

## Jonathan Jones

Jonathan Jones began his fire service career at 17 serving as a volunteer firefighter with the Clarendon County Fire Department. After graduating from the University of South Carolina, he was hired as the first paid Training Officer and Personnel Coordinator for the South Lynches Fire Department. The Clarendon County Fire Department later hired him to lead their training division. Jonathan rose through the ranks at Clarendon County to Deputy Chief of Operations. Jonathan earned an associate degree and a bachelor's degree in Business Administration from the University of South Carolina. He has received numerous awards, including the Medal of Valor, Meritorious Action Award, the S.C. Fire Service Educator of the Year, and numerous departmental awards, citations, and commendations. He is a Past President of the S.C. State Firefighters' Association, is in the S.C. Firefighters' Hall of Fame, and is a graduate of the inaugural class of NFPA's Responder Forum. In March 2017, Jonathan was appointed by Governor Henry McMaster as the South Carolina State Fire Marshal and Chief of the State's Fire and Life Safety Division, which includes the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the South Carolina Fire Academy, and the South Carolina Emergency Response Task Force Urban Search and Rescue Team. The Office of the State Fire Marshal provides administrative support for the V-SAFE Grant Program and the State Fire Marshal serves on the Peer Review Panel.