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Dear Executive Committee & South Carolina Firefighters' Association Membership:

I am writing to formally express my intent to announce my candidacy for 4th Vice President of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association. My unwavering commitment to lifelong learning drives me to seek opportunities that will enhance my professional development and confidence within the fire service. The 4th Vice President represents a unique opportunity to deepen my understanding of leadership, adapt to the evolving demands of the fire service, and make a lasting positive impacts for current & future firefighters.

My fire service journey began in 2001 as a firefighter with the Fairview Volunteer Fire Department. Through dedication, education and continuous training, I have gained a comprehensive understanding of fire department operations. These experiences have equipped me to approach challenges with a holistic perspective and a steadfast commitment to excellence.

Currently, I serve as the Fire Chief for the City of York Fire Department. This role carries significant responsibilities and unique challenges, all of which underscore the critical importance of teamwork. As Fire Chief, I recognize that the success of the department hinges on the collective efforts of its members. The men and women of the fire service are the spokes that keep the wheel turning, while the chief's role is to guide and support them.

Academically, I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science (Fire Science Administration) from Waldorf University. Building on this foundation, I am currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Executive Leadership from the same institution, with an anticipated completion date of April 2025.

Beyond my role as Fire Chief, I am an active member of the South Carolina Emergency Task Force (USAR) where I contribute to planning efforts. This responsibility has sharpened my ability to organize and direct crucial resources, directly benefiting the City of York Fire Department. Additionally, I serve on the Strategic Planning Committee for the South Carolina Firefighters Association, a voluntary position that allows me to help shape the future of the state's fire service. I am also the 1st Vice President of the York County Fire Chiefs Association.

The fire service is more than a career-it is a family. My achievements would not have been possible without the unwavering support of my family at home, who have been my foundation throughout my journey. Their encouragement fuels my dedication to this incredible profession and seek support of the members SCSFA for 4th Vice President.

Respectfully,


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