyone could ask for. As a young man, the S.C. Fire Academy gave me the opportunity to grow and develop by investing in me and providing the necessary classes and training. As Firefighter Mobilization Coordinator, I got to travel the state and meet fire service leaders from the Upstate, Midlands, Pee Dee and Lowcountry, all the while gaining a greater appreciation and love for the fire service family in our state. As you know, my last state position was serving as Deputy Director of the same Association that I am now asking to help lead as an elected officer. Serving there for seven years was the privilege of a lifetime, and I cherish every moment.

In 2018, I left state service behind to come home and serve as Fire Chief for the Fairfield County Fire Service, which is a mostly volunteer service in a large, rural county. While I left state-level employment, my heart has remained with the family that I have come to know and love from all over this great state. And it is at this time, that I believe my experiences and love for our fire service family is what propels me to seek this office. I would consider it an honor and privilege of the highest order to serve this great Association as its next fourth vice-president.

Respectfully,

Jason Pope, Fire Chief
Fairfield County Fire Service