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Executive Committee and Association Members,

Please allow me to take this opportunity to officially announce my candidacy for Fourth Vice President of The South Carolina Firefighters’ Association. I made my intentions public to the membership at the annual conference in June of 2017 and asked for their support.

As I start my twentieth year in the fire service, my passion has never wavered. My career started straight after high school, as a volunteer with the Landrum Fire Department. After spending seven years as a full-time paramedic, I began my career with the City of Greer Fire Department in 2004, where I currently serve as the Deputy Fire Chief of Operations.

After graduating from the Associations Leadership Institute in 2013, I realized that our association has so much to offer our membership, and I wanted to remain involved. I began serving on the Strategic Planning committee in 2013, and had done so for the past four years. As a member of this committee, I worked with Executive Committee members, staff and other members to develop the Association’s plan for the future. I now serve as the By-Laws Committee Chair for our Association. My passion has never changed and will always strive to make our Association better for all members.

I have enjoyed visiting with firefighters across the state over the past year and look forward to continuing that conversations into the future. Our Association is moving in the right direction and continuing to focus on our 17,500 members is key. If elected, I will work with our Executive Committee to ensure that the best interest of our members is at the forefront of the decision making process, and always be willing to work for you. Working to serve you the membership with a servant’s heart, I am asking for your support and vote in June of 2018 for Fourth Vice President of this great Association. Thank you in advance and please do not hesitate to call if I can ever be of assistance.

 Yours in service,

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