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To whom it may concern,

This letter expresses the Horry Georgetown Fire Chiefs' Association's support for the South Carolina Firefighter Assistance Support Teams' (SC FAST) Post Critical Incident Seminar (PCIS) program. The Association supports the health, safety, and well-being of first responders, recognizing the importance of peer-driven mental health resources. The PCIS program offers resources for fire, EMS, and 911 personnel in our communities and beyond.

First responders in Horry and Georgetown counties encounter challenging incidents that can affect mental health. Crews operate under immense pressure from large-scale natural disasters to daily emergencies. The PCIS model emphasizes peer support and provides a confidential environment where emergency personnel can process critical events in a way that clinical therapy alone cannot.

The SC FAST PCIS program includes licensed mental health professionals and public safety chaplains working with first-responder peers, creating a comprehensive support system. It provides a safe space for participants to learn how trauma impacts the mind and body, develop coping strategies, and build resilience. This strengthens individuals, departments, and agencies.

The Horry Georgetown Fire Chiefs' Association is committed to promoting interdepartmental cooperation and the professional development of members. Supporting the SC FAST PCIS program enhances the emotional and psychological readiness of personnel. This program is an investment in the workforce and ensures first responders' mental and physical health.

The SC FAST PCIS program is fully endorsed, and its continued expansion and utilization across the state are encouraged. It is a vital asset for maintaining the mental wellness of those who serve the communities.

Sincerely,

Brent McClellan

Chief Brent McClellan
President