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Executive Committee and Association Members:

This letter serves as my intent to officially announce my candidacy for Fourth Vice President of the South Carolina State Firefighters' Association. I have been an active member of this fine Association for 23 years and it is time for me to give back to the membership. Those 23 years have provided me with a wealth of knowledge to pass along to the next generation and enrich the current members of the association. If elected, I will work closely with the Executive Committee to continue the longstanding traditions of the Association and the South Carolina fire service.

I am not only a second generation firefighter, but a second generation member of this Association. I have many memories of summers at Fire Rescue conferences and other events throughout the state as a child. I was both humbled and excited to finally join the City of Conway Fire Department at age 15 as a Fire Cadet. I eventually became a volunteer firefighter at age 18 and was awarded the Firefighter of the Year Award at age 19. I started my full-time service a few years later and through hard work and determination, in various ranks within the department, I was named Fire Chief/Emergency Manager in December 2014.

During my time with the City of Conway Fire Department, I led the Horry/Georgetown Fire Chiefs' Association as its President, serve on the Board of Directors for the Conway Area Chamber of Commerce, and act as a Trustee for the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust Board. My willingness to serve the community, and to pass along my knowledge and experiences, is one of the many reasons I am the right choice for this esteemed position.

As a 2018 graduate of the Association's Leadership Institute, I learned a tremendous amount about the inner workings of the South Carolina Fire Service which left me with a passion to become more involved in ensuring that the future members and leaders of our State's fire service were being provided all of the tools and education necessary to thrive in their positions.

I am excited to travel the state, meet other members of the Association, and share my vision for the future. I humbly and respectfully ask for your support over the next several months as I prepare for the elections in June of 2020.

Respectfully,

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