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*To: Executive Committee
South Carolina Firefighters' Association
Through: Executive Director Joe Palmer
111 West Park Boulevard
Columbia, South Carolina 29210*

Re: Letter of Intent

Dear Executive Committee, Executive Director Palmer, and Association Members:

Please accept this letter as my formal intent to announce my candidacy for 4th Vice President of the South Carolina State Firefighters' for 2024.

My background spans many different areas from backseat Firefighter, Driver/Operator, Captain, Battalion Chief, Deputy Chief, and my current position as Fire Chief for the City of York. I started my fire service journey as a volunteer with Newberry County in 2001. I never expected it to lead to where I am today.

I currently hold a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Science (Fire Science Administration) from Waldorf University. My future goals as chief are to continually progress the York Fire Department by being a focal point for the community through training, education and accountability. My personnel goals are to continue my education by completing my master's degree (currently pursuing), seeking self-accreditation and completing the Executive Fire Officer program through the National Fire Academy.

SCSFA has a strong foundation in willingness and passion to serve the South Carolina Fire Service. As 4th Vice President, I will assist in improving the Mental Health for our first responders. Mental Health is an integral component of health and well-being that underpins our individual and collective abilities to make decisions, build relationships and shape the world we live in. Mental health is a basic human right and it is a crucial piece of the puzzle in how we function.

I would like to thank my family for their continued support and my fellow colleagues that I have had the pleasure to serve with throughout the years. Serving the public and being able to make a difference in our communities has given me the drive to run for 4th VP. This seat allows me the opportunity to serve the SCSFA and be an integral part in the South Carolina Fire Service.

Respectfully,

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